



# International College of Angiology Membership Information Bulletin

The International College of Angiology (ICA) is a not-for-profit, international and interdisciplinary professional medical society, chartered in 1958 and comprised of physicians and scientists, that seeks to advance excellence and innovation in cardiovascular medicine and surgery through education, advocacy, research and public awareness, and is deeply committed to improving health and the quality of life through the practice of cardiovascular medicine and surgery. The diversity of specialties within the ICA makes this society one that is unique. A primary goal is to create professional collaboration among the specialties.

The College serves the growing needs of medical, clinical and research scientists by providing the opportunity for the convenient interchange of clinical experiences and technical research associated with cardiovascular diseases. Our programs are designed to enhance the professional capabilities of physicians concerned with the vascular system and the therapy thereof, contributing to patient healthcare on the community level. The College promotes education, research and communication while providing strong leadership in the development of health care policy.

Our society represents dedicated groups of clinical scientists, vascular surgeons, cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons, thoracic surgeons, transplant surgeons, diagnostic and interventional radiologists, internists, neurologists, anesthesiologists, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, vascular technologists, dialysis technicians and basic scientists who have common interest in advancing the knowledge in diseases related to the vascular system. These scientists and clinicians have a common goal to update the pathophysiology of disease, clinical diagnostic modalities, and treatment (medical and surgical) for improved health care delivery and future research.

## ICA MISSION STATEMENT

The ICA's mission is to seek to advance excellence and innovation in the cardiovascular disciplines through education, advocacy, research and public awareness. Our mission is to:

- Promote, encourage and improve the dissemination of knowledge concerning all aspects of cardiovascular diseases and health
- Serve as an advocate for members in all areas of cardiovascular medicine and surgery
- Improve the diagnosis and management of patients with cardiovascular diseases
- Define the role of angiology and the medical and/or surgical management in the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease
- Promote clinical and basic research in the cardiovascular medicine and surgery
- Promote the development and implementation of new technology for diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease
- Enhance the ability to provide care and serve disparate communities through a commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Promote diversity and inclusion in cardiovascular medicine and surgical education, training and research

The International College of Angiology disseminates most current advancement in research, pathophysiology of the disease, diagnostic and interventional modalities, and treatment of diseases related to the cardiovascular system through our programs of continuing medical education, and publications in *International Journal of Angiology*, the official journal of the College. The ultimate goal of the College is to improve health care delivery through various avenues of dissemination of knowledge. Recent surveys have indicated that primary angiologic procedures are performed in current practice by different medical specialists. The technological advances in recent years require that we reinforce our own programs to expand the awareness and knowledge of these specialized techniques required for improved patient care, and that unified approaches occur.

## Goals and Objectives

The short-range and long-range goals and objectives of the International College of Angiology are directed toward making available to the physician the evolving modern medical knowledge of the vascular system for use in their daily practice. Underlying the overall program is the fundamental aim to improve the healthcare of the patient.

With today's rapidly expanding data bank of research information and clinical, diagnostic and therapeutic experiences concerned with the vascular system, scientific presentations at our Annual World Congress' afford the opportunity to discuss new concepts, research progress and technical advances directly with the scientists who have worked and contributed to these.

The College's continuing medical education goals are achieved through specific programs which are developed about and around specific areas associated with the circulatory system. These programs are designed to correct outdated knowledge, introduce new concepts and evaluate their adequacy to provide the opportunity for discussion and enhancement of experiences related to dedicated criteria and topics. Each seminar, session and/or workshop is designed after review of the program goals established by the College's Scientific Program Committee. New concepts,

approaches and innovations are emphasized against the frame of reference of our present knowledge. Audience participation through panel discussions and questions and answers are an integral part of each session.

## Membership

Membership is open to any individual who is actively interested in any aspect of experimental or clinical research in the cardiovascular system and is the core around which the International College of Angiology is constructed. Membership in the College offers a direct means for individual, professional and scientific enrichment. It also provides the opportunity to utilize the support and resources offered by international associations, as well as to permit input into shaping and molding the specialty of angiology.

