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International Associate Member

This category of membership for individuals outside United States and Canada is established to promote scientific exchange between COG and the institution and community that the International Associate Member represents. The institution/community represented by the International Associate Member is expected to benefit from having such a member in COG in that the Associate Member is

- Recognized by COG as an official partner in collaboration on clinical and translational research on the cancers in infants, children, adolescents and young adults.
- The primary contact with his/her institution/community who is responsible for communication of problems/solutions in pediatric oncology and other mutual concerns.
- Granted privileges that parallel the Associate Member category within approved COG full-member institutions, including attending meetings as an official member and having access to the COG website that is restricted to Associate Members. The latter includes direct participation in developing new diagnostic, treatment and prevention strategies in pediatric and adolescent oncology, access to investigators, laboratory resources, newsletters, bulletins and protocols of the COG

The criteria for International Associate Member are specified below, and the process for applying is posted on the public portion of the COG website (www.childrensoncologygroup.org).

- a. Requests for International Associate Membership will be considered from individuals, not institutions, outside the United States and Canada.
- b. Only one IAM applicant per institution will be recognized unless the applicant is a recognized expert in the field of Pediatric Oncology as a member of the leadership of an International Society or Cooperative Clinical Trials Group.
- c. An application must receive two letters of support from Full Members of COG.
- d. Applicants must be at a major institution and should be the head of a pediatric hematology/oncology service or related discipline. The applicant must be engaged in the clinical investigation of cancers of infants, children, and adolescents.
- e. International Associate Members must attend at least one semi-annual COG meeting every four years.
- f. International Associate Members are welcome to attend all open COG committee and group meetings, and may participate in the meetings but may not vote.
- g. International Associate Members shall be entitled to access the Members Only section of the COG website that is reserved for them as described in the COG Administrative Manual.
- h. International Associate Members will not enter patients on COG studies; to do so their institution must apply and be approved as a regular institutional member, at which time the designation of International Associate Member is no longer needed.
- i. International Associate Members agree to share scientific results of studies from their own institution and/or country, with their colleagues in the COG.

- j. International Associate Members are expected to pay for the costs of supporting their membership by making a \$25 one-time application fee payment to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation, the foundation for the COG.

Criteria for membership are maintained in the COG Administrative Manual, which should be checked for the latest version, in case changes are made subsequent to this original list.

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