



FACULTY OF PAEDIATRICS
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

BENEFITS AND SERVICES

FOR COLLEGIATE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



2011 - 2012

At a time when doctors are facing change in almost every aspect of their working lives – clinical practice, training and professional competence – the Faculty has a vital part to play in providing doctors with the information and support they need to enhance their professional careers.

Faculty Membership provides the opportunity to join a network of respected clinicians to share their expertise and experience through participation in projects and working groups within the Faculty to determine the future direction of education, training and examination activities and committees. Faculty Membership also provides benefits and services. These include privileged access to a range of educational events, access to one of the most important historical medical library collections in Ireland and the ability to help shape the future of the medical profession.

Influence and Representation

Faculty Members can contribute to these initiatives by:

- Participating on Board, standing and external committees.
- Participating in key leadership roles within the Faculty, such as Trainer, and/or as Board members.
- Participating in healthcare policy and public advocacy programmes and groups.
- Entering academic competitions.

Professional Competence

RCPI's professional competence programme reflects our commitment to lifelong learning as a professional obligation throughout a doctor's career.

Participation in the programme enables Faculty Members to identify gaps between actual and optimal performance, partake in educational activities and document the impact of learning on practice. The programme promotes the enhancement of specialty-specific knowledge, skills, attitudes and performance and engagement in learning linked to a range of competencies required to provide excellence in clinical care, education and research.

Training bodies of RCPI have established professional competence schemes pursuant to the Medical Council's powers under Section 91 (2) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007. Faculty Membership provides reduced rates to enrol on a PCS scheme established by these training bodies.

Training and Education

An extensive annual education programme of events is provided, with the increasing use of technology to deliver a wide range of online learning opportunities including web-streamed lectures and Moodle-based courses. There are extensive opportunities to become involved in the development of programmes, as well as their delivery.

Also included in Faculty Membership:

- RCPI Masterclass Series programme.
- RCPI Hot Topics programme.
- RCPI Clinical Updates programme.
- RCPI St. Luke's Day Symposium.
- Access to RCPI Moodle facility.
- Preferred rates on RCPI education and training courses.

Information

The Faculty provides a range of information services, such as:

- Listing on the Faculty Directory of Members.
- RCPI Today – a regular ezine which provides Faculty Members with an update on news, activities and programmes.
- RCPI also owns one of the finest collections of historical medical books and journals in Ireland and the Dun's Library, Archive and Genealogy services welcomes inquiries from Faculty Members to support their work and interest.

Professional and Social Activities

Hire of facilities for professional and social activities at preferred rates is also a benefit of Faculty Membership, as follows:

- 30% discount on room hire of the conference and events centre at No 6 Kildare Street, Dublin, www.numbersix.ie.
- Access to meeting rooms at the administrative centre at Frederick House, 19 South Frederick Street, Dublin, www.rcpi.ie at no cost.
- Attendance at award and admission ceremonies and preferred rates for tickets to social events and dinners.

If you are interested in finding out how to participate in Faculty activities and programmes, please contact Faculty Members and Fellows Services at paediatrics@rcpi.ie.

Please note that there are reduced subscription rates for retired Faculty Members and for Faculty in developing countries. Please contact Faculty Members and Fellows Services at paediatrics@rcpi.ie for further information.