

## IRIS Ambassador Role

Ambassadors will serve as advocates for IRIS, disseminating its guidelines within the veterinary community in regions where English is not widely spoken. They will serve a vital role in the mission of IRIS to help veterinary practitioners better diagnose, understand and treat renal disease in cats and dogs.

Ambassadors are expected to:

- Represent the needs of veterinarians in a specific geographic country or region
- Take an active role in promoting the use of IRIS guidelines with a specific focus on dissemination to veterinarians that may not otherwise be able to access this information due to limited internet access or language barriers
- To answer queries about IRIS guidelines and information sheets from the veterinary community that they represent if they can, or to ask for further input from the IRIS board if required
- Support IRIS with the management and monitoring of internet resources and social media channels in their regions
- To assist with checking the quality of translation of IRIS documents and public-facing articles
- To take a non-partisan and inclusive stance within the veterinary community that they serve, ensuring that IRIS educational materials are disseminated as widely as possible and for free

IRIS ambassadors will serve in a voluntary capacity for a term of up to 3 years before the position is re-advertised. Ambassadors may serve more than one term if appropriate. If more than one person applies to serve as an ambassador for a particular region the successful candidate will be selected on the merits of their on-line application by members of the IRIS board.

IRIS ambassadors will be invited to an annual meeting at which any updates or changes to the IRIS guidelines will be presented by board members and there will be an opportunity to ask questions (there may be 2 parallel meetings to accommodate different time-zones). This will also be a forum for presenting requests for information and/or guidance sheets that the ambassadors think would be useful within their communities. This meeting will be held on-line (e.g. Teams/Zoom) so there will not be any associated travel costs. If ambassadors are attending ACVIM/ECVIM/renal week conferences they will also be encouraged to meet members of the IRIS board in person – but this is not an expectation.

To apply to be an IRIS ambassador please complete the following [google form](#). The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with notification of appointments to the post being made within 8 weeks.