

FELLOWSHIP OF THE ISHR

Fellowship benefits:

- Fellows will be entitled to add “FISHR” to their degrees and distinctions.
- Fellows will be given free registration at World Congresses.
- They will receive a Fellowship certificate, and a list of Fellow will be published in *Heart News and Views*.

Fellowship costs:

- Fellows will be asked to pay US\$45 per annum (or US\$120 for 3 years) to the ISHR international. This is additional to and separate from their Section membership fees.

Fellowship selection:

- Fellows will be selected solely on the basis of scientific excellence – this would normally be expected to be an established track record of publication (in peer reviewed, high impact, international journals) of independent research that has made a major contribution to advancing our understanding in cardiovascular biology and medicine. Political or service contributions to the ISHR will not be a factor in selection.
- Fellows and nominators must be fully paid up members of one of the Sections of the ISHR and their name must appear on the ISHR (International) membership database.
- Honorary Members of the ISHR will automatically be appointed as Fellows.
- Fellowship will be highly prestigious. Only 82 Founding Fellows were selected at the time of the 2001 World Congress. Further Fellows will be appointed every 3 years. The numbers will be determined by Council but the total number of Fellows will not exceed 10% of the membership of the Society.
- Nominations will be sought from the general membership, the Council of the ISHR (International) and the Editorial Board of the *JMCC*. In addition, the members of the Council of each Section of the ISHR will be asked to nominate individuals they consider to be most deserving of this award. Only ISHR members can submit nominations.
- Nominations letter should include a list (and links) for the nominees 10 most important papers and a short (less than 500 words) statement or list of the major scientific accomplishments. A curriculum vitae should also be included.
- Self-nominations will not be considered.
- The final selection of Fellows will be made by a Credentials Committee. The Chair of the Credentials Committee will be appointed every 3 years by the Council of the ISHR (International). Taking account of scientific specialties, and in consultation with the President and Secretary General, the Chair will then appoint members of the Committee who should all be FISHRs and therefore not be nominees for selection. The chair of the selection committee may not nominate candidates for FISHR. The committee should comprise about 15 members, have a broad geographical composition and include at least 4-5 members of the Council of the ISHR (International).
- While Fellowships will be conferred solely on the basis of scientific merit, account will be taken of the very differing constraints, facilities and research opportunities available to members in different countries.
- The Credentials Committee will deliver its list of selected Fellows to the President of the ISHR who will ascertain from those selected whether they wish to accept this honor.