



ICSTI Membership Information

The International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) provides a unique forum for organizations that create, disseminate and use scientific and technical information (STI). 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. ICSTI facilitates the exchange of experience, expertise and understanding among our members and other stakeholders in open science to create opportunities for organizational networking and collaboration across communities.

Benefits of ICSTI Membership



- Participation in the WorldWideScience.org global open science gateway, a groundbreaking federated search platform offering real-time, multilingual search results from participating member databases
- High quality public and members only events, including:



- *ICSTI Exchanges*, a webinar series featuring invited experts speaking on cutting edge topics and key trends in STI
- *ICSTI Connections*, a members-only live forum series in which members submit discussion topics and provide volunteer moderators
- ICSTI's annual General Assembly, an in-person or virtual meeting at which members give input on ICSTI business matters and participate in unique members-only events
- Other in-person and virtual learning and networking events in collaboration with ICSTI's members and partners



- Opportunities for networking across boundaries and information communities
- Collaborative partnership initiatives between members and non-members
- Engagement with science decision-makers on matters relating to information and data, and opportunities to comment on international policy recommendations



- Exploration of leading-edge STI technologies, tools and other technical topics organized by ICSTI's Technical Activities Coordinating Chair (TACC)
- Trend analysis and horizon scanning focused on open science and open innovation organized by ICSTI's Information Trends and Opportunities Chair (ITOC)



- Close working relationships with the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA), FORCE11, the Research Data Alliance, and more
- Weekly newsletter service covering the latest scholarly communications news
- Collaborative research and publication efforts to share and compare best practices and innovations across ICSTI's members



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, and WorldWideScience.org Fee

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 2022**.
- 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

Class	Dues Category	Annual Dues in €	Votes	Pre-2022 Category
Class A Full Members	-	940 €	1	
Class B Full Members	1	940 €	1	
	2	1,745 €	1	<i>previously B1</i>
	3	2,910 €	2	<i>previously B2</i>
	4	4,990 €	2	<i>previously B2.5</i>
	5	8,230 €	2	<i>previously B3</i>
Class C Associate Members	-	no dues	no vote	
Class D Honorary Members	-	no dues	no vote	

Class B Dues Category Criteria

Organizations admitted as Class B Members pay dues according to their annual budget expenditure. Corporate members admitted as Class B Members pay dues according to their annual revenue. Class B dues category budget/revenue criteria are broken down as follows:

Class B Category	Annual budget expenditure or revenue	
	\$USD	€EUR*
B1	<i>up to 1.5 million \$USD</i>	<i>up to ~1.3 million €EUR</i>
B2	<i>from 1.5 million to 3 million \$USD</i>	<i>from ~1.3 million to ~2.6 million €EUR</i>
B3	<i>from 3 million to 7.5 million \$USD</i>	<i>from ~2.6 million to ~6.6 million €EUR</i>
B4	<i>from 7.5 million to 12 million \$USD</i>	<i>from ~6.6 million to ~10.6 million €EUR</i>
B5	<i>above 12 million \$USD</i>	<i>above ~10.6 million €EUR</i>

* Amounts in €EUR are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand and were calculated in February 2022

WorldWideScience.org Fee

ICSTI membership dues also support the [WorldWideScience.org](https://www.worldwidescience.org) global open science gateway. New ICSTI member organizations who wish to have their database or information source added to WorldWideScience.org will pay a separate one-time fee of \$1000 USD (~€800 EUR)* to the ICSTI member responsible for hosting WorldWideScience.org. The fee covers the initial costs associated with adding the new public information source/database to WorldWideScience.org. Maintenance costs for future years are included in the regular ICSTI dues as described above.

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 any 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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