

International membership Survey 2016

The Faculty council is to consider recommendations pertaining to its international membership following a survey of members living and practising abroad.

International members from 33 countries, across five continents, represent 32% of the total Faculty membership. The Faculty's survey canvassed the views of both present and former international members and the response represents a cross section of this diverse membership group.

Dr Roger Smith conducted the survey for the Faculty. "There is much to be gained from renewing this relationship with our overseas members and the survey is a first step towards developing a more inclusive, representative and outward looking organisation," he said.

"The Faculty will continue to follow up on the ideas and suggestions put forward and welcome other contributions by individual members to this review."

The survey highlighted that 71% of international members participate in local or national homeopathy groups and organisations. While 87% are interested in participating in online Faculty CPD learning. A majority of respondents expressed an interest in being able to be more involved in the Faculty's work, with 66% keen to assist with education and training and 77% in the recruitment of new members.

A significant number of free text responses offered suggestions to how the Faculty can better support its international members and increase recruitment and retention overseas. These will also guide the Faculty's strategic review of international membership.

The survey results show international members would like their views and interests better represented and to have a closer and more effective relationship with the Faculty and its UK members on a range of issues.

Recommendations taken from the survey findings include:

- Create new positions for an International Members' Representative on the Members' Committee, along with representatives from individual countries
- Improve support and educational opportunities for international members,

including developing local groups, online learning and CPD resources

- Award an international prize and bursaries to attend the Faculty congress
- Collaborate with international members in organising teaching and other Faculty related events overseas.

The Faculty is creating a new role of International Members Representative to help represent the views of its growing overseas membership. The holder of this position will have the opportunity to help develop strategy aimed at improving international membership, recruitment and education for overseas members.

The International Members Representative will be able to participate in the Faculty Members' Committee, acting as the main contact between international members and the committee. The role will be well supported by the Faculty and other Area and Professional Group Representatives.

Any Licenced Associate, Diplomate or Member of the Faculty may apply. Anyone interested in this role or would like further information should contact Tracey Simmons at tsimmons@facultyofhomeopathy.org

The closing date for applications is the 1 of July 2017.

