



The International Continence Society (ICS) Guidelines for Affiliate Society Applications

Any international, national or regional organisation who has a focus or interest in the field of incontinence may apply for affiliation with ICS by application (attached). As the only international multi-disciplinary society that focuses on incontinence, the ICS is seeking affiliation with other organisations in order to enhance management of incontinence care.

Depending on the chosen payment option (see below) benefits of affiliation include the following:

- The official ICS Journals: *Continence*, and *Continence Reports* – exclusively low submission rates for ICS affiliate members. Option to publish your meeting abstracts for free.
- ICS TV – abstract videos, educational modules, lectures and much more
- ICS eNews – providing frequent updates regarding scientific information, promoting interest incontinence issues and the latest news in the field
- Substantial reduction in registration for our annual meeting, [plus much more.](#)

In addition, the affiliate society logo will be placed on the ICS website with links to the society. Plus there will be opportunities to publicise activities and events in e-News and online.

Applications will be reviewed by the ICS Board of Trustees and a response will be given as soon as possible, usually within 30 days. A minimum of 30 paying members are required. A society representing a small nation/interest group may apply for exception to this minimal number requirement.

The ICS membership year runs from January to December but the actual open subscription time may vary as the annual membership is closed shortly before the annual meeting.

Two ways to receive discounted membership

Affiliate members receive a special discounted membership rate worth up to £20 off normal rates. Societies can either pay for their membership fees in one payment or we are now able to provide each member with a discount code so that they can pay independently, using our online secure payments system.

Discount Code Option:

If a society should choose this option, members will receive an ICS code unique to their society. They can then join and pay for discounted ICS membership using this code. The ICS office will monitor membership numbers and forward reports on a regular basis.

By Invoice:

Should a society wish to co-ordinate affiliate membership on behalf of their members, the ICS office will provide an invoice covering all fees and payment will be required in advance of membership being processed. The invoice must be paid within 30 days.



Available payment schedule options include:

- £80 - ICS Membership. This is a reduced rate compared to standard ICS membership of £100
- £50 - ICS Membership Nurse/Physio/Early Career Professional. This is a reduced rate compared to standard ICS membership of £70
- £50 – ICS Membership Developing World. This is a reduced rate compared to standard ICS Membership of £70.

ICS membership is defined with the ICS Bylaws. An affiliate society must ensure that all its members are aware of the ICS Bylaws and Code of Conduct.

It is possible for Affiliate Societies to have their meeting abstracts published **for free** in *Continence or Continence Reports*. Please contact the ICS Office if you are interested in exploring this opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ICS office at info@ics.org



International Continence Society - Affiliate Society Application Form

Name of Society	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Current President/General Secretary/Chair:	
Email Address:	
Current administrative person/secretary:	
Email Address:	
Number of Members for affiliation:	
Current discipline focuses of members i.e. gynaecologists/urological/nurses/physiotherapists etc. (Note that the ICS expects to see a multi-disciplinary membership. If the membership is not multi-disciplinary then please explain why)	
Application with or without access to journals online	
Reason for request to become affiliated with ICS	
Preferred method to receive affiliate rate for ICS membership. State (1) Group invoice to host society (payment in advance) or (2) Discount code – each member joins independently using a special code (<i>Details for both options on page 1 of this document</i>)	
Request for NaU to become official journal (if applicable)	
Please provide details of legal status of Society/organisation. If registered non-profit please provide registration number	

By completing and signing this application form you are hereby agreeing to the terms and conditions as presented within the application guidelines. You also acknowledge that the affiliated membership will be made aware of the [ICS Bylaws and Code of Conduct](#)

Signed:

Date: