
BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Regulation XXIV B. International Divisions

1. The main objects of International Divisions shall be to facilitate the exchange of information and to promote discussion about psychiatry within a specified geographical area outside the United Kingdom and Ireland.
2. There shall be the following International Divisions in respect of the areas specified hereunder:
 - (a) African
 - (b) European
 - (c) South Asian
 - (d) Pan-American
 - (e) East Mediterranean
 - (f) West Pacific
3. The International Divisions are based largely on the WHO regions. Countries are banded as follows:
 - (a) **African International Division:** Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
 - (b) **European International Division:** Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Yugoslavia.
 - (c) **Middle Eastern International Division:** Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Djibouti, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
 - (d) **Pan-American International Division:** Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.
 - (e) **South Asian International Division:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand.
 - (f) **Western Pacific International Division:** Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Japan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam.
4. Membership of International Divisions shall be open to Members and Associates* who reside or for the greater part of their time work in or, in the case of retired persons, formerly worked in the

* Section 1. Preliminary; Bye-laws of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

"Members of the College" mean the registered Members and Fellows of the College and include the Foundation Members and Foundation Fellows; and "Members" and "Fellows", "Membership" and "Fellowship" and "Membership of the College" shall respectively be construed accordingly;

"Associates of the College" mean the registered Foundation Affiliates, the registered Honorary Fellows, the registered Corresponding Fellows, the registered Corresponding Associates, the registered Inceptors, the Affiliates, the New Associates, the International Associates, or, as may be appropriate, any of them;

geographical area covered by the International Division. No person may belong to more than one International Division.

5. Each International Division shall elect a Chair, a Secretary and a Financial Officer. Elections shall be organised by the International Affairs Unit at the College. The term of office for the Chair, Secretary and Financial Officer shall be four years. The Officers who have served their term in office shall not be eligible for re-elections except after a minimum interval of one year. Only Members of the College shall be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee of an International Division. In accordance with the Bye-Laws only Members of the College may vote in elections.
6. The procedure for the election of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:
 - (a) Elections shall be organised by the International Affairs Unit at the College.
 - (b) All Members, Fellows and International Associates in each International Division shall receive the notice of elections inviting them to nominate Members and Fellows for an office of the Chair, Secretary and Financial Officer.
 - (c) All nominations shall be received by the International Affairs Officer. If there is more than one nomination for any of the offices a postal ballot will be held.
 - (d) The names of nominees shall appear on the ballot paper, together with supporting statements of the nominees, which shall be circulated by post to all the Members, Fellows and International Associates in each International Division who shall be asked to return the ballot paper appropriately marked in the pre-paid envelope by the specified deadline.
 - (e) The ballot papers shall be counted by the Electoral Reform Society and the results shall be announced to all the Members, Fellows, International Associates and Inceptors in each International Division by post.
7. The Officers of each International Division (i.e. Chair, Secretary and Financial Officer) may co-opt, as appropriate, other members of the Executive Committee to ensure the appropriate national, training and public educational advice. A list of the Executive Committee showing elected and co-opted members shall be submitted to Council after each election or as and when co-opted members are replaced.
8. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for organising and running scientific, educational and social activities of the International Division as they find appropriate to the academic, training and service needs in their region. The International Affairs Officer may, if required, assist in advertising an event (e.g. on the College website), circulating advertising literature and in any other relevant activities.
9. The Chair of each International Division shall submit an annual report to the Board of International Affairs every November to be presented to Council at the first meeting in the following year by the Director of International Affairs who shall represent all International Divisions at Council meetings.
10. The Chair (or Secretary) of each International Division may be asked to organise and chair a session at the College Annual Meeting in liaison with the Board of International Affairs and the College Conference Unit.
11. Financial issues:
 - (a) The Financial Officer shall prepare a budget for all activities planned by the International Division for the forthcoming year and keep the accounts of the International Division. In addition, the budget shall include proposed fundraising/sponsoring and other methods of funding the activities of the International Division. The budget shall be submitted to the College by the end of September each year for approval by the Executive and Finance Committee and by Council. The Council shall decide whether any activities specified in the budget shall be funded by the College. The accounts shall be submitted to the College by the end of January each year for Council's consideration.
 - (b) The travel and accommodation for the Chairs of International Divisions attending the College Annual Meeting shall be reimbursed by the College in accordance with the usual College policy.
 - (c) The Chair of the International Division shall submit to the College an estimated cost of travel and accommodation for speakers in sessions organised by International Divisions at the College Annual Meeting for approval by the Executive and Finance Committee and by Council.

- (d) The full registration fee at the College Annual Meeting for Chairs of International Divisions and speakers at international sessions shall be waived.
 - (e) In the event of the dissolution of an International Division, any surplus assets after discharge of liabilities shall be divided equally between the surviving membership of the International Division. If there is no surviving membership, any such funds shall pass to the College.
12. International Divisions are not authorised to bind the College contractually and may not represent themselves as being so authorised.
 13. International Divisions and their members shall be jointly and severally liable to indemnify the College for any loss or damage incurred by the College as a result of any act or omission of the International Division.
 14. International Divisions and their members shall use their utmost endeavours to prevent any act or omission which may prejudice the good name of the College.

Approved by Council

24 June 2004