



RCOG International Councillor

Role description

Role title: International Councillor

Reporting to: President and Council

Duration of term: 3 years

Main responsibilities

The role of International Councillor carries significant professional responsibility as you will be the RCOG's spokesperson in the region of the world that you represent. The RCOG's international reputation is built on the high quality of its education, examinations, training, guidelines and standards. In an overseas context, the RCOG uses its network of members to disseminate this experience and knowledge more widely, and to develop and deliver increased capacity to assist under resourced countries. The Centre for Women's Global Health and Membership strategies lay the foundation for the College's global health outreach.

You will engage with local members and/or national societies, colleges to promote awareness and commitment to the RCOG's products and services and develop partnerships with other agencies/colleges engaged in women's health care. You will be the voice on Council for local members reporting on regional activities and also feeding back the deliberations of Council. Your term will last for three years, with a possibility to stand for re-election.

This is a high profile and rewarding role with significant opportunities for the post holder to develop influential regional networks with a high level of members' engagement that brings about change locally. You will also be able to influence RCOG policy for international benefit.

Councillor responsibilities

1. To act as the RCOG's representative in your region.
2. To attend Council meetings six times a year in person of which attendance at two thirds is compulsory.
3. To attend admissions ceremonies.



4. To report to Council annually on regional activities and feed back to the international network and relevant local RCOG groups.
5. Regularly meet with other International Councillors on activities within your region and develop ideas for cross regional working. Meetings to be held on the same day as Global Health Board.
6. To attend Global Health committee meetings in person or via video conference, including four meetings annually of the Global Health Board.
7. The College has 60+ standing committees and many will have one or two representatives from Council. You will be expected to contribute to a small number of College committee meetings that affect international membership, which would require attendance in person or via video conference, such as the Exams & Assessment Committee.
8. Participate in examiner training for the MRCOG and take part in regional invigilation during exams period.
9. To attend and contribute to Liaison Group Chairs meeting to be held annually at the College.
10. To attend and contribute to IRC Chairs Meeting during Congress.
11. To attend and contribute at RCOG World Congress.

Regional responsibilities

12. To encourage Fellows/Members/Associates in the international region to engage and contribute to all areas of College activities such as projects and conferences.
13. To support International Representative Committees and Liaison Groups to form global health projects, assist with overseas Exams preparation and maintain links with local global health stakeholders.
14. To support the work of the Centre for Women's Global Health in its focus countries, promoting its programmes to key stakeholders in the region and supporting the delivery of the Centre strategy.
15. To communicate with Fellows/Members/Associates in the region on important issues and act as Council's voice in the region and promote College' initiatives.
16. To participate in virtual or in-person Membership meetings with the international network and relevant representative' groups at least annually.
17. To maintain and develop communication and effective working relationships with national O&G societies in your region such as FOGSI/OGSM/ RANZCOG/EBCOG etc. - this will require regular electronic communication and some travel to national/regional congresses. Each International Councillor is allocated a travel budget.
18. To act as RCOG's advocate for women's health and rights across the region.



19. To formally handover to your successor on demitting office, including introductions to key players in your region.

RCOG responsibilities

20. To assist RCOG Officers by providing local knowledge on the region.
21. To lobby government and health officials about the Sustainable Development Goals, regional and national initiatives to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity and the development of projects contributing to improvements in Sexual Reproductive Health.
22. To develop and support Fellows/Members/Associates in countries where there are few members and encourage the generation of Associate membership.
23. To make recommendations to Officers and Council regarding suitable candidates for Honorary Fellowships in the region.
24. Work closely with RCOG Membership team to form regional engagement plan.
25. To promote the Sims Black Fellowships and encourage local Fellows/Members to put forward suitable projects to be undertaken by a Sims Black Fellow.
26. To promote internationally the RCOG's relevance to doctors practicing in the field of O&G who are not yet Fellows/Members/Associates of the RCOG.
27. Strategically promote the role of Associate Champion to key regional stakeholders.
28. To promote, expand and support the Medical Training Initiative across the region.

Personal responsibilities

29. Opportunity to develop as an RCOG regional spokesperson.
30. Opportunity for international travel and assisting with overseas projects, examinations and training.

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Time commitment

This role carries significant professional responsibility and time will be required away from your work base which will need to be agreed with your Clinical and/or Medical Director.

- Formal induction day.



- Council meetings six times a year of which a minimum of two thirds must be attended.
- Admission Ceremonies (normally held on the same day as Friday Council meetings).
- Regional meetings once a year.
- Commitment to additional RCOG committee work will be required, including attendance at four Global Health Board meetings (annually) and other meetings that affect your regional membership.
- Attendance at the RCOG World Congress, IRC Chairs Meeting, LG Chairs Meeting as well as other conferences and meetings within the region.
- Attendance at RCOG Official dinners held to coincide with Council meetings.

Evaluation of the role and training

On election there will be an official induction to the post and annual appraisal thereafter which contributes to your whole practice appraisal.

Training (online) in Public Sector Equality Duty will be provided by the RCOG. Support for media training where applicable.

Person specification

Qualifications/Training

Essential

- Fellow in active practice
- Every candidate standing for election must be a Fellow in the UK or Republic of Ireland, and nominated in writing by at least three Fellows or Members of the College all of whom should be up to date with their membership subscription
- Up to date knowledge of Good Medical Practice (GMC)

Desirable

- Up to date knowledge of Becoming Tomorrow's Specialist (RCOG)

Key skills/Attributes

Essential

- Detailed knowledge of the O&G practices and structures/organisations within the region
- In active clinical practice
- First class leadership skills with strong personal presence, credibility and confidence



- Successfully led teams, projects or changes in the past
- Good communication, diplomatic and interpersonal skills
- Good written and presentation skills
- Knowledge of College' activities and ability to represent the College effectively
- Advocate for College internationally
- Up to date knowledge of the region

Desirable

- Second language which is relevant to the region being represented.
- Work experience within the region.
- Experience in global health and advocacy.

Applications are invited for this post and prospective candidates should request a nomination form by emailing: RCOGelections@RCOG.ORG.UK

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The RCOG is a registered charity and is governed by a Royal Charter. College Regulations guide our governance, management and business.

1. Council is the RCOG's most senior professional body, responsible for furthering and fulfilling the mission of the College and for setting long-term goals and aims.
2. All College Boards and professional committees report to Council, including the RCOG Women's Network.
3. Council agrees clinical and performance standards for RCOG education and training.
4. Council debates, develops, advises and recommends policies and actions on clinical and professional matters for women's health, the science and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology.
5. Council is responsible for establishing working parties and inquiries to further the mission of supporting women's health and for receiving reports from any bodies established.
6. Matters for communication to Fellows, Members and Trainees are the responsibility of Council.