

Procedure for endorsement of publications and events

The Chair of the ISH Research, Science and Education Committee (RSE) will make an assessment of whether a request for endorsement has merit. If so, it is then circulated to all members of the RSE for consideration. If this Committee recommends endorsement, it will then be circulated to the Executive Committee for ratification, allowing for a two-week period of consideration and opportunity for comment. The time constraints for such requests submitted to the Executive Committee for approval should not be used to apply pressure to the process, as they are guidelines only. Accordingly, requests should be submitted as early as possible before the publication or event date. If not unanimous, the final decision will be made by using a scoring system/questionnaire based on yes/no answers to the questions below.

Criteria for endorsement of publications

- The proposal must be relevant and appropriate to the mission and interests of the ISH and its membership.
- The proposal must originate from a recognised, credible and active organisation.
- Proposals in which individuals or societies might be perceived to benefit personally or professionally from endorsement will not be endorsed.
- The request for endorsement must clearly outline what, if anything, endorsement entails on the part of the ISH and what the ISH may or may not expect in return.
- The ISH encourages organisations to inform the ISH of their intent to request endorsement as early as possible in the development of the material. The early involvement of ISH and the knowledge of the development of the material greatly increases the likelihood of endorsement.
- If the endorsement is to be ongoing for more than 1 year, then the RSE Committee will review the endorsement periodically (every 12 months) to be sure that it has remained consistent with the mission of the Society (e.g programs on websites).
- If the endorsement pertains to a publication then it is imperative that members of the RSE Committee are able to review the publication in its entirety prior to approval for endorsement. In addition, it is strongly recommended that at least one ISH member is among the authors.
- The ISH response is on “best efforts” and will depend on whether there is time to respond effectively.
- An activity or publication must have a regional or international focus and not just be relevant to an individual country, unless it arises from an involvement in an ISH-led developing program (e.g. MMI-local publication).
- Even for those activities that are endorsed by the ISH, the Society will not cover the costs associated with them, regardless of the availability of Society funding.
- Requests simply to inform ISH members and others about activities of potential interest to them (most usually by adding a link to the ISH website and on rare occasions by email) do not require ISH endorsement or RSE Committee consideration. Such requests should be directed to the ISH Secretariat who will seek confirmation of suitability from the ISH Secretary or another ISH officer if the Secretary is not available.
- The RSE is not providing an editing function, and will not comment on the content of the manuscript or event content, although it may mention what aspects failed to satisfy the endorsement criteria.

Terms of Endorsement

- ISH endorsement permits use of the ISH name and logo in association with the approved proposal.
- The ISH reserves the right to withdraw endorsement at any time if the opinion of the Council is that the proposal is inconsistent with or no longer relevant to the mission of the ISH.

Requests must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Society by email to secretariat@ish-world.com

Criteria for endorsement of meetings and events

The ISH receives requests to endorse scientific meetings or to be a sponsor or co-sponsor of scientific meetings in addition to those that it has specifically organised or initiated itself. The criteria and procedures for approval of endorsement are set out below:

- Endorsement, sponsorship or recognition will only be granted for scientific meetings whose objectives meet with those of the Society – i.e. "to promote and encourage the advancement of scientific knowledge in all aspects of research in hypertension and connected cardiovascular diseases".
- In order for the ISH to endorse a meeting not wholly organised or initiated by itself, the ISH Executive Committee must be actively involved in planning the scientific programme, selecting speakers and contribute to the final programme.
- There is a strong preference that a representative of the ISH (preferably a Council member) will participate in the meeting and will report to the RSE Committee afterwards as to its content and conduct being in accordance with the mission of the ISH.
- The Society will only endorse, or recognise a limited number of high-quality scientific meetings, and these must have an international, multinational or regional basis. Purely national meetings will not normally qualify for endorsement unless they are a part of an ISH-led development program. (e.g. a certificate course).
- A decision of the Society to endorse or recognise a scientific meeting means a recommendation without any financial obligations/support on the part of the ISH.
- A request must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Society and should contain sufficient details of the meeting, its purpose and subject matter, its organisers, the members of its Scientific Committee, a copy of the scientific programme, proposed participants, financial sponsorship, publication policy, proposed title, dates and venue.
- The Council will not endorse meetings which are in competition with ISH meetings or its main partners such as ESH and ESC, or in competition with publications arising from ISH or ESH meetings.
- The decision to endorse or recognise a scientific meeting will be proposed by the RSE committee and ratified by the Executive Committee of the ISH Council.
- The Council reserves the right to waive some of the foregoing requirements for events in lesser-developed economies, in recognition of the difficulties in promoting improvements in health care in some of those regions, at its discretion.

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