



IPOS Federation Policy Addendum

The following Policy Addendum was adopted by the Board of Directors of the International Psycho-Oncology Society, 20 June 2009.

In addition to Full Federation Membership status, there shall be created two additional categories of membership.

Affiliate Member. Affiliate Member status may be awarded to a multidisciplinary psychosocial oncology society that meets some, but perhaps not all, of the criteria for Full Federation Membership. Such a society may be newly formed and therefore have only a few members, or may still be developing its democratic structure, or psychosocial oncology may be new in the country and therefore there may be the need to further develop the profession within the country. An Affiliate Member may request direction and guidance from a Full Federation Member society or from a member of the Board of Directors or IPOS Headquarters. It is expected that an Affiliate Member shall work diligently toward meeting the qualifications for Full Membership within a two to three year period. The individual members of an Affiliate Member society are eligible for the benefits provided to the individuals of a Full Federation Member Society. An Affiliate Member society may participate in Federation Board meetings, but shall not have a vote on matters before the Federation Board.

Associate Member. Associate Member status may be awarded to an organization whose mission and vision are concordant with that of IPOS, but which does not meet the criteria set forth as eligibility criteria in the IPOS Federation Policy Statement. Examples of Associate Members are single disciplinary groups that support psycho-oncology for cancer patients and their care-givers or patient advocacy organizations. The individual members of an Associate Member shall not have any benefits of Federation Membership. The designated representative of the Associate member may participate in the Federation Board meetings, but shall not have a vote on matters before the Federation Board.

Observers. Psycho-oncology professionals who are from countries that are not represented by Full, Affiliate or Associate Federation members may be invited to sit in observation at Federation Meetings.

As of 20 June 2009, the following 19 organizations have been voted into **Full Membership** of the IPOS Federation:

- OZPOS/Australia
- OPPO/Austria (pending receipt of documents)
- CAPO/Canada
- SFPO/France
- HSPO/Greece (subject to verification of the democratic election process)
- MPOT/Hungary
- IPAS/Israel (subject to receipt of constitution and membership list)
- SIPO/Italy
- POA/Lithuania
- NVPO/Netherlands
- PPOS/Poland
- APPO/Portugal
- SPPO/Portugal
- SEPO/Spain
- SWEDPOS/Sweden
- SGPO/Switzerland
- PSOG/Turkey
- BPOS/UK
- APOS/USA

As of 20 June 2009, the following organization has been voted into **Affiliate Membership** of the IPOS Federation:

- COPER/India

As of 20 June 2009, the following organizations have been voted into **Associate Membership** of the IPOS Federation:

- ACLP/Latin American Association of Palliative Care
- SAOSWA/South African Oncology Social Work Association

As of 20 June 2009, decision on the following application for membership was deferred to the Federation.

- SAPO/Serbia