



FELLOWSHIP OF THE ISHR

The International Society for Heart Research invites you to nominate candidates for membership in the Fellowship of the ISHR.

History of the Fellowship

The ISHR established the Fellowship of the ISHR as a means of recognizing those members who have distinguished themselves for outstanding contributions to cardiovascular research. Fellows are selected solely on the basis of scientific excellence, as evidenced by an established track record of publications in high-impact journals. The main criterion in assigning Fellowship status is the performance of independent research that has made a major contribution to advancing our understanding of cardiovascular biology and medicine. Political considerations or service contributions to the ISHR are not factors in the selection of Fellows.

A total of 82 Founding Fellows of the ISHR were introduced at the 17th World Congress of the ISHR in Winnipeg, Canada in July 2001, while 16 additional Fellows were chosen in 2004 and 10 in 2007. The Society looks to its Fellows for leadership and guidance in its various activities; including the organization of topical meetings and selection of recipients for Society awards.

Fellowship Benefits

- Fellows will be entitled to add “FISHR” to their degrees and distinctions.
- Fellows will receive a complimentary subscription (hard copy) to *JMCC*.
- Fellows will be given free registration at World Congresses.
- The names of new Fellows will be published in the *JMCC*.
- Fellows will receive a Fellowship certificate, and a picture and brief biosketch of each Fellow will be published in *Heart News & Views*.

Fellowship costs:

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

Procedure for Nomination and Selection

1. Nominations will be sought by the Secretary General from members of the International Council, members of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology*, and Councils of ISHR Sections. In addition, the Secretary General will publish an open invitation in the *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology* and on the ISHR website for members to submit nominations.

2. The final selection of Fellows will be made by a Credentials Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee will be appointed every 3 years by the International Council. Taking into account scientific specialties, and in consultation with the President and Secretary General, the

Chairman will then appoint a Committee comprised of 3 members of the International Council, at least one representative of each of four Sections, and up to 3 additional members from the Society at large.

4. 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 of different Sections.

5. 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. Should any candidate choose to decline, the Credentials Committee will then be invited to offer additional names so long as they are deemed sufficiently meritorious for the award. The total number of Fellows will not exceed 5% of the total membership of the Society.

6. Candidates must be active members (or have applied for membership) of the International Society for Heart Research (membership application forms are available through the ISHR website at www.ishrworld.org or from Professor Metin Avkiran, Secretary General – ISHR, Cardiovascular Division, King's College London, The Rayne Institute, St Thomas' Hospital, London SE1 7EH, UK, Tel: +44-20-7188-3899, Fax: +44-20-7188-3902, Email: metin.avkiran@kcl.ac.uk).

7. Self-nominations will not be considered.

8. The name and institute of each nominee and a brief (one page) letter of nomination outlining his/her major contributions to cardiovascular science should be sent **by email** (llobaugh@nc.rr.com) to Dr. Leslie Anderson Lobaugh, Executive Secretary – ISHR.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 30th September 2009. Nominations received after that date cannot be considered.