

International Association for Paratuberculosis



POLICIES

2018

The Governing Board from time to time makes policies to guide the implementation of the various Articles of the Laws and By-Laws. These policies are presented in the order that the Articles appear in the Laws and By-Laws.

Membership (Article I, Section 2)

Special memberships

There are two special membership categories under Article I, Section 2:

- Longstanding members who have retired may be given the membership status “Emeritus”.
- Members who have made an extraordinary contribution to Association may be awarded “Life Membership”.

(Adopted 2005; Modified 2018)

Items of Business for the General Membership Session (Article 6. Section 5).

Any member wishing to bring business before the General Membership Session of the Association will submit this business in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, or have these matters communicated to the Secretary-Treasurer by his/her representative on the Board of Directors at least 30 days before the meeting.

(Adopted 2005; Modified 2018)

Management of Colloquia (Article VII)

Financial Assistance from the Association.

Colloquia will be budgeted so as to be self-funding. The Governing Board may decide to assist the Organizing Committee by providing funds to cover initial costs for the Colloquium that is in accordance with an operating budget approved by the Governing Board.

Reporting.

The Convenor of the Colloquium will report progress in administrative and financial aspects of organizing the Colloquium to the Secretary-Treasurer upon request to include nominations to Organizing Committee, updated operating budgets, nominations to the Program Sub-Committee, and financial reports.

Remit of Advance and Profit.

The Convenor of the Organizing Committee will remit the advance provided by the Association and any profit from the Colloquium to the Secretary-Treasurer upon demand.

Newsletter (Article VIII)

Advertisements.

Advertisements in the Newsletter shall be made available, at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief, at a cost to be determined from time to time by the Governing Board.

Advertisements by other non-profit organizations will be accepted without fee, but will be limited to one per calendar year.

(Adopted 17 August 2005)

Fellowships and Grants (Article IX)

The R. S. Merkal Memorial Fellowships.

The Association, based on the availability of funds and as determined by the Governing Board, will provide funding for the participation graduate students to attend each Colloquium of The Association. Selection of these individuals will be by an ad hoc Committee appointed by the Governing Board and will be based on need, potential for future contributions to the field and scientific merit of a submitted abstract. Funding will include air fare, lodging, general registration and a per diem for meals. All applicants must be members of the Association or sponsored by a member of the Association. The fellowships will not be open to applicants having residence in same country in which the Colloquium is being held. Such funding shall be contingent upon the availability of funds and The Association reserves the right to change or otherwise modify this policy depending on the availability of Association assets.

(Initially adopted, April 1994. Amended 2002, 2018).

Participation of the President and Chairpersons of the Program and Organizing Committee in Colloquia.

The Association will provide funding to the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee, Chairperson of the Program Committee, and the President or his/her designee to attend the meeting of the Association (Xth International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis) in which these individuals participated. Such funding will be limited to coach air fare, general registration, and lodging and will not include meals or other expenses unless incorporated into a General Registration or other Package. Such funding shall be contingent upon the availability of funds and The Association reserves the right to change or otherwise modify this policy depending on the availability of Association assets.

Adopted, July 18, 1994

Helping Hand Fellowships

The Association, based on the availability of funds and as determined by the Governing Board, will provide funding for individuals from lower income countries to participate in each Colloquium of The Association. Selection of these individuals will be by an ad hoc Committee appointed by the Governing Board and will be based on the economic status of the individual's country of origin, a written statement of interest in paratuberculosis, potential for future contributions to the field, and scientific merit of a submitted abstract if one has been submitted (abstract submission is not required). Funding will include full registration for the Colloquium, paid membership in the Association for the year of the Colloquium and the year following the Colloquium, partial travel support to be determined from year to year. Such funding shall be contingent upon the availability of funds and The Association reserves the right to change or otherwise modify this policy depending on the availability of Association assets

(Adopted August 17, 2005; Amended 2018)

International Collaborative Research Grant Program (ICRGP).

Under Article IX, Fellowship and grants program, of the Laws & Bylaws of the Association, and based on the availability of funds and as determined by the Governing Board, the Association will make available research grant awards, hereby called the “International Collaborative Research Grant Program” (ICRGP), to foster collaborative research efforts between countries and members of the Association. As an international organization devoted to promote International collaboration, the goal of the ICRGP is to provide seed money to initiate and foster international research collaborations and/or to support and aid existing collaborative efforts between countries. Selection of awardees will be by an ad hoc and based on their scientific merit, contribution to the field of paratuberculosis, and meeting the goals of the ICRGP. All members of the Association, with at least 2-year membership without arrears, are eligible to apply for funding. Funds may not be used for indirect costs. Full details and application information will be provided in a Request for Application (RFA) prepared by the ad hoc Committee and approved by the Governing Board. The ICRGP shall be contingent upon the availability of funds as determined by the Governing Board on an annual basis.

(Adopted September 2018)