

## THE IFSI

The **International Forum for the Study of Itch** (IFSI) was founded in 2005 and is a multidisciplinary international association of clinical practitioners, researchers and scientists dedicated to improving our understanding and treatment of itch for the benefit of suffering patients worldwide.

Our mission is to advance itch-related research and education and to promote treatment and clinical efforts to help alleviate this debilitating symptom.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is governed by a committee of 8 members. The officers of the committee are the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and five other members. The board members are elected for a period of 2 years at the General Assembly.

## THE 2009 / 2011 COMMITTEE

Sonja Ständer, Germany (President)

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Jeffrey D. Bernhard, USA

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## SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

The IFSI biennial Meeting (**International Workshop for the Study of Itch**) is international and multidisciplinary. It is the premier itch meeting in the world. It is open to all professionals involved in itch research. Announcement of the meetings can be found on the webpage [www.itchforum.net](http://www.itchforum.net)

The plenary and poster sessions comprise presentations and discussions on pruritus research covering different topics.

## ACTA DERMATO-VENEREOLÓGICA

The IFSI has an official section in the Journal Acta Dermato-Venereologica. **The membership fee includes online access to the journal Acta Dermato-Venereologica.** Members of IFSI are waived for printing costs once per year upon publication of an article as first author.

## AWARDS

IFSI awards **the Hermann Handwerker Award for the best poster presentation** for young investigators on the biennial meetings.

## WEBSITE:

Web Pages for Researchers:

[www.itchforum.net](http://www.itchforum.net)

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## INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

**International Forum for the Study of Itch (IFSI)**

**Application for Membership**

Dr.       Prof.       \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.       Mrs.

FIRST NAME.....

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LIST YOUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS IN ITCH:

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CLINICAL AND/OR RESEARCH SPECIALTY and SUBSPECIALTY:

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

\_\_\_\_ Regular      \_\_\_\_ Regular – Developing or Currency Restricted

\_\_\_\_ Trainee      \_\_\_\_ Contributing

Date.....

Signature.....

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**MEMBERSHIP \***

<b>Regular Member:</b>	\$100.00
<b>Regular Member from Developing Country:**</b>	\$60.00
<b>Trainee Member:</b>	\$60.00
<b>Contributing Member:</b>	\$1,000.-

Trainee member applicants must submit a statement giving duration of training period. Upon receipt by the Secretariat, applications will be submitted to the Committee on Membership for review and final approval. Dues payment must accompany application.

**\*Including online access to the journal Acta Dermato-Venereologica**

**\*\*See definition under:**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developing\\_country#List\\_of\\_emerging\\_and\\_developing\\_economies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developing_country#List_of_emerging_and_developing_economies)