

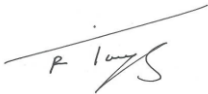
COMMITTEE POLICY DOCUMENT

By Article V of the Constitution of the International Society of Hypertension (the 'Society') (as amended from time to time in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution) the Council has the power to delegate any of its powers and functions to a committee or committees of members appointed by the Council.

If it delegates such powers, the Council must determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made.

The Council has determined to delegate its powers and responsibilities to the committees set out below (the 'Committee Policy').

This Committee Policy shall replace all previous Committee Policies and shall take effect on 8th November 2015.



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Signed for and on behalf of the Council by Professor Rhian Touyz, President (authorised signatory)

1. Appointment of Committee Members

Committee Members will be appointed or reappointed for the period up to the next Biennial Scientific Meeting.

2. Membership Committee

2.1 The Membership Committee will be chaired by the President of the Society (or his or her nominee) and shall have at least four (4) other members of whom one shall be the Secretary of the Society.

2.2 The Membership Committee will advise the Council on the election of members or fellows from all categories of membership and on the exemption from fees for Professional Members from countries with economic hardship (in accordance with the Membership Regulations made by the Council pursuant to and in accordance with Article [IV] of the Constitution of the Society).

3. Awards Committee

- 3.1 The Awards Committee will be chaired by the President of the Society (or his or her nominee) and shall have at least four (4) other members of whom one shall be the Secretary of the Society.
- 3.2 The Awards Committee will assist with the selection of awards to individuals, groups or institutions honoured by the Society in accordance with Awards and Prizes Regulations made by the Council pursuant to and in accordance with Article [VII] of the Constitution of the Society.
- 3.3 The Awards Committee will also assist with the selection of Distinguished Members and Honorary Members.

4. New Investigator Committee

- 4.1 The New Investigator Committee (NIC) is charged with encouraging and supporting initiatives to attract and retain younger members of the Society.
- 4.2 The Society's New Investigator Network (ISHNIN) serves as a platform for interaction between students and new investigators and allows new avenues for communication, collaboration and education.
- 4.3 The ISHNIN provides opportunities for all new scientists within the Society to interact and build relationships, as well as to gain experience and exposure within the society as they start their scientific careers.
- 4.4 Numerous initiatives are aimed at fostering relationships between researchers across the globe.
- 4.5 The NIC will report to the Executive Committee of the Society who will oversee its activities.

5. Board of Management of Journal of Hypertension

- 5.1 The Board of Management of the Journal of Hypertension (the 'BMJH') is a joint body of the Society and the European Society of Hypertension (the 'European Society'), with representation from the Publishers of the Journal of Hypertension (the 'Journal').
- 5.2 There will be three members of the BMJH from the Society who shall be nominated by the

Council, one of whom will be a member of the Council. A member from the Society shall be the chairman of the BMJH.

- 5.3 There will be three members of the BMJH from the European Society who shall be nominated by the European Society. A member from the European Society shall be the deputy chairman of the BMJH.
- 5.4 There will be one member of the BMJH from the Publishers of the Journal who shall be nominated by the Publishers of the Journal.
- 5.5 The Editor of the Journal will also be a member of the BMJH.
- 5.6 The BMJH shall advise the Council on the appointment of the Editor of the Journal.
- 5.7 The BMJH may include further members from other Supranational Societies to be nominated by such other Supranational Societies if the Journal were to become the official journal of such organisations.

6. ISH International Consultative Forum

- 6.1 The Society's International Consultative Forum (the 'Forum') is a consultative forum whose purpose is to establish effective liaison between the Society, the National Societies of Hypertension (the 'National Societies'), the Regional Societies of Hypertension (the 'Regional Societies') or the Councils of High Blood Pressure Research (the 'HBPR Councils').
- 6.2 The members of the Forum shall be the Presidents (or their nominees) of all National Societies, Regional Societies or HBPR Councils, and the members of the Council of the Society.
- 6.3 The Forum will meet at the time of the Biennial Scientific Meeting.
- 6.4 The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Society or by his or her nominee.

7. Communications Committee

- 7.1 The Communications Committee will be chaired by the President of the Society (or his or her nominee) and shall have at least two (2) other members of whom one shall be a member of the Council of the Society.
- 7.2 The Communications Committee has responsibility for the production of the Society newsletter, all Society print and promotional material and the development and maintenance

of the website at an editorial level.

7.3 This Committee must ensure the correct use of the Society logos and provide direction for social media activities and other new methods of communication with members.

7.4 The Communications Committee will advise the Executive Committee on the communications strategy for the Society.

8. Regional Advisory Groups

8.1 The purpose of the Regional Advisory Groups (RAGs) is to provide comprehensive Society representation globally, to distil regional issues and encourage and enhance education and biomedical research in the fields of hypertension and associated cardiovascular diseases.

8.2 The Society has created RAGs for (1) Africa (2) Asia and Australasia (3) Central and South America (4) Eastern Europe and Middle East (5) Western Europe and North America.

8.3 The RAG Chairs will provide regular reports of their activities to the Executive Committee and the Council.

9. Corporate Liaison Committee

9.1 The purpose of this Committee is to liaise with industry representatives who support the Society and its activities.

9.2 The Corporate Liaison Committee will be chaired by the Treasurer of the Society (or his or her nominee) and shall have up to ten (10) other members of the Council.

9.3 The Corporate Liaison Committee will assist with the recruitment of corporate members and advise on the annual fee for Corporate Membership.