



**International Society  
for Heart Research**  
European Section

## ISHR-ES Newsletter

### November 2024

Dear ISHR-ES Member,

After an eventful summer with our 2024 ISHR-ES Congress in Toulouse, France, we are now approaching with big steps our **25<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the ISHR**, which will take place on **May 11-14 in Nara (Japan)**, and which provides many opportunities for researchers, and also especially for our early-career (ECI) and mid-career investigators (MCI).

The support of these young scientists is a central tenet of our Society, and there are many opportunities for you to get involved in the activities of the ISHR-ES. Below, you find a number of calls for ISHR-ES **council membership** (2 positions), **MCI members on our Council** (2 positions), **ECI visiting research fellowships** for laboratory visits before or after the World Congress in Japan, **ECI travel awards** to attend the World Congress, and the ISHR **Richard J. Bing Young Investigator Award**.

Looking back on the year, take a few minutes to scan the pictures of our ISHR-ES Congress in Toulouse ([available here](#)) or [the promotional video](#). Furthermore, we welcome **two new ECI members** to our Council, **Karoline B. Rypdal** from the Oslo Center for Clinical Heart Research in Norway and **Jonathan P. Lambert** from the University of Padua (Italy); and also **Llewelyn Roderick** from the KU Leuven (Belgium) as a new regular member of the ISHR-ES Council.

We are now looking forward to starting into the new ISHR "season" and to seeing many of you in Nara in May. Furthermore, please save the date for our **"science afternoon"** during the **ISHR-ES Winter Council Meeting**, which you can follow via Zoom on the afternoon of January 8th, 2025 (details will be announced on X/Twitter in due course).

Please enjoy the newsletter and scroll through to the end - there is a lot of information!

Kind regards!

Christoph Maack

President, ISHR-ES

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## **Call for two new members of ISHR-ES Council**

**Nominations are invited for TWO new council members of the ISHR-European section.** Each applicant must be a paid member of an ISHR Section, or should justify current membership by other means (e.g. proof of bank transfer). In order to maintain a balance of geographical representation on the Council, on this occasion, preference will be given to applications from countries *other than* UK, Germany and Belgium. If you are interested in this Call for ISHR-ES Council membership, please e-mail your application (to include motivation letter and brief CV as a single pdf) to the ISHR-ES Secretary at [secretary@ishr-europe.org](mailto:secretary@ishr-europe.org) by **20th Dec 2024**. Self-nominations are accepted. Candidates may reside in any European country, but preference will be given to those nationalities that are under-represented on the current council.

For more information on the ISHR-ES Council press here

## **Call for two new mid-career ISHR-ES Council members**

ISHR International has a committee for Mid-Career Investigators ([MCI](#)), similar to the committee in place for the ECIs. The European Section, ISHR-ES, is calling for two new MCI members to join the council, attend ISHR-ES council meetings, help contribute to running of the MCI events, as well as attending ISHR-International MCI meetings. MCIs are defined as between 8 and 15 years post terminal degree (excluding anyone who has reached the rank of full professor). Please see [the website](#) for details, and e-mail your application (to include motivation letter and brief CV as a single pdf) to Prof Sean Davidson, ISHR-ES Secretary at [secretary@ishr-europe.org](mailto:secretary@ishr-europe.org) by **20th Dec 2024**. Self-nominations are accepted.



**The 25th World Congress of the ISHR will be held in Nara, Japan in 2025. 11 - 14 May 2025**

*Registration and abstract submission are [now open](#) for the biennial international ISHR meeting.*

The **international program** includes **distinguished speakers** from the 8 regional ISHR Sections who will present their recent advances in the field of cardiovascular research. You are invited

to join the meeting and present your abstract in one of the three afternoon poster sessions (24 abstracts will also be selected to be presented as short talks in the meeting symposia).

Reflecting ISHR's commitment to our junior scientists, there will be many **awards** and **events** geared towards early and mid-career researchers (see website).

The congress location, **Nara in Japan**, is vibrant with rich culture and attractions. Surrounded by several world heritage sites including the oldest wooden building in the world, this world congress will be a unique environment. You may want to take advantage of the perfect timing to attend the famous Aoi Matsuri, or Hollyhock festival which will take place in Kyoto a day after the congress.

Make sure you book your travel and accommodation soon, to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit Japan!

**Important dates (see conference website for details)**

**November 1, 2024:** [Registration and Abstract Submission](#) open

**December 16, 2024:** Deadline for applications for [Visiting Research Fellowships for laboratory visits](#)

**February 1, 2025:** Abstract submission deadline to be considered for oral presentation

**February 1, 2025:** Deadline for application for [Young Investigator Travel awards](#)

**February 1, 2025:** Deadline for application for [Richard J Bing Award for Young Investigators](#)

**March 15, 2025:** Early registration discount ends

**March 15, 2025:** Abstract submission ends

ISHR World Congress website

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Early Career Investigator Visiting Research Fellowships for Laboratory Visits at the ISHR World Congress in Nara, May 2025**

The ISHR International Council will sponsor [Visiting Research Fellowships for Early Career Investigators](#) (ECI) to undertake training in new techniques/methods at local Section institutes within Japan, the host region of the World Congress in 2025.

