

International Member Committee

Section Secretaries/Membership Council Subcommittee

Terms of Office Chair: ex-officio AUA Secretary 4 years (non-renewable)

Members: 2 years (renewable)

Committee Makeup

The IMC consists of an international member representative from each country/region that has <u>at least 75 members</u> in the AUA International and International-Resident-in-Training categories as well as the three Associate Secretaries. The IMC is chaired by the AUA Secretary. Committee members will be appointed by the relevant association/society in each country/region that qualifies for IMC membership.

The size of the committee can expand as countries/regions begin to participate in the AUA via membership. Each year before the Annual Meeting and before committee appointments are made in June, the AUA will conduct an official membership count to determine if a new country/region representative should be appointed to the IMC. Currently, the IMC includes 20 member countries.

Vision/Mission/Purpose

The Committee serves to provide guidance and support to the AUA as it strives to be the leading international urologic association serving the global community. This includes helping build an understanding of the needs and specific issues faced by the international community, growing AUA's international membership, enhancing member engagement and expanding the AUA's member offerings to the global community.

Committee Meetings

The committee will meet in-person at the AUA Annual Meeting and additional communication will take place via email at the discretion of the chair.

Time Commitment

Chair: 20-30 hours annually Member: 10-15 hours annually

Responsibilities

Chair: The position of Chair is filled by the AUA Secretary who oversees recommendations to the Board of

Directors on issues concerning international urologists, residents and the urology community at large.

Members: Provide recommendations on issues to international urologists specifically from their home countries/regions and assist in identifying and reporting urologic educational needs of home countries/regions to the Secretary. Support AUA member recruitment and retention efforts in their respective country and serve as a liaison/advocate for AUA's collaborations in the country/region.

Compliance

Committee positions are open to AUA members in good standing. All new members are required to agree to abide by <u>AUA's Civility Policy</u> when they accept their appointment and agree to annually complete a COI Disclosure Form in accordance with <u>AUA's COI Disclosure Policy</u>. The AUA reserves the right to suspend or remove a member from participation in any AUA activity while the individual is

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under investigation for a violation of AUA's policies.

Criteria for Selecting New Members

The association/society for each country that qualifies for IMC membership will recommend an individual to serve on the IMC as that country's representative. The recommendation will need to be approved by the Secretary. All recommended IMC representatives must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a member in good standing of the AUA
- Occupy a leadership position within the relevant country's association/society
- Be able to serve for a minimum of two years on the IMC and ideally throughout their term on their respective country's association/society's leadership team
- Be willing and able to dedicate time and energy to the mission and goals of the IMC
- Being willing and able to support AUA member recruitment and retention efforts within their country
- Attend the in-person IMC meeting that takes place every year in conjunction with the AUA Annual Meeting
- Participate in AUA-related activities held in the home country/region (e.g. scientific sessions) and serve as a liaison and advocate for AUA's collaborations in the country/region.
- Bi-lingual communication proficiency in both the home country's native language and English.

Recent Accomplishments – 2024

- Facilitated selection of resident/fellow participants in the second Global Residents Leadership Retreat, to be held Friday, April 25, 2025 in Las Vegas.
- Supported the recruitment and retention of members in partner countries by distributing marketing materials through local society.
- Contributed content bi-monthly to feature in AUA's Global Connections e-newsletter.
- Increased awareness of AUA Guideline panel and peer review opportunities by disseminating information through the local society.
- Supported the nomination of International members for the AUA Awards Program for the first time in AUA's history.

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