



ICSTI Membership

The International Council for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) offers a unique forum for interaction between organizations that create, disseminate and use scientific and technical information. ICSTI's mission cuts across scientific and technical disciplines, as well as international borders, to give member organizations the benefit of a truly global community.

The future of scientific and technical information is changing. New technologies are continuously reshaping the way information is processed, transferred and used. ICSTI facilitates the exchange of experience, expertise and understanding among stakeholders in the scholarly communications process to create opportunities for organizational networking and collaboration across communities.

Benefits of ICSTI Membership



- High quality conferences and workshops on STEM information topics.
- 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.



- Close working relationships with the International Science Council (ISC) and the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA).
- Weekly newsletter service covering the latest developments in scholarly communication.



- ICSTI Insights, an on-demand communique presenting commissioned in-depth analyses of critical issues in STI.
- Sponsorship of ground-breaking initiatives such as WorldWideScience.org
- Participation in an international program of multi contributor technology/innovation projects via the Technical Activities Coordinating Committee (TACC).
- Foresight/horizon scanning, reportage on ICSTI affiliated activities and projects, and summary policy monitoring via the Information Trends and Opportunities Committee (ITOC).



- Biannual TACC & ITOC workshop presentations by invited experts providing new ideas and global perspectives.





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 categories of dues 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 Dues & 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 members have one vote, while Class B2, B2.5, and B3 members have two votes. In all other matters, each Full Member has one vote.

Membership Dues Details

- The rates below apply from **1 January 2022**.
- Membership dues shall be paid exclusively in €.
- 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
Class A Full Members	-	940 €	1
Class B Full Members	1	1,745 €	1
	2	2,910 €	2
	2.5	4,990 €	2
	3	8,230 €	2
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
B1	up to 3 million dollars
B2	from 3 million to 7.5 million dollars
B2.5	from 7.5 million to 12 million dollars
B3	above 12 million dollars

Join ICSTI

Membership applications must be made with an awareness of the purposes and principles of ICSTI as outlined on [our website](#). The ICSTI membership application can be found [here](#). Please direct any membership questions and/or send your duly completed and signed application form to icstioffice@gmail.com.

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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