Fellowships will be awarded to successful applicants prior to the World Congress. Funding is specifically for subsidizing travel and accommodation costs related to visiting the nominated lab to train in a new technique. Visiting Research Fellowships will be awarded at the same rate as the stratified 2025 Travel Grants depending on the home Section of the applicant (US\$500 for JPN, CHI, US\$1000 for AUS, IND, SEA, and US\$1500 for EUR, NAS and LAT). Lab visits should occur immediately before or after the Congress and the expected duration is at least one week.

A list of potential host laboratories is available on the ISHR website. Please note that this list is not comprehensive; all laboratories in the Japanese Section that satisfy the eligibility and selection criteria are potential host laboratories.

Deadline for applications: **Monday 16th December, 2024.**

All relevant information and application forms can be found on the [ISHR website](#):

## **2025 World Congress Early Career Investigator (ECI) Travel Awards**

ISHR International has announced the availability of **2025 [World Congress Early Career Investigator \(ECI\) Travel Awards](#)** for qualifying applicants from all participating ISHR Sections. The awards will range from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on distance (travel cost) from the World Congress (\$500 for JPN, CHI, \$1000 for SEA, IND and AUS and \$1500 for EUR, NAS and LAT).

### **Requirements for the awards are:**

- Each recipient must be a **paid member** of an ISHR Section\*. Preference will be given to those who were members in 2024 and before.
- Recipients must be graduate students or within **8** years of their terminal degree (e.g. PhD or MD) at the time of the World Congress (May 11, 2025).
- Recipients must be the first author and presenter of an abstract submitted to the World Congress.
- Recipients of Travel Bursaries and Richard Bing Young Investigator finalists are not eligible for Travel awards (*i.e.* they cannot combine travel awards with the travel support provided for these other awards).

### **To apply for a Travel Award, eligible ECIs should:**

- Send an email confirming their eligibility and 1) a copy of a first-authored abstract that has been submitted to the World Congress and 2) a biosketch documenting that they are a student or within 8 years of their terminal degree (e.g. PhD or MD) **as a single pdf** (titled: *Travel\_Award\_2025 – LastName*) to the Executive Secretary ([llobaugh@ishrworld.org](mailto:llobaugh@ishrworld.org)).
- **Deadline** for receipt of applications **is February 1, 2025.**

**Successful applicants will be notified by March, 2025.**

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## **2025 ISHR Richard J. Bing Young Investigator Award**

The International Society for Heart Research (ISHR) is seeking applications for a distinguished award of international importance for recognizing outstanding young scientists: **The Richard J Bing Young Investigator Award**. The monetary prize is \$1,500 for the winner of the Richard J Bing Award and \$1,000 for 3 runner-up Finalists. This high-profile recognition will be presented at the XXV ISHR World Congress in Nara, Japan, May 11-14, 2025. The Winner and Finalists will be announced on the [ISHR-International website](#) and in Heart News and Views (the newsletter of ISHR-International). [Full details of this award, including a list of previous recipients and relevant guidelines](#), is provided on the ISHR web pages. The guidelines should be consulted before preparing any application.

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## Welcome to new ISHR ES Council members



After a closely fought election amongst the 6 candidates, we are delighted to welcome new ISHR ES council member Llew Roderick (KU Leuven, Belgium). We thank everyone who cast their vote.



The ISHR-ES Council are delighted to welcome two new ECI representatives to the council: Jonathan P. Lambert (University of Padua, Italy) and Karoline B. Rypdal (Oslo Center for Clinical Heart Research, Norway).

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## **Report on the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ISHR-ES, 11-14 June 2024, Toulouse, France**

Our annual meeting in Toulouse 2024 was a great success. Twenty-one travel grants were awarded for ECI members to attend the meeting. At the meeting, the 2024 Research Achievement Award lecture was presented by Luca Scorrano, and the 2024 Outstanding Investigator Award lecture was presented by Lisa Heather. A list of award winners and photos are available [on our website](#).

A promotional video for ISHR-ES was recorded at the meeting. Click the image below to watch it - perhaps you even see yourself or your lab members in there! We hope you enjoy it, and forward to anyone who would be interested in joining ISHR. <https://youtu.be/hDmWT-xb-OM>



### **Birmingham ISHR-ES meeting 2026**

We are very excited to announce that the next annual meeting of the ISHR-ES will be held in **Birmingham** in **2026**, and organized by Davor Pavlovic (University of Birmingham). Details will be available in 2025.

## ISHR-ES Membership

Members, please ensure that your [membership profiles and membership fees](#) are up to date.

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