


Appointments to the Independent Scientific Advisory Committee for MHRA database research (ISAC)



MHRA

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is an executive agency of the Department of Health whose role is to enhance and safeguard the health of the public by ensuring that medicines and medical devices work, and are acceptably safe.

The ISAC reviews the scientific merit of proposals for research using data from the MHRA General Practice Research Database (GPRD) and Yellow Card Scheme database and provides advice to the MHRA. The ISAC is independent of the MHRA and the Commission on Human Medicines.

We are looking to appoint up to 3 new members to take up post as soon as possible. Once appointed, it is expected that the successful candidates will be considered for appointment to the post of Chair, which will become vacant from January 2008.

Professional Members

Professional members will be eminent in their field with a track record in public health research and have recent experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Clinical Pharmacology
- Paediatrics
- Biostatistics
- General Practice
- Epidemiology

You will have the ability to develop an understanding of the UK/European medicines regulatory procedures, be able to readily assimilate complex information and weigh up conflicting opinions, together with excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Remuneration, time commitment and location

The committee is normally scheduled to meet every three months in London but this can vary according to the number of applications received. In addition, a significant amount of the Committee's business will be carried out between meetings, by email.

Members will be entitled to an attendance fee of £174 (which includes a preparation fee). The Chair will be entitled to an attendance fee of £275 (which includes a preparation fee). Travel and other expenses are also payable.

More information on the ISAC is on the MHRA website: www.mhra.gov.uk

How to apply

If you think you have the qualities we require and want to apply for a post please call 0870 240 3802 during office hours or go to www.appointments.org.uk, quoting reference number DH7064, for an information pack and application form (which are available in large type or Braille or on tape).

The closing date for returning applications is 5th October 2007.

The Appointments Commission is committed to equality of opportunity for all and the principle of appointment based on merit following an open and transparent process and independent assessment.

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