RMS Chartered Microscopy Position Paper

Background

Many Societies and Institutions offer their membership accreditation via Chartered Status (offered by application via The Privy Council). Although RMS offers many categories of membership and fellowship status we do not currently offer a chartered category.

There are benefits to having that status as outlined below:

- Chartered Status gives you formal recognition of your commitment to maintaining high professional standards and continued learning. It recognises more than your scientific knowledge and skills. With this status, you demonstrate how you are helping to advance excellence in the sciences.

- A competence-based award, chartered status gives structure to your continuing professional development, whether you’re just starting out or an established professional.

Achieving Chartered status means you have:

✓ built on your academic achievements and developed professional skills

✓ gained in-depth knowledge and critical awareness of your chosen area of the sciences

✓ developed strong scientific and transferable skills and are committed to improving them and developing your career

✓ contributed to the success of your organisation, business or institution

✓ shown personal and professional integrity

✓ made a contribution to the profession and are committed to advancing excellence in the sciences

Offering chartered status to members would involve the following:

- Financial investment from RMS
- A fee to cover some of the costs from those interested in applying
- RMS resource to offer the initial accreditation, ongoing CPD and recruitment and retention of mentors

Please help us to decide if we should offer this as a resource and benefit to membership by filling out this survey. The deadline for completing the survey is 8 December 2023.

We will report back to the membership and advise on the outcomes.