

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 12 members. The officers of the committee are the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and other members including the local organizer of the corresponding World Congress on Itch (WCI). The board members are elected for a period of 2 years at the General Assembly.

IFSI BOARD

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SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

The World Congress on Itch (WCI), IFSI's

biennial meeting, 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

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

ITCH and ACTA DERMATO-VENEREOLOGICA

The IFSI has a new official journal, Itch. Itch is Open-Access. IFSI members can receive a waiver of publication fees for articles accepted by Itch.

The Journal Acta Dermato-Venereologica has an itch section that is officially affiliated with IFSI. This journal offers Open Access. Members of IFSI are currently entitled to a reduction of publication fees of 25% per year (for first and corresponding authors).

AWARDS

IFSI awards the **Hermann Handwerker Award for the best presentation** by young investigators at the biennial meetings. Travel grants are given to attend the WCI.

WEBSITE:

www.itchforum.net

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INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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Application for Membership

Dr. Prof. _____

Mr. Mrs. _____

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

INSTITUTION _____

COMPANY _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

ZIP-CODE _____

CITY _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

LIST YOUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS IN ITCH: _____

CLINICAL AND/OR RESEARCH SPECIALTY and SUBSPECIALTY:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

Regular Regular – Developing or Currency Restricted

Trainee (post-doc, resident)

Trainee (pre-doc, medical student)

Contributing

Date _____

Signature _____

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MEMBERSHIP

Regular Member:	\$100.00
Regular Member from Developing Country:*	\$40.00
Trainee Member (post-doc, resident):	
Trainee Member	\$40.00
Pre-doctoral, medical students:	\$0
Contributing Member:	\$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.

We offer payment via secure online payment system, cheque or bank transfer.

Further details will be provided after application. Cheques may be sent together with application

***See definition under:**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Developing_country#List_of_emerging_and_developing_economies