

Terms of Reference for the Global Ophthalmology Subcommittee of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists

The Global Ophthalmology Subcommittee of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists is a sub-committee of Council. The Chair of the subcommittee is a co-opted member of Council and reports directly to Council.

Membership of committee

- Chair
- College representative of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists
- VISION 2020 LINKS Programme
- Representative of ICEH/LSHTM
- European Board of Ophthalmology (EBO)
- Representative of International Medical Graduates
- Representative of the Examinations Committee
- Representative of the Education Committee
- Representative of the Membership Department (from May 2023)
- Co-opt members as required, up to a maximum of 5 members:

Length of Service of committee members

Officers of the College - while these remain in office

The chair – 4 years

Frequency of meetings

Meetings will be held twice a year to which people may join remotely, if required.

Responsibilities of the committee

1. To act as a conduit between the College and international organisations.
2. To represent, support and communicate with overseas members.
3. To support training and education of international doctors (access to exams, Congress, educational materials, curriculum, skills centre, courses, dual sponsorship scheme etc) as per our Charter “Further instruction in training in ophthalmology both in the United Kingdom and overseas”
4. To offer support to refugee ophthalmologists.

5. To facilitate and exchange information within the College on global ophthalmology matters.
6. To advise on the College's global ophthalmology policy and strategy where required. This is to include the College's policy and strategy on sustainability.
7. To work in partnership with other UK and international agencies where required to facilitate multi-disciplinary approach to overseas training and programmes.
8. To assist and liaise with appropriate organisations for the development of clinical standards in under resourced countries when requested.
9. Facilitate communications, collaboration and co-ordination of College global ophthalmology activities in different departments.

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