

RSC Travel Grants Scheme

Guidelines for meetings organised by Interest Groups in RSC “priority” countries

Note: Excludes meetings managed centrally by RSC Conferences office

GENERAL

Key to the RSC's strategy of raising its international profile are partnerships and focused activities. A small number of countries outside of Europe have been identified by RSC Council as priorities for activities and support, and each has an agreed strategic plan.

PRIORITY COUNTRIES

Currently RSC strategy defines “priority” countries as:
Brazil, China, India, Japan, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea and USA.

Further information on RSC international cooperation agreements can be found at
<http://www.rsc.org/InternationalActivities>

APPLICATIONS

RSC Interest Groups who wish to organise a meeting in one of these “priority” countries must apply, in the first instance, through the RSC Travel Grants scheme in the usual way. This is to ensure effective co-ordination between central RSC and Interest Group activities in these countries.

The RSC Travel Grants sub-committee will assess the application and make a recommendation to the RSC International Development Staff Group (IDSG). If the IDSG agrees that the application provides the opportunity to maximise the RSC's impact in the “priority” country then the IDSG will enter into further discussions with the Interest Group.

Where an International Cooperation Agreement (ICA) is in place, meetings must be jointly organised with the partner Society and members of that Society must be offered discounted rates as specified in the ICA. Recruitment of members to the RSC or the Partner Society must be one of the aims of the meeting.

Where applicable, the Interest Group must specify on the application form which other outside bodies they are seeking possible external funding from for their meeting.

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