Principles of the International Committee

The College's International Committee is established to help the development of Emergency Medicine internationally and to co-ordinate international activities on behalf of the College. The College has identified a significant numbers of members who are engaged in individual work overseas. This ranges from course delivery, service development and international aid. The College wishes to define the support that can be offered to Fellows and Members and to share good practice and opportunities in the EM community and will shortly be publishing a set of principles that covers:

- College approval of International courses
- Recommendations for local work abroad
- College participation and support for international activities
- International trainees working in the UK- MTI and other opportunities
- UK trainees working abroad

The College is keen to identify what work Fellows and Members are engaged in internationally. Please tell us what you are doing by taking a few minutes to complete this survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/InternationalCEM

Working in EM in the NHS - FAQs

The International section of the CEM website has being updated and can be found under Professional Development section. A comprehensive section on frequently asked questions has been uploaded. This detailed resource contains information intended for the use of international doctors already working, or considering working, in EM in the UK. The majority of this information refers to NHS England, with separate reference made to the NHS in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland where appropriate. Many thanks to Laura McGregor for her hard work in compiling these FAQs. We encourage you to share this link with colleagues who you feel might find this useful.

http://www.collemergencymed.ac.uk/Development/International/Working in the UK

Contacting the Committee To contact the CEM International committee please e-mail Kieran.watkins@collemergencymed.ac.uk or phone +44 (0)20 7067 1275
AoRC International Forum: Statement on Volunteering

The Academy of Royal Colleges (AoRC) promotes, facilitates and where appropriate coordinates the work of its member Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties. It speaks on standards of care and medical education across the UK. The Academy’s International Forum coordinates the international activities of the Royal Colleges in order to drive improvements in health and patient care through education, training and quality standards. The CEM is represented to this forum through the IC.

The AoRC published a statement encouraging support for widening its focus from local to global health challenges. The Academy recognizes that professionals who volunteer are able to expand their knowledge of global health as well as develop their own skills, to benefit not only the NHS but also improving health and healthcare in developing countries.


‘Developing Emergency Medicine’ Study Day

The College’s International Committee is planning to organize an International Study Day focused on ‘Developing EM’. The objectives of the day are to increase awareness amongst UK emergency physicians of current needs and opportunities across the world where health systems are not well developed and to encourage the involvement of UK emergency physicians in contributing to the development of the specialty of emergency medicine in these less developed parts of the world.

For suggestions on topics, themes & speakers please contact Giles Cattermole gilesmole@gmail.com

THET Medical Equipment Donations Toolkit

Over the last two years THET (Tropical Health and Education Trust www.thet.org) has developed a toolkit to provide a practical UK-specific guidance on evaluating whether or not to donate medical equipment and how to do so effectively.

The toolkit describes how to donate responsibly in 7 steps: - 1) Deciding whether or not to donate 2) Planning a donation 3) Supplying the equipment 4) Verifying the quality & safety of equipment 5) Storing, packing & shipping the equipment 7) putting the equipment into service. This is a valuable resource for individuals or organizations considering donating medical equipment overseas.
The College would like to bring the UK International Emergency Trauma Register (UKIETR), hosted by the medical charity UK-Med, to the attention of members and fellows. UKIETR was set up in response to the Humanitarian Emergency Response Review (HERR) by Department for International Development (DFID) after the medical response to earthquake in Haiti, where international medical teams arrived without invitation, worked to individual agendas, often lacked coordination, were ungoverned and not authorized to work in country. The result was a community exposed to varied standards of medical care, lack of documentation, minimal follow-up, and non-registered individuals often delivering interventions outside of their competencies. As a result, The World Health Organization and Global Health Cluster in Geneva established a Foreign Medical Team (FMT) Working Group from which guidance on classification and minimum standards for FMTs has resulted.

The UKTIER, funded by the UK Government was set up following the HERR Report to provide structured training of medical teams deploying to disasters aiming to ensure a governed, coordinated, clinically competent, safe and accountable approach to medical and surgical care in disasters. It has over 1000 NHS workers on its books, and aims to deploy highly qualified, accountable teams, trained to international standards, within 72 hours of a humanitarian crisis.

On-call teams consist of 2 surgeons, 2 anesthetists, 2 emergency care physicians, 2 operating department staff, 2 nurses/paramedics and rehabilitation staff. Each clinical team is supported by a logistical surgical platform provided by Save the Children Fund/Merlin. Multiple teams can be dispatched simultaneously or sequentially depending on the nature of the event.

Training of individuals and teams focuses on developing a number of competencies. The key to deploying an effective response is through a cohesive and integrated relationship between clinicians, logisticians, humanitarian agencies and local health care providers, and an understanding of each others roles. Training includes a 2-day pre-deployment course, compulsory for all those wanting to be deployed, providing an introduction to working in austere environments, an overview of the health challenges that may be met, and security. Those on the register also have the opportunity to gain experience in global health settings through a number of international projects available over the year. These projects involve collaborations with local health care providers and NGOs in a range of countries aiming to strengthen training in trauma care, disaster resilience, triage and mass casualty management with a particular focus on a ‘train the trainer’ approach.

Those interested in being involved can find more information at www.ukmed.org.uk and register their interest.
Global Education Toxicology Unit Project (GETUP)

GETUP is an innovative project set up by the American College of Medical Toxicologist (ACMT). It is aimed at increasing toxicology education between centers with and without medical toxicology services through videoconferencing. The aims of the project are broadly to establish a global network of centers passionate about education and to connect countries with toxicology services and those without through videoconferences.

For more information visit the GETUP website [http://www.acmt.net/GETUP.html](http://www.acmt.net/GETUP.html) Dr Anselm Wong, Project Director of GETUP (anselm.wong@austin.org.au) and Dr Rais Vohra, Chair of the International Committee of ACMT (raisvohra@hotmail.com) are very happy to be contacted and are looking for centers in the UK to be involved.

Conference Section

International Conference on Emergency Medicine 2014

11th - 14th June, 2014

HONG KONG

An Emergency Medicine Conference with a Difference

DevelopingEM 2014 Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

September 8-12, 2014

EuSEMSAMSTERDAM 2014

28 Sept - 1 Oct 2014

WESTERGASFABRIEK, AMSTERDAM

African Conference on Emergency Medicine

Addis Ababa 4 - 6 November 2014

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