

RSNA International Visiting Professor Program

What to Expect as a Visiting Professor

The International Visiting Professor (IVP) program supports small teams of visiting professors to lecture at national or regional radiology meetings of societies in or serving developing nations, as well as at selected institutions with radiology residency training programs, in those countries. Since 1986, this program has sent over 70 visiting professors to over 40 countries. Since its inception, the IVP program has been made possible by the support of Agfa HealthCare and Fujifilm Medical Systems.

In addition to the information outlined below, it is important to know that participation in the IVP program requires flexibility, in all aspects, on the part of the visiting professors due to potential cultural differences and country or regional dynamics. In addition, visiting professors are expected to serve as ambassadors of RSNA during their travel. We ask you to please consider your comfort level with this before applying as a visiting professor.

Application Process

At its November, 2012 meeting, the RSNA Board of Directors approved a regulation, effective immediately, that requires a visiting professor applicant to be a member of the Society in order to be considered for participation in the program. To learn about membership and how to apply, click [here](#).

Upon completion of the online application, you will be entered to the database of visiting professor volunteers.

Selection Process

Based on the education needs of the selected international host societies, staff will cross-reference the visiting professor database for volunteers that specialize in the required area of education. Additional consideration is given to the candidate's ability to speak the host country's language and interest in traveling to the country/region. Once the candidate pool has been narrowed, based on the described criteria, RSNA staff would contact these individuals to confirm their availability and request additional support for the consideration of the Committee on International Radiology Education (CIRE). Five teams are selected annually with two to three visiting professors per team.

Preparations

IVP teams will work closely with the host society to gain a deeper understanding of the educational need as well as a daily schedule including any specific lecture requests. RSNA staff will be involved throughout the planning process as well as to assist with any questions or concerns you may have. RSNA also works with various vendors to confirm your air fare, visa or other travel documentation and medical insurance.

IVP Team Travel

Typically, the IVP team travels to the host country for 10-14 days. The host society will identify a local hotel for the IVP team to stay during their trip.

IVP Requirements Upon Return

All visiting professors are required to complete an evaluation as well as a written report that summarizes their experience, within two months of travel.