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ISAS (Imaging Services Accreditation Scheme) was successfully launched to a capacity audience of over 100 delegates at a special reception at the United Kingdom Radiological Congress and Exhibition (UKRC) in Manchester on Tuesday 9th June, which also coincided with International Accreditation Day.

Lord Lindsay, UKAS Chairman, Professor Andy Adam, President of The Royal College of Radiologists, and Michael Graveling, President of the College of Radiographers, presented the background and ethos of the scheme, and encouraged imaging services to come forward for accreditation. Dr. Graham Hoadley, National Clinical Lead for Radiology Service Improvement, spoke about the importance of ISAS as a quality tool for providers of radiology/diagnostic services in the UK and thanked the colleges for their foresight in developing the standards.

UKAS had a significant presence at the UKRC event, collaborating with the Colleges at a session where speakers gave presentations on accreditation and in particular the ISAS scheme. This dedicated ISAS microsite was launched at UKRC, and was showcased on the UKAS stand at the Exhibition. Regular live demonstrations of the web-based assessment tool, a crucial element in the assessment process, were given over the course of the three days. Since the launch, considerable interest has been shown by imaging services departments wishing to find out more about accreditation to the ISAS standards and UKAS is now accepting applications from UK organisations seeking to be assessed for an ISAS accreditation.

Eight organisations, from both the NHS and private sector, have already formally started on their ISAS journey. These organisations will be the first to experience the specially devised UKAS assessment and accreditation service for accreditation against the ISAS Standards. Subject to satisfactory completion of all accreditation requirements, these will be the first organisations to receive accreditation during spring 2010.

UKAS will be very pleased to hear from radiologists and radiographers interested in taking on an important role in the ISAS scheme either as an Assessment Manager, which is a full-time post within UKAS, or as a Technical Assessor. Information about the Assessment Manager and Technical Assessor roles and how to apply can be found at [www.ukas.com/jobs](http://www.ukas.com/jobs). For further information, please contact Ethna Glean, Project Manager at [ethna.glean@ukas.com](mailto:ethna.glean@ukas.com).

Information on how an organisation can apply for accreditation can be found within the [Pre-application Information & Preparatory Workshops](#) section.