

# IPOS Membership Committee Annual Report (2023)

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IPOS Membership Committee

## 1. Membership Update:

The latest updated membership figures as of December 31, 2023 indicate that IPOS has 827 full members, which is an increase of 6.8% from 2022, and an all-time high! IPOS recorded a total of 172 new members in 2023, and a lapse rate of 23.9% members. IPOS now has members from 114 countries - we are becoming a more fully international society!

The IPOS Board of Directors attributes the 2023 membership increase, in part, to the end of the COVID pandemic, and the strong efforts of the IPOS Board and IPOS membership to attract new members, including the very popular webinar series.

As for a breakdown of types of members and growth/decline compared to 2022 (**growth in red**):

1. Active: 316 (+6%)
2. Active LMIC: 232 (+16%)
3. Early Career: 88 (+20.5%)
4. Early Career LMIC: 29 (+163%)
5. Member-In-Training: 58 (+16%)
6. Member-In-Training LMIC: 14 (+250%)
7. Associate: 39 (-9.3%)
8. Associate LMIC: 58 (-4.9%)

Despite the record number of IPOS members, there was a drop in Associate-level memberships.

In the past year, to enhance membership value, we have highlighted membership benefits in the Xchange, increased the number of free live webcasts to members, and provided additional free webcast recordings.

## Type of membership

2023						
Active	Associate	ECPP	MIT	Honorary	LIFE	Total
316	39	88	58	0	1	827
Active LMI	Associate LMI	ECPP LMI	MIT LMI	LAPSED	NEW	
232	58	29	14	185	172	

  

2022						
Active	Associate	ECPP	MIT	Honorary	LIFE	Total
298	43	73	50	0	2	774
Active LMI	Associate LMI	ECPP LMI	MIT LMI	LAPSED	NEW	
200	61	11	4	165	226	

  

2021						
Active	Associate	ECPP	MIT	Honorary	LIFE	Total
281	36	62	35	0	2	669
Active LMI	Associate LMI	ECPP LMI	MIT LMI	LAPSED	NEW	
178	50	17	8	230	167	

  

2020						
Active	Associate	ECPP	MIT	Honorary	LIFE	Total
255	26	48	32	0	2	618
Active LMI	Associate LMI	ECPP LMI	MIT LMI	LAPSED	NEW	
175	60	12	10	230	166	

  

2019						
Active	Associate	ECPP	MIT	Honorary	LIFE	Total
310	31	58	28	0	2	664
Active LMI	Associate LMI	ECPP LMI	MIT LMI	LAPSED	NEW	
141	80	9	7	188	168	

### Membership categories

- **Active Members:** (\$140 USD, \$25 for Low- & Middle-income countries) Active members include physicians, epidemiologists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, social scientists and other professionals at the Masters or Doctoral level as well as those individuals with professional equivalence who have been actively engaged in the research or clinical aspects of psycho-oncology. Active members shall pay full dues, have the right to vote and are eligible for election to office in the Society.
- **Associate Members: (\$140 USD / \$25 LMC):** Any individual that demonstrates an interest in psycho-oncology may join as an Associate, nonvoting member upon submission of an application and payment of annual dues as established by the Board of Directors. Associate members shall not have voting privileges and shall not be eligible for election to office, but shall otherwise receive the tangible benefits of membership in IPOS, as may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- **Early Career Psycho-Oncology Professionals (ECPP): (\$25 USD):** IPOS created this special member category, supported by an ECPP Special Interest Group and Committee just for the Early Career Psycho-Oncology Professional who is within three years of his/her ultimate degree and is a practicing professional. Application form to indicate time period past final degree. Affords special reduced subscription rates for Psycho-Oncology, the official journal of IPOS, and other related journals: Palliative and Supportive Care and Journal of Cancer Survivorship, Voting member.
- **Members-in-Training (\$25 USD for all Members-in-Training from all countries):** Those in training to become physicians, epidemiologists, psychologists, nurses, social workers and social scientists are eligible for this membership category provided they are considered qualified by the Membership Committee. Members-in-Training shall enjoy all the privileges of membership except that they shall not be eligible to hold elective office and shall not be entitled to vote.

## 2. Ongoing activities:

The following member benefits are present and shown on the IPOS website:

### **IPOS Member ID Card**

- A printable IPOS membership card in PDF format and accessible online when logging into your member profile. The ID card notes the member's name, IPOS ID number, type of membership and paid through date.

### **Certificate of membership**

- **Only available upon request** – In PDF format and emailed to members when requested.

### **Volunteering**

- Volunteering is a highly valued IPOS member benefit. Members can serve on a variety of IPOS committees and contribute to international efforts and unique IPOS in education and research.

### **Awards and Scholarships**

- Only members can be nominated for IPOS Awards and apply for IPOS scholarships (when available).
- We may provide scholarships for psycho-oncology professionals from low-and-middle-income countries (LMICs) who cannot afford the membership fee (if available). The scholarships may be provided to individuals who want to join IPOS for the first time or those who want to renew their membership.

## **IPOS World Congress and Symposia**

- Enjoy reduced rates (15% to 20% discount for IPOS members depending on registration option selected) at the Annual World Conference and symposia supported by IPOS, including the World Congress of Psycho-Oncology.

## **Networking**

- Access to an international network of professionals in the areas of oncology, psychiatry, psychology, nursing, social work and clergy.
- Your name and contact information included in the online directory of members.

## **Professional Development**

- [Free and discounted rates to webinars](#)
- Access to the members-only website, including clinical guidelines, online membership directory for up-to-date member contact information, exclusive member discount, etc.
- Free membership in the Psycho-Oncology Group of the [World Psychiatric Association](#) (must complete the [WPA Group Application Form](#)).
- [Multilingual psychosocial oncology curriculum \(CORE\)](#) – only current IPOS members can receive certificates of completion.
- Participation in cross-cultural research initiatives and surveys regarding clinical practice and research.
- Access to online information about research and clinical training programs, support for training opportunities, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.
- Opportunity to suggest and organize liaisons to organizations in the various supportive care disciplines that have a mission for providing psychosocial care to cancer patients and their families.
- Opportunity to propose and participate in health care policy initiatives through IPOS to improve psychosocial care at an international level.

## Journals and Books

- \$100 to \$200 submission discount to submit to the *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology Research and Practice*. Rates are \$1,000 USD (**\$800 for current IPOS members**) for Tier 1 manuscripts (original articles, reviews, and guidelines) and \$500 USD (**\$400 for current IPOS members**) for Tier 2 papers (Case Reports, Editorials, and Letters to the Editor).

### 3. Committee Members:

Daisuke Fujisawa has completed his fifth term as committee chair, a role he has shared for the past 4 years with Tom Hack as Co-Chair.

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