

THE IFSI

The **International Forum for the Study of Itch** (IFSI) was founded in 2005 and is a multidisciplinary international association of clinicians, 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 board 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

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

AWARDS

IFSI awards the **Hermann Handwerker Prize** and the **Kenji Takamori Prize 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

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

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 (1 year) / Regular (3 years)

Regular (Developing or Currency Restricted)

Trainee (post-doc, resident)

Trainee (pre-doc, medical student)

Contributing

Date _____

Signature _____

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MEMBERSHIP (annual fees)

Regular Member: 100 USD

(If you decide for a three-year membership you pay
270 USD instead of 300 USD)

**Regular Member from Developing
Country*:** 40 USD

**Trainee Member
Post-doc,
resident:** 40 USD

**Trainee Member
Pre-doctoral, medical students:** 0 USD

Contributing Member: 1,000 USD

Trainee member applicants must submit a
statement giving duration of training period. Upon
receipt by the president, 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.

***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)