

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION  
MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

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By Article 10.3 of the Constitution of the International Society of Hypertension (the ‘**Society**’) the Council has determined to make the following rules and regulations for membership of the Society (the ‘**Membership Regulations**’).

These Membership Regulations shall replace all previous Membership Regulations and shall take effect on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



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

**PART I: CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**1. MEMBERS**

1.1 Eligibility

Individuals who have accomplished original research in the field of hypertension or related topics and / or those who have made demonstrable contributions to hypertension through clinical involvement and who are interested in promoting the aims of the Society are eligible to join the Society as a Member.

The Fellow designation is a symbol of excellence (not a membership category). ISH Fellows (ISHFs), Emeritus, Honorary and Distinguished Fellows will be awarded on a biannual basis. Unless otherwise indicated, the same benefits will apply for ISHFs, Distinguished, Emeritus and Honorary Fellows as a Member.

1.2 Application and Approval Process

1.2.1 Member applications shall be submitted via the ISH website.

1.2.2 Each application must be accompanied by the applicant’s CV including:

- i. a list of the applicant's academic degrees and qualifications
- ii. details of professional position/s and current employer
- iii. a list of publications related to hypertension or allied fields. Clinician applicants are not required to submit a list of publications.
- iv. information on scientific activities
- v. a list of awards achieved, if relevant
- vi. a list of membership of any related societies – if relevant

1.2.3 The Membership Committee shall investigate the qualifications of the applicants.

1.3 Membership Renewals / Fees

1.3.1 A Member shall pay annual dues for membership on a rolling basis, with the exception of Distinguished, Emeritus and Honorary Fellows whose membership shall come at no cost.

- 1.3.2 Members who permanently reside and work in certain developing countries, as defined by the WHO Research4Life (formerly known as HINARI) programme, are entitled to a reduction in membership fees. A limited number of applications for membership (including a complimentary online subscription to the *Journal of Hypertension*) may be made to those from countries with economic hardship.
- 1.3.3 Members who fail to pay the annual subscription in full within twelve months of its falling due will be classified as Associate Members until once again paying their dues. However, the Membership Committee has the discretion to waive fees for members in circumstances where the committee feels it is merited.

## **2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

### 2.1 Eligibility

- 2.1.1 Membership as an Associate Member is open to anyone with an interest in hypertension and / or the work of the ISH, including nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, community healthcare workers, members of the public, patients, carers, employees of healthcare organisations or companies, and journalists.

### 2.2 Application and Approval Process

- 2.2.1 Applications for Associate Member shall be submitted via the ISH website.
- 2.2.2 Each applicant must complete an online form to give their contact details and interest in hypertension.

### 2.3 Membership Renewals / Fees

- 2.3.1 No membership fees shall be applied for Associate Members.

## **3. TRAINEES**

### 3.1 Eligibility

- 3.1.1 The Trainee category is designed for postdoctoral fellows, residents and graduate students (Masters or PhD). This is a special opportunity for any new researcher or clinical scientist undertaking a higher degree to enhance their CV.
- 3.1.2 Tenure of this category is limited to the period of training.
- 3.1.3 Trainees who complete their doctoral degree or other qualifying research degree, are required to provide an up-to-date CV and to apply to the Membership Committee for approval to the category of Member. Should an application for the Trainee to become a Member not be received at the end of their training period, the category of Associate Member will be applied to them.

### 3.2 Application and Approval Process

- 3.2.1 Applications for those wishing to become a Trainee shall be submitted via the ISH website.
- 3.2.2 Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's CV.
- 3.2.3 The Membership Committee shall investigate the qualifications of the applicants.

### 3.3 Membership Renewals / Fees

3.3.1 No membership fees shall be applied for Trainees.

3.3.2 Membership as a Trainee will be reviewed annually by the Membership Committee. Trainees will be asked to submit a letter to the committee from their supervisor verifying their continuation of training.

## **PART 2: RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND PENALTIES (APPLICABLE TO ALL MEMBERS)**

### **4. MEMBERS' RIGHTS**

#### 4.1 Attendance at meetings

Those in all categories of membership may attend the General Meetings of the Society.

#### 4.2 Voting rights

4.2.1 Only Members who have paid their annual dues may vote at General Meetings and in elections of the Society apart from in exceptional circumstances (see 1.3.3).

4.2.2 Associate Members, Trainees, Distinguished, Emeritus and Honorary Fellows are not eligible to vote at General Meetings and in elections of the Society.

4.2.3 Each Corporate Member organisation shall have one vote at General Meetings of the Society.

#### 4.3 Election to the Council

Only ISH Members will be eligible for election to the Council.

### **5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

5.1 The Council may by resolution terminate the membership of any member on the ground that in their reasonable opinion the member's continued membership would be harmful to the Society. The Council may only pass such a resolution after notifying the member in writing and considering the matter in the light of any written representations which the member puts forward within 14 clear days after receiving notice.

\* Corporate Members are legal entities, not individuals.