

IPOS Membership Committee Annual Report (2019-2020)

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IPOS Membership Committee

1. Membership Update:

The latest updated membership figures as of September 3, 2020 indicate that IPOS has 618 full members, which is a decrease of 4% from 2019. We had a total of 166 new members in 2020, but also experienced a higher than usual lapsed rate of 230 members. The IPOS board of directors planned for this decrease as a result of the impact of COVID-19 and the postponement of the 22nd Annual World Congress.

When comparing to 2019:

- 19 countries experienced an increase in IPOS members;
- 27 countries had a 100% renewal rate;
- We had our first members ever from: Belarus, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Morocco and Mozambique;
- IPOS has now had members in a total of 104 countries.
- Although a small decrease in membership overall, we have an increase in LMIC membership
- Take away: We are becoming a more fully international society!

As for a breakdown of types of members and growth/decline compared to 2019:

1. Active: 255 (-17.75%)
2. Active LMIC: 175 (+24.11%)
3. Early Career: 48 (-17.24%)
4. Early Career LMIC: 12 (+33.33%)
5. Member-In-Training: 32 (+14.29%)
6. Member-In-Training LMIC: 10 (+42.86%)
7. Associate: 26 (-16.3%)

8. Associate LMIC: 60 (-25%)

Recently, we have been highlighting member venue and benefits more in the Xchange, extended free live webcasts to members and increased our available free webcasts recordings. We need to keep these happening as it is adding member value. We recommend 3 to 4 a year, but exceeded that in 2020. Volunteer engagement - many of our members are interested in volunteering with IPOS. We encourage all committees to keep this in mind as it is a great member value.

In 2020 we streamlined our new membership application process, to reduce the volume of CV-related information that has to be provided to, and reviewed by, the Committee.

Table 1. Membership statistics (numbers below are based on the date report was updated each year at the time of report submission deadline. As such, numbers below do not represent a full complete year)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	166	141	178	154	165	89	93
New Active Members	99	66	100	69	97	46	
New Associate Members	26	23	31	37	31	30	
ECPP New Members	23	38	37	28	27	7	
MIT New Members	18	14	10	20	10	6	
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
TOTAL MEMBERS	616	629	576	479	464	334	317
Active	420	393	426	337	328	234	224
Associate	86	96	63	63	59	54	50
Early Career	60	93	70	55	55	35	28
MIT (student)	52	31	19	20	18	11	15
Honorary	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
LIFE	2	3	3	4	3	0	0
Pending (have paid, but pending CV)	0	12					
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
LAPSED MEMBERS	230	193	127	175	97	111	114
Active	127	110	71	102	51	69	63
Associate	56	44	23	35	28	23	41

Early Career	36	29	25	27	13	12	0
MIT (student)	11	10	8	11	5	7	10

(Please refer to the table on membership by countries at the end of the file)

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 are shown on the website.

Certificate of	• In PDF format and emailed annually to members within 45-days of
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membership	joining/renewing).
Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering is a IPOS member benefit – Opportunity to serve on IPOS committees to influence the international efforts in education and research that IPOS can uniquely undertake.
Awards and Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only members can to be nominated for IPOS Awards and submit for IPOS scholarships (when available).
IPOS World Congress and Symposia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced rates (<i>15% to 20% discount for IPOS members depending on registration option selected</i>) for attending the annual World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and symposia supported by IPOS.
Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the members-only website, including clinical guidelines, online membership directory for up-to-date member contact information, exclusive member discount, etc. • Opportunity to pose research or clinical questions and receive online e-mail feedback from IPOS members via an online discussion forum (listserv). • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to propose and participate in health care policy initiatives through IPOS to improve psychosocial care at an international level. • Online knowledge sharing network Sosido – A weekly email digest summarizing all activity in the IPOS community. • Free and discounted rates to webinars
Journals and Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 to \$200 submission discount to submit to the <i>Journal of Psychosocial Oncology Research and Practice</i>. 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). • Discounts on publications/books on geriatric psycho-oncology, pediatric psycho-oncology and others

3. Committee Members:

Daisuke Fujisawa completed his third term as the committee chair, a role he shared this past year with Tom Hack as Co-Chair.

