The IAVS Membership Committee 2019–2023 consists of the following members:

- Jürgen Dengler (Chair; CH; connection to EDGG)
- Bianca Andrade (BR, connection to Latin America)
- Riccardo Guarino (IT)
- Reginald Tang Guuroh (GH, connection to YS and to Africa)
- Gerald Jurasinski (DE, connection to Website and Social Media Committee)
- Frank Jonghong Li (CN, connection to China)
- Javier Loidi (ES, connection to GB)
- Alireza Naqinezhad (IR, connection to Global Sponsorship Committee)

The Membership Committee aims to support IAVS in improving member services and increasing its membership. To this end, the Committee had developed a Strategy Plan in 2019 and fine-tuned it in 2020. The IAVS Membership Committee would be very eager to implement the ideas formulated in this Strategy Plan, such as advertising campaigns, and has re-assured the IAVS Governing Board repeatedly about this willingness.

However, any serious action of the Membership Committee during the past year was still impeded by the slow transition of the membership database to the new Business Office. Most importantly, the membership database of IAVS as a whole and the respective databases of its subgroups are still not merged – despite this feature was one of the core requirements formulated in the contract with MCI. Therefore, the plan to gain additional IAVS members among the many members of IAVS working groups (e.g. EDGG; EVS) who are not IAVS members yet, could not reasonably be implemented. We would thus like to ask the future IAVS GB and the IAVS Business Office to give high priority to a full and functional integration of working group member databases with the general IAVS database so that the Membership Committee of the period 2023-2027 can finally implement actions to increase membership in underrepresented regions of the world.

Given that the prerequisites of most ideas of the Strategy Plan were not met in the last year and there were only minimal other requests by the IAVS GB or the IAVS Business Office, the Membership Committee remained largely inactive during this period. Only Jürgen Dengler, as the chair, could give some feedback (at short notice) on the wording of the membership renewal communication at the end of 2022.

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