The changing character of community health services worldwide necessitates that we perfect the role of the angiologist on both the international and local level. The International College of Angiology assumes the responsibility to provide a comprehensive program for both the definition and training of the angiologist, as well as to speak for the specialty worldwide, and to develop a program for accomplishing these objectives.

The ICA provides for a **Fellows, Residents and Students Educational and Networking Program** as a short and informative session or sessions during our congress. The program's goal is to:

- Permit fellows, residents and medical students an opportunity to explore their interest in their respective specialty
- Provide an opportunity for learners of all levels (first year medical students to senior level residents and fellows) to meet other learners with similar interest.
- An opportunity to meet members and leaders in the cardiovascular disciplines.

## Benefits of ALL categories of membership include:

- **Networking and peer mentoring opportunities** in the cardiovascular community.
- **Reduced registration fees** at the ICA's Annual World Congress. (This alone pays for the annual membership fee).
- **Reduced personal subscription rates to the *International Journal of Angiology*.** (This too, in itself, more than pays for the membership fee and there is an early payment discount).
- **Eligibility for a variety of prestigious ICA Awards**, including the Professor John B. Chang Research Achievement Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, the Young Investigators Award and ICA International Poster Awards at the ICA Annual World Congress.
- **Priority preference in our own publication of accepted research** submitted to the *International Journal of Angiology (IJA)*.
- **Priority preference in the presentation of submitted and accepted original research** at the ICA's Annual World Congress.
- **Provides an opportunity to be a member of the editorial board** of the *IJA*.
- **Practicing physicians, healthcare providers, basic scientists and students can become a fellow and member of the ICA.**
- **Provides leadership opportunities.**
- **International in scope** and holds an annual world congress in a different city worldwide.
- **Encompasses all specialties related to diseases of blood vessels.**

## Membership Categories

**Fellows** are physicians or scientists with an advanced degree who have valid credentials indicating their professional interest; either medical, paramedical, investigational or educational, in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with cardiovascular medicine and/or surgery. Fellows have the right to hold an elective office within the College and voting rights at a general meeting. Fellows of the College receive a reduced rate of registration at the College's Annual World Congress, along with an annual e-subscription to the College's official journal, *International Journal of Angiology*.

**Associate Fellows** are physicians in training, and who have valid credentials indicating their professional interest in the scientific or clinical disciplines concerned with cardiovascular medicine and/or surgery. Associate Fellows may not have the right to hold an elective office, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, but do have voting rights at a general meeting. The maximum term of membership in this category is 3 years. Associate Fellows *in good standing*, are exempt from registration fees at the College's annual world congress or other ICA official workshops. Associate Fellows of the College receive an annual e-subscription to the College's official journal, *International Journal of Angiology*.

**Affiliate Member** are non-physicians, allied healthcare professionals (technologists, nurses, physiotherapists, nutritionists, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners, dialysis technicians) who have demonstrated an active interest in the objective of the College and the field of cardiovascular diseases. Affiliate Members receive an annual e-subscription to the College's official journal, *International Journal of Angiology*.

**Members** are persons (non-physicians), scientists, or technologists with a PhD or the equivalent qualifications who have an active interest in the objectives of the College and who are not included in the above categories of membership. Members receive an annual e-subscription to the College's official journal, *International Journal of Angiology*.

**Student Members** are medical and graduate students who have an active interest in the objectives of the College. This category is intended to promote the educational objectives of the College and to create enthusiasm in young students in the field of cardiovascular medicine and surgery.

