

Terms of Reference

Special Access Membership

Scope

The aim of IPS Special Access Membership (SAM) is to provide healthcare professionals interested in Infection Prevention and Control, living or working in Low or Middle Income Country (LMIC)s with free membership to IPS giving them access to resources, professional networks and education opportunities provided by the society, thereby aligning with the broader aims of IPS.

1. Eligibility

- a. Individuals who are eligible to apply are:
 - i. healthcare professionals interested in IPC
 - ii. residing and working in an LMIC as per OECD list of LIMCs available at this link - <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.html>
- b. Individuals must not work for a commercial company.

2. Application process

- a. Interested applicants are encouraged to fill in the 'Special Access Membership' application on the IPS website membership section.
- b. Applicants must provide evidence of residing address in an LMIC and place of work for verification. A good quality electronic scan is acceptable.
- c. Applicants must have an email address to enable correspondence
- d. Applicants will then be screened by the IPS membership team for approval.
- e. Once approved, SAM applicants will receive confirmation via email which would include SAM number and summary of SAM 'terms of reference'.
- f. Special access membership will expire after one year. Applicants would be required to reapply and provide proof of address/work once on each subsequent application

3. Terms (benefits and reservations)

- a. All correspondence with SAM will be via email. There are to be no postage fees incurred by IPS in relation to SAM.

- b. SAM registrants will have access to all virtual benefits of IPS membership including
 - i. access to all IPS members' area on the IPS website.
 - ii. online access to Journal of Infection Prevention (JIP).
 - iii. IPS Digest (e-newsletter)
- c. SAM will however *not* be eligible to apply for IPS officer or Trustee roles.
- d. SAM can benefit from IPS member prices when registering for IPS main conference