



ICSTI Membership Information

The **International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI)** facilitates cooperation and knowledge exchange among scientific and technical information stakeholder organizations. ICSTI's mission cuts across scientific and technical disciplines, as well as international borders, to give member organizations and their staffs the benefit of a truly global community.

The future of STI is changing. New technologies are continuously reshaping the way information is processed, transferred and utilized. By creating opportunities for connection and engagement at all levels of our member organizations, both management and staff benefit from the shared experiences and expertise of the ICSTI community's diverse and truly international perspectives.

ICSTI invites interested organizations to unite with our **current members** around the common goals and shared challenges inherent to information management and infrastructure in the open science era.

Examples of the Benefits of ICSTI Membership

- Increased visibility through speaking opportunities at ICSTI events and recognition on the ICSTI website
- Leadership experience for your staff through election to the **ICSTI board** and via task forces and working groups
- Opportunities for partnership and the exploration of new markets through engagement with ICSTI's global network of policy development and implementation experts and decision-makers
- High quality **virtual events**, including the exclusive ICSTI *Connections* series which fosters in-depth small-group discussions of key achievements and challenges among international peers
- Participation in an **annual conference and other events**, both in-person and virtual, featuring invited member and non-member talks on key topics in open science policy and information infrastructure
- Opportunities to engage with ICSTI partners such as **CODATA**, **FORCE11**, **GreyNet**, the **World Data System**, and others through working groups, events, and collaboration on international policy recommendations
(e.g. [10.5281/zenodo.3935461](#) 2020 sub. to UNESCO w/CODATA, [10.25490/a97f-egyk](#) 2014 Data Citation Principles w/FORCE11 & CODATA)
- Weekly newsletter covering the latest scientific and technical information and scholarly communications news
- Research and publication efforts synthesizing ICSTI member best practices and innovations
(e.g. [10.5446/59861](#), a 2022 survey of ICSTI member infrastructures, tools, and services for non-textual materials)
- Reduced fees for participation in the groundbreaking federated open science search platform **WorldWideScience.org**, which offers real-time, multilingual results from participating databases





ICSTI Membership Classes

ICSTI offers four classes of membership. Full Members pay dues while Associate and Honorary Members pay no dues. Full Members are subdivided into several dues categories associated with different voting powers. Associate Members and Honorary members have no vote.

Class A Full Members

Organizations with principal interests in either (1) the generation or use of new scientific or technical information, or (2) the coordination of activities of type (1) within a geographical area or within a discipline. Includes organizations primarily representing the interests of scientific and technical information users, such as scientific unions, learned societies, national academies.

Class B Full Members

Organizations with principal activities in the collection, storage, organization, or dissemination of scientific or technical information. Includes abstracting and indexing services, data centers and services, representatives of primary publishers, online vendors, networks, libraries, information centers, and also policy making bodies, sponsors and coordinators of information activities.

Class C Associate Members

Organizations with some interests in common with those of ICSTI. Includes organizations concerned with the transfer of scientific information who wish to keep abreast of, and contribute to the activities and development of ICSTI.

Class D Honorary Members

Persons whose outstanding contribution to the work of ICSTI merits special recognition.

Membership Categories, Dues and Voting Privileges

For Full Members (Class A & B), there are several categories of dues associated with different voting powers, as detailed in the tables below. On matters relating to dues and budget, Class A, B1, and B2 members have one vote, while Class B3, B4, and B5 members have two votes. In all other matters, each Full Member has one vote.

Annual Membership Dues Details

- The rates below apply from **1 January 2023**.
- Membership dues shall be paid exclusively in Euros (€).
- Membership year is January-December. First-year dues are pro-rated.
- Candidates for full membership must provide sufficient information in support of the dues category they apply for.
- For companies/institutions belonging to a common financial group, the first member to join pays according to the scheme below. Additional members from the same financial group join at the B1 dues rate.

Dues Categories & Number of Votes

The following table provides information on membership classes and annual dues. Dues are collected in Euros. To ensure that ICSTI membership is available to all interested qualifying organizations, Class B membership dues are divided into 5 categories based on the member organization's annual budget expenditure. Corporate members admitted as Class B Members pay dues according to their annual revenue.

Class	Dues Category	Annual Dues €EUR	Annual budget expenditure or revenue for Class B membership categories	Votes
Class A Full Members	-	940 €	N/A	1
Class B Full Members	B1	940 €	<i>up to 1.5 million \$USD</i>	1
	B2	1,745 €	<i>from 1.5 million to 3 million \$USD</i>	1
	B3	2,910 €	<i>from 3 million to 7.5 million \$USD</i>	2
	B4	4,990 €	<i>from 7.5 million to 12 million \$USD</i>	2
	B5	8,230 €	<i>above 12 million \$USD</i>	2
Class C Associate Members	-	no dues	N/A	no vote
Class D Honorary Members	-	no dues	N/A	no vote

Join ICSTI

The ICSTI membership application can be found [here](#). Please direct any membership questions and/or send your duly completed and signed application form to icsti@icsti.org.

The ICSTI Secretary will follow up to request additional information required by ICSTI's officers in support of your application. They will review your application materials to ensure that your organization complies with ICSTI admission criteria and is admitted in the appropriate membership class.

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