Candidates for **FELLOW OR ASSOCIATE FELLOW** in the College must meet the following qualifications and submit the criteria as listed below when applying for membership. **All categories of Fellows (Members) are required to pay an annual membership fee.**

- Possess a degree of medicine at the doctorate level, or an equivalent scientific degree. Said doctoral shall be granted by a medical or graduate school of university at least 3 years prior to election to fellowship, and 1 year prior to election to associate fellowship.
- Licensed to practice in his/her respective state, province or country (unless candidate is a full-time regular appointee in federal/governmental medical service, teaching faculty and or clinical research).
- Be a member in good standing of his/her local, state, provincial, or national medical society or an equivalent professional scientific association.

**A candidate for membership must submit the following documents with the application.**

- of your valid medical license, or applicable equivalent (for non-physicians) together with registry number.
- Photocopy of medical school diploma, or applicable equivalent.
- Current and complete curriculum vitae.

### **Application Review Process**

The Membership Committee shall have a full and unfettered right to approve or reject applications for membership in its absolute discretion. In the event of a refusal the Committee shall not be required to give any reason(s) thereof. Completed applications in all categories are submitted to the Membership Committee for review. The Membership Committee provides the Board of Directors with recommended applicants for membership approval. Applications are reviewed every 30-days by our Membership Committee. Applicants are notified of their application status following review by the Membership Committee and ICA Board of Directors.

### **Annual Membership Fee**

The yearly Membership fee is noted on the Membership Application for each category of membership and covers the period of 1 January to 31 December. Annual Membership Fee notices are mailed, and payment must be received before 31 December to ensure the delivery of the College's official journal, *International Journal of Angiology* early in the upcoming year (year N +1).

All annual membership fees shall be payable in advance of the first day of January each year. If any fellow (member) should fail to pay their annual membership fee for a period of twelve months, their membership shall be placed into a "temporary suspension" status, pending review by the Board of Directors of the College, and subsequently ipso facto cease to be a Fellow (Member) of the College. However, if at any time that Fellow (Member) provides the College a satisfactory explanation as to the reasons for failing to remit their annual membership fee, they may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors be readmitted into membership upon payment of all arrear's dues. *Please refer to the ICA's website for a list of Developing Countries and the reduced fee.*

The Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or terminate the membership of any who fails to abide by the ICA's Membership Pledge, or who has ceased to become eligible for membership as prescribed in these rules or who has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct in their medical practice by the appropriate authority or anyone whose continued membership is determined by the Board of Directors to be detrimental to the College.

### **Young Investigator Award Competition**

Each year at the Annual World Congress, the International College of Angiology sponsors one or more Young Investigator(s). The purpose of this competition is to encourage young physicians, research fellows and trainees to engage in high quality research, which forms the basis for future achievement in the pathophysiology of disease, diagnosis and treatment. The Young Investigator Awards are presented at the Annual World Congress of the International College of Angiology, and are judged on originality, innovativeness, scientific merit, presentation and relevance.

### **Professor John B. Chang Research Achievement Award**

A Research Achievement Award is presented annually to a Fellow of the International College of Angiology in recognition of knowledge in the field of cardiovascular medicine or surgery. Candidates must be a Fellow of the International College of Angiology in good standing for at least five (5) consecutive years. The candidate must demonstrate scholarly activity, which includes cumulative contribution, seminal articles or monograph, significant breakthrough in the individual's research area, and contribution to the training and research activity of clinical trainees, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students.

## ***International Journal of Angiology***

The *International Journal of Angiology* is the official journal of the International College of Angiology, and as such is distributed to all members as part of the membership package. The society is committed to improving health and quality of life through the practice of vascular medicine and surgery and supports extensive research and educational programs.

The journal is a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment and long-term management of vascular and cardiovascular disease. As a multidisciplinary journal, it publishes original research, reviews, case reports, and rapid communications on all aspects of angiology. Articles published cover experimental, clinical and basic science as well as the outcomes of medical research and clinical trials. A key publication for all those working in cardiovascular medicine and surgery, and is of interest to cardiovascular surgeons, vascular surgeons, interventional cardiologists and radiologists, neurosurgeons, transplant surgeons, internists, cardiology researchers and general physicians.

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