

Standardised terminology for Basic Science of Lower Urinary Tract Function and Dysfunction; *working group of the International Continence Society (ICS)*

The ICS Standardisation Steering Committee invites applications from ICS members who wish to contribute to a Working Group with the remit to develop **Standardised terminology for Basic Science of LUT Function and Dysfunction**. The aim of the working group will be to develop an up-to-date and evidence-based Terminology Standard suitable for basic science research. The selection of the Working Group and the process of the development will be supervised by the ICS Standardisation Steering Committee (SSC). **Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday 21st July 2014**. All applications should be submitted electronically to info@ics.org Your attention is drawn to the guidance on producing Standardisation reports available on the [ICS website](#) and published in Neurourology & Urodynamics [1]. On selection of a person to chair the Working Group, a mentor from the SSC will assist with running of the Working Group. The final report of the Working Group will be expected within 18 months of commencement, comprising a detailed report intended for specialists, and a brief “core” version for non-specialists.

Applying to chair the working group

If you wish to be considered to Chair the Working Group, applications should take the form of a CV (max 4 pages), with a cover letter (max 600 words) describing how you would be suitable to Chair the Group, the areas you consider should be covered, how stakeholders will be included in developing the report, and how the Working Group will interact with other organisations outside the ICS. Please also state whether you wish to be considered as a member of the Working Group, if not appointed to chair it.

Applying for membership of the working group

If you wish to be considered as a member of the Working Group, please send a CV (max 4 pages) and a cover letter (max 500 words) describing your potential contributions to the Group.

The working group's remit

The arguments for creating the Working Group and revising the documents are:

- ✓ The basic science publications in this area are extensive, and terminology inconsistency between publications can cause difficulty
- ✓ Proper description of the exact experimental situation helps with interpretation of the observations and comparison with research from other sources
- ✓ A framework for describing experimental setting and findings will help future research design

Scope: It is envisaged that this report will consider:

- ✓ Minimum descriptive information for experimental techniques
- ✓ Terminology of the basic science of integrative, neurological and cellular physiology for lower urinary tract function and dysfunction
- ✓ Approaches to reporting findings

Requirements

- Literature analysis of published evidence (where available). Expert consensus will be transparently included where evidence is conflicting or lacking
- The Working Group will keep a digital working log of its activities through the ICS Office.
- The chairman and the ICS SSC will make sure that the composition of the Working Group is well balanced and that the process of standardization is transparent.
- The Working Group will use web-based and e-mail exchange of information and monitor the execution of assignments within the assigned timeline.
- The Working Group will report to the ICS SSC on request, and/ or spontaneously every 6 months.
- The Working Group will be responsible for production of a first draft of the report within 18 months after permission to start from the ICS SSC.

The chairman and working group will be responsible for submission to journals for publication and dissemination.

References

1. Rosier PF, de Ridder D, Meijlink J, Webb R, Whitmore K, Drake MJ: **Developing evidence-based standards for diagnosis and management of lower urinary tract or pelvic floor dysfunction.** *Neurourol Urodyn* 2012, **31**(5):621-624.