IPOS Membership Committee 2019-2020

Dr. Daisuke Fujisawa (Japan) (Co-Chair)

Dr. Tom Hack (Co-Chair)

Dr. William Breitbart (USA)

Dr. Yeur-Hur Lai (Taiwan)

Dr. Dégi L. Csaba (Romania)

Dr. Philip Odiyo (Kenya)

Dr. Sigrun Vehling (Germany) (ECP)

Dr. Chioma Asuzu (Nigeria)

Dr. Ying Pang (China)

Dr. Martha Paredes (Peru)

Dr. Helena Lewis Smith (UK) (New)

Membership statistics by countries

IPOS MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS					
YEAR	2020	%	2019	2018	2017
Totals	616	96%	644	580	480
Aland Islands	0		0	0	0
Argentina	7	88%	8	13	10
Armenia	4	100%	4	3	4
Australia	63	89%	71	77	71
Austria	3	60%	5	2	2
Azerbaijan	0	0%	2	0	0
Bahrain	1		0	1	0
Belarus	1				
Belgium	0	0%	1	0	0
Botswana	0		0	0	0
Brazil	11	92%	12	9	5
Bulgaria	4	100%	4	6	4
BURKINA FASO	1		0	0	0
Burundi	0		0	1	0
Cameroon	0		0	1	0
Canada	32	80%	40	29	32
Chile	3	100%	3	3	3
China	15	94%	16	16	13
Colombia	1	100%	1	3	3
Costa Rica	3	100%	3	1	1
Croatia	4	200%	2	2	0
Cuba	0		0	0	0
Cyprus	2	200%	1	1	1
Czech Republic	1	50%	2	2	2
Denmark	7	78%	9	6	6
Dominican Republic	1	100%	1	1	1
Ecuador	6	100%	6	4	4
Egypt	2	200%	1	0	0

El Salvador	0		0	0	0
Finland	1	100%	1	1	1
France	2	100%	2	1	1
Georgia	2	100%	2	2	1
Germany	16	84%	19	18	13
Ghana	3	150%	2	3	0
Greece	2	100%	2	0	1
Hong Kong	9	100%	9	15	5
Hungary	1	100%	1	0	0
India	40	138%	29	27	14
Indonesia	0		0	1	1
Iran	5	250%	2	3	1
Ireland	6	67%	9	5	9
Israel	9	113%	8	9	7
Italy	11	138%	8	10	12
Ivory Coast	1		0	0	0
Jamaica	1	100%	1	1	1
Japan	22	92%	24	21	16
Jordan	1	100%	1	2	0
Kazakhstan	1	100%	1		
Kenya	6	100%	6	5	2
Korea, Republic Of	4	50%	8	5	5
Kuwait	0		0	0	0
Lebanon	2		0	2	2
Lithuania	5	125%	4	5	4
Macedonia	1	100%	1	1	1
Malawi	0		0	1	0
Malaysia	4	400%	1	1	0
Malta	0		0	1	0
Mauritius	1	100%	1	1	1
Mexico	13	100%	13	20	23
Mongolia	1	50%	2	2	0
Morocco	3		0	0	0
Mozambique	1				
Namibia	1		0	3	1

Nepal	2	100%	2	0	0
Netherlands	11	110%	10	8	12
New Zealand	7	100%	7	5	5
Nigeria	14	117%	12	13	7
Norway	0		0	1	0
Oman	0		0	0	0
Palestine	0		0	0	0
Panama	0		0	0	1
Peru	24	71%	34	7	5
Philippines	2	200%	1	1	1
Poland	1	100%	1	1	1
Portugal	2	67%	3	5	4
Puerto Rico	0		0	0	1
Romania	9	180%	5	4	6
Russia	7	88%	8	10	9
Rwanda	3	150%	2	8	0
Saudi Arabia	2	100%	2	0	1
Senegal	0		0	1	1
Serbia	3	150%	2	3	2
Sierre Leon	0		0	1	0
Singapore	0		0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0%	1	0	0
Slovenia	0		0	0	1
South Africa	4	200%	2	6	5
Spain	3	60%	5	4	6
Sweden	4	100%	4	8	7
Switzerland	7	70%	10	12	14
Syria	0		0	0	1
Taiwan	9	82%	11	13	6
Tanzania	6	200%	3	1	0
Thailand	0	0%	1	1	1
Turkey	10	77%	13	10	6
Uganda	3	300%	1	1	1
Ukraine	6	75%	8	4	2
United Arab Emirates	0	0%	1	0	0

United Kingdom	27	96%	28	23	18
United States	99	86%	115	79	69
Uzbekistan	0		0	0	1
Venezuela	2	100%	2	1	1
Vietnam	2	200%	1	1	
Zambia	0		0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0		0	0	0