

MEMBER GUIDE

Introduction

This guide has been developed to demonstrate the value of joining/belonging to ISBER.

About ISBER

ISBER's vision is to be the leading global forum for promoting harmonized high quality standards, education, ethical principles, and innovation in the science and management of biorepositories. Our goals are to:

- Disseminate information on repository management issues
- Educate and share information and tools within the society and with stakeholders
- Act as the voice for repositories to influence regulations and policy
- Develop best practice guidelines and tools based on these best practices
- Provide centralized information about existing repositories
- Bring members together to work on emerging issues

ISBER is a global biobanking organization that creates opportunities for networking, education, and innovation. ISBER provides a community for harmonizing approaches to emerging challenges in repositories, as well as fostering ideas to create new solutions. Key elements of ISBER's activities include: creating educational and training opportunities; providing a forum for the dissemination of state-of-the-art policies, processes, and research findings; and showcasing innovative technologies, products, and service

Why Should You Join?

ISBER membership will provide you with the knowledge and ability to enhance your organizational operations by:

- Gaining access to global experts and the latest in biobanking innovations to enhance your organizational operations, including the ISBER Best Practices and ISBER Tools to evaluate and improve repository operations.
- Connecting with peers through the ISBER Forum to discuss issues of common interest and find solutions to current challenges and day-to-day operational issues.
- Participating in educational sessions and webinars on the latest innovations and emerging issues in repository operations.
- Networking with the global biobanking community.

ISBER members also receive discounted rates to ISBER meetings and have the option to access ISBER's official journal, *Biopreservation and Biobanking*.

Membership Rates and Levels

There are two levels of ISBER Memberships:
Organizational and Individual

Organizational Memberships

Organizational members are institutions from academia, government and industry that manage repositories or are interested in repository operations and/or provide services and products for specimen collection and repository management.

BENEFITS OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

✓ 2-8 Individual Memberships*

Sub-accounts enjoy benefits mentioned for **Individual Memberships and the benefits below.*

✓ **Marketing discounts** and benefits (e.g., marketing opportunities at ISBER conferences)

✓ Opportunity to become an **ISBER Corporate Partner**

✓ **Discounted exhibit space** at ISBER Annual and Regional Meetings

Save up to **\$425 USD**

✓ Discounted **advertisements** in the ISBER News

Save up to **\$100 USD**

✓ Online jobs board at **www.biobankingjobs.com**

**Number of Individual Memberships is dependent on size of Organizational Membership, see below.*

Choose the Size of your Organizational Membership:

+2

Small Organization

(includes 2 Individual Memberships)

+4

Medium Organization

(includes 4 Individual Memberships)

+8

Large Organization

(includes 8 Individual Memberships)

Organizational Membership Rates

	LARGE Membership \$1,480/year	MEDIUM Membership \$812/year	SMALL Membership \$426/year
Number of Sub-accounts (Individual Memberships)	8	4	2
Number of Electronic Subscriptions to ISBER BIO Journal	4	2	1
Discount on Exhibit Space at ISBER Annual Meetings	Save \$425 USD		
Discount on ISBER News Advertisements	Save \$100 USD		

Up to
50%
Discount

**for Low and Middle
Income Countries**

New and renewing members in countries identified by the World Bank as Low Income, Lower Middle Income, and Upper Middle Income may receive up to 50% off their ISBER membership, as outlined below. **Click here** to review the list of eligible countries.

- Low Income - 50% off ISBER Membership
- Lower Middle Income - 50% off ISBER Membership
- Upper Middle Income - 25% off ISBER Membership

Individual Membership

Individual Members are persons who are involved in resource management or who have interests related to the operation of biological or environmental repositories. They may be employees of Organizational Members.

BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

✓ Reduced registration rates to ISBER Annual and Regional Meetings	Save up to \$250 USD
✓ Option to subscribe to Biopreservation and Biobanking (BIO) , ISBER's official journal	Save up to \$629 USD
✓ Access to the ISBER Best Practices for Repositories and free Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)	Save up to \$180 USD
✓ Access to ISBER Members-Only Forums to learn and share cutting-edge approaches to biobanking with other members	
✓ Online jobs board at www.biobankingjobs.com	
✓ Discounted registration to the IBBL Biospecimen Proficiency Testing (PT) Program	Save up to \$50 USD
✓ Discounted registration to the online Essentials of Biobanking Course	Save up to \$200 USD
✓ Access to ISBER News	
✓ Option to participate in the ISBER Working Groups, Special Interest Groups, Advisory Committees, Regional Ambassadors Program, and Board of Directors	
✓ Ability to vote in the ISBER Elections	

Individual Membership Rates

LEVEL OF JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTION	RENEWAL PRICE (USD)	15% DISCOUNT FOR NEW MEMBERS (USD)
Individual Membership with No Journal	\$185	\$157.25
Individual Membership with Electronic Journal Subscription	\$210	\$178.50
Individual Membership with E-Journal and Printed Journal Subscription	\$345	\$313.50

Please note that ISBER Membership is based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and is not prorated. Renewal/registration for the next year opens the preceding October. All prices are in USD.

Advocating for ISBER Membership to your Organization:

When advocating for ISBER Membership to your organization, focus on how the membership will benefit the organization. Here are a few suggested questions for which you may wish to prepare organization-specific responses:

- How will membership help the organization?
- How will an ISBER Membership help staff in their day-to-day tasks?
- How will an ISBER Membership support the educational needs of staff?
- How will membership support the professional development of staff?

If ISBER can help you in any way to advocate for your membership, please contact the ISBER Head Office at 1-604-484-5693 or email info@isber.org.

Sample Letter

Dear [First Name],

I am writing to recommend obtaining a membership with the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER).

ISBER will enhance my professional development for our organization in the following ways:

- Our organization will have access to global experts and the latest in biobanking innovations to enhance our organizational operations.
- Our organization will have access to ISBER Best Practices, which will help update and harmonize our operations and internationalize our standards.
- Our organization will have access to ISBER Tools, which will help gauge the efficacy of our operations.
- Our organization will have access to connect with peers through the ISBER Forum where questions can be posted to help troubleshoot day-to-day operational issues.
- Our organization will have access to educational sessions and webinars that will improve the efficiency of personnel.
- Our organization will have the opportunity to share our biobanking activities and network with the global biobanking community.
- Members will receive discounted rates to ISBER meetings.
- Through the membership, we will have access to Biopreservation and Biobanking, ISBER's official journal.
- Our organization will have the ability to post to the ISBER online jobs board at www.biobankingjobs.com.
- Members have the opportunity to serve on committees and be nominated for leadership roles.

ISBER is a leader in developing policy that will affect the biobanking and biospecimen industry and scientific research around the world. By becoming a member, we will have increased access to learning about new and upcoming policies and to advocate for policy changes that benefit our organization's scientific research.

[**Add the following two paragraphs if you belong to a commercial organization or are part of the industry!]

ISBER also has additional benefits to vendor organizations, including:

- Discounted exhibit space at ISBER Annual and Regional Meetings
- Discounted advertisements in ISBER News
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Platform for product launches and networking at ISBER Exhibitions

If you are interested in marketing opportunities, ISBER provides a perfect forum for organizations and companies to reach their target/niche audience. Through links and announcements on the ISBER website, ads, peer-reviewed articles in Biopreservation and Biobanking, and exhibits at the ISBER meetings, members can interact directly with and showcase their products to the repository community.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Full Name]