

**International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis
Corporate Council**

Guidelines

Description of the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis (ISPD) and its Mission

ISPD represents a unique collaboration of experts focused on fetal issues, including screening and diagnosis of birth defects and fetal genetic disease, fetal therapy, maternal genetic effects on pregnancy outcomes, and the genetic/environmental control of the placenta. As an international society since 1996, members span the globe.

A fundamental goal of the Society is training the next generation. With genetic and other advances in prenatal diagnosis and fetal therapy occurring rapidly, the next five years is anticipated to bring integration into routine perinatal care, expanded fetal treatments, and correction of disease at the gene level. Preparation of the next generation of ISPD leaders is a top priority of the current Board of Directors. Additionally, training the next generation of providers to understand and integrate advancing genetic changes into routine maternity care represents a significant focus.

Purpose of the ISPD Corporate Council

ISPD recognizes that innovation and implementation of new technologies in prenatal diagnosis derive both from efforts in the academic environment and by industry partners. Thus, productive dialogue and collaborative approaches are important for advances in the field and their responsible implementation in a timely manner. ISPD welcomes interaction with the commercial sector to help further the mission of the Society. Therefore, ISPD is establishing a Corporate Council (CC) to which we invite companies whose products and services are related to the broad field of prenatal diagnosis and therapy, such as reproductive and prenatal screening and testing for genetic disorders, screening and testing for pregnancies at risk for complications, counseling and education, fetal and maternal imaging, and instrumentation for fetal interventions in high-risk pregnancies.

Structure of the Council

Companies participating would nominate a senior member of their organization, who should be a member of their medical, scientific, or research team, to represent them on the CC. Members of the CC would then elect a Chair to represent them in activities as described below. The ISPD Board and the CC Chair will determine and implement mechanisms to engage with the entire CC. The Chair of the CC will attend select portions of the ISPD Board of Directors meeting held at the annual conference to provide input on decisions regarding activities such as, but limited to, education and marketing; the CC Chair may be invited to attend other Board meetings throughout the year depending on the items up for discussion. Membership in the CC will be renewable on an annual basis with an annual donation to the ISPD Education Fund (see how to become a member below). The same company representative may serve more than one year if the company has provided at least the minimum yearly donation to the ISPD Education Fund. CC members will elect a new CC Chair every two years.

Benefits of Membership on the Council

The Corporate Council will provide a mechanism for meaningful communication and connection between leaders from the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis and industry partners. This will allow for a forum on issues and initiatives of mutual concern and foster collaboration in these areas. CC members will provide valuable advice and support to expand and deliver ISPD's educational programs, including anticipated future travel awards and scholarship programs to benefit international members and trainees.

Benefits of membership in the Corporate Council include:

- Connection with leaders on the ISPD Board of Directors
- Direct access to and engagement with a multidisciplinary global society
- Invitation to two annual meetings with the ISPD leadership:
 - An annual Corporate Council meeting held at ISPD's annual conference with all CC members
 - An annual virtual videoconference with ISPD leadership approximately six months before the annual conference OR an interim face-to-face meeting with ISPD leadership in conjunction with another society conference
- Recognition during ISPD's annual conference
- Acknowledgment on ISPD's website with a button link to the company's website. Such acknowledgment will note the company name but will not indicate the size of any donation

- Ability to bring proposals for consideration and vote by the entire CC and the ISPD Board covering educational or other activities of interest such as the development of position statements on topics relevant to the field
- Access to expert opinion from the ISPD Board and subgroup members on commercial study proposals
- Access to ISPD for expert corporate opinion on issues when they arise
- Access to ISPD membership for circulating calls for expression of interest for commercially sponsored studies, subject to approval by the ISPD Board
- Members of the CC are eligible to sponsor academic symposia at ISPD's annual conference. These symposia may not include speakers who serve on the ISPD Board of Directors, and the ISPD Board of Directors will review all agendas for symposia before they are confirmed.
- Members of the CC are automatically listed as supporters of the ISPD Virtual Education Series, which began in October 2020 and continues today. This series of webinars is scheduled around the Annual Conference and features the latest on what to tell prospective parents.

How to Become a Member of the Council

To be eligible for membership of the CC, a minimum donation of \$5,000 USD shall be made to the ISPD Education Fund on an annual basis where all funds are directed towards educational activities. Any donation made is independent of exhibitor or support fees provided for the annual conference and does not cover the cost of designated sponsored educational activities.