

Description:

Committees are created for the purpose of fulfilling the objectives of the IUIS as delineated in Article 1.1 in the constitution. Each is to function with a mission statement and annually renewed objectives.

Membership and composition:

- Be regionally representative, gender balanced, career-level balanced and the relevant fields of interest
- Have at least 5 members, including a Chair as well as a Vice Chair who is to represent the Committee in case the Chair is not available, with at least one member on IUIS Council
- Each member to serve a three year tenure, renewable if required
- Ensure overlap of tenure among the committee members
- New members can be proposed by Council and IUIS Members Societies. The Committee Chair thereafter chooses the Committee members, which is then ratified by the IUIS President and Executive Committee

Role of a Committee:

- To promote and organize research in its specialty
- To gather and exchange information regarding research and related activities within the Committee and with interest to members of the Committee
- To establish appropriate recommendations for the IUIS regarding the field of its specialty
- To contribute to the organization and preparation of the triennial ICI
- To submit annual reports to Council based on the provided format, including a detailed financial report
- To participate and support other scientific meetings and symposia, particularly the congresses of the IUIS Regional Federations
- To promote relationships between other organizations (affiliates, liaisons, regionally)
- Where appropriate, to promote sustainable relations between industry sponsors / partners and the IUIS
- To promote the Day of Immunology public awareness campaign
- To promote contributions to the IUIS' official journal
- To hold regular meetings of the Committee
- To review and update the Committee webpage on the IUIS website
- To represent / be the voice of IUIS interests within its specialty area

Review:

In 1998, the Officers of IUIS undertook a review of the functions and performance of its standing committees in order to ensure that they would meet the needs of immunologists in the next century. A list of names (one Officer and 4-5 external) was drawn up for each committee. Reviewers were invited to assess individual committees and the journal based on a short report presented by the chairperson using a questionnaire. Reviewers were advised that their opinion would be treated with strictest confidence, but might be included in summarized form in the final report to Council.