



International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism

Membership

CRITICAL MISSIONS OF ISBRA:

Promoting excellence internationally in biomedical research on alcoholism

The International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ISBRA) is a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including the following:

- To promote research and disseminate information on alcoholism and alcohol-related biomedical phenomena, as well as associated psychosocial factors and comorbid disorders and diseases;
- To promote the training and international exchange of scientists and trainees who are studying and researching problems related to alcohol use and abuse;
- To advise national and international agencies on alcohol-related research and policy;
- To promote the spirit of fraternity and international collaboration among and through its members via the organization of international scientific meetings, production and distribution of written materials, collaboration on possible research funding opportunities, and the organization of seminars, workshops and clinics.

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES:

- Discounted registration fees for congresses that highlight current research progress in the field of alcohol effects and alcohol use disorders. The congresses are held biennially in international locations and feature presentations by members of affiliated societies from all over the world. Symposia proposals and poster presentations are encouraged for all members. Travel awards supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) have been made available to young investigators and others to help defray the costs of attendance of these meetings.

Recent (and upcoming) meeting locations:

2021 – Virtual Congress, USA

2020 – New Orleans, Louisiana, USA (postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic)

2018 – Kyoto, Japan

2016 – Berlin, Germany

2014 – Seattle, Washington, USA 2012 – Sapporo, Japan

2010 – Paris, France

2008 – Washington, DC, USA 2006 – Sydney, Australia 2004 – Heidelberg, Germany

- Congresses feature plenary presentations by renowned scientists from many countries:
2020 Congress: Postponed to 2021
2018 Congress: Markus Heilig (Sweden), Vladimir Poznyak (World Health Organization), Vijay Ramchandani (USA), Jurgen Rehm (Germany), Yoshiyuki Takei (Japan), Reinout Wiers (Netherlands)
2016 Congress: Emanuele Albano (Italy), Antonello Bonci (USA), Hans-Ulrich Wittchen (Germany), Brigitte Kieffer (Canada), George Koob (NIH USA), Karl Mann (Germany), Norman Ohler (Germany), Rajita Sinha (USA), Wolfgang Sommer (Germany)
2014 Congress: Karl Mann (Germany), Richard Palmiter (USA), Cindy Ehlers (USA), Joel Gelernter (USA) Thomas Kash (USA)

2012 Congress: Gunter Schumann (United Kingdom), Hideyuki Okano (Japan), Charles O'Brien (Australia/USA), Hidekazu Tsukamoto (USA)

2010 Congress: Susumu Higuchi (Japan), Kenneth Kendler (USA), Michel Lejoyeux (France), Karl Mann Germany), Tamara Phillips (USA), Pier Vincenzo Piazza (France)

2008 Congress: Andrew Allen (USA), Kenneth Buetow (USA), Andrey Gorin (USA), Yury Khudyakov (USA), Dan Nicolae USA), Kwok Tsui (China)

2006 Congress: Sarah Dunlop (USA), Ian Kitchen (United Kingdom), Ting-Kai Li (USA), Marc Schuckit (USA), Takeo Yoshikawa (Japan)

2004 Congress: Christine Godfrey (United Kingdom), Adron Harris (USA), Ting-Kai Li (USA)

- The Society sponsors a scientific journal at no cost to ISBRA Members: *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.
- Access to scientists around the world, promoting collaboration. ISBRA has 5 affiliated regional societies:

Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR)

European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA)

Japanese Medical Society of Alcohol and Addiction Studies (JMSAAS)

Latin American Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (LASBRA)

Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA)

- Eligibility for travel awards to the biennial congresses:
NIAAA travel awards.
- Eligibility for research awards:

For example:

Early Investigator Award for contributions by graduate students and post- doctoral fellows to the advancement of knowledge in the alcohol field. Potential recipient abstracts and posters or talks are judged by the Education Committee and each recipient receives a cash award to support travel costs and a commemorative plaque. Up to 4 - 7 such awards are given at each meeting.

ISBRA Tabakoff Award for excellence in alcohol research, including all aspects of biomedical research (basic and preclinical, translational and clinical work, genetics, and epidemiology). This award was first conferred in 2018 and will be presented at each subsequent ISBRA congress.

Applying for Membership

You are invited to become a member of ISBRA if you hold a PhD, MS, MD or equivalent degree and: 1) are engaged or interested in research on alcohol, alcohol use disorders, or other alcohol-related problems, or are involved in alcohol research administration, 2) are a non-research scientist or physician who has made contributions in the area of alcohol research, alcoholism prevention and treatment, 3) are a postdoctoral fellow engaged in alcohol-related research or are a student enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs and engaged in alcohol-related research.

If you are already a member in good standing of one of ISBRA's affiliated regional societies (listed above) you need only complete the online format <https://isbra.com/membership/> (if you have questions, please contact Ms. Lintz at isbra@isbra.com). Annual dues for these members are \$50. If you are not a member of an affiliated society, you must submit an up-to-date *Curriculum Vitae* and the Membership Application Form. Annual dues for these members are \$65, and all information can be submitted online.

The Membership Committee reviews applications four (4) times a year. Application deadlines are: January 2, April 1, July 1 and October 1. You will be notified in writing of your formal acceptance into ISBRA.

Join now and enjoy discounted registration costs for the upcoming congresses

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