



On behalf of the International Society of Radiology (ISR) Quality and Safety Alliance (QSA) member organizations and the executive committee of the ISR, we are pleased that you have requested consideration for membership in the ISRQSA. The QSA has been an increasingly successful and recognized body for the global community dedicated to medical imaging, largely due to the engagement of a dynamic, diverse and expert representation of its members. We trust you will find the description of the mission and goals of the QSA, the expectations of the member organizations including the approval process for membership, and the mutual opportunities and benefits to the individual member organizations as well as the ISR both helpful and sufficient in confirming your request for membership.

The current QSA, formally transitioned from a similar safety group in 2016, consists of member organizations, each having chosen the denomination of either Alliance or a Campaign. QSA as one “agency” of the ISR is designated as responsible for the broad mission of improved quality and safety in medical imaging, although at this point in time efforts have been focused on radiation safety. Specific QSA goals include (1) establishment of networking, especially as member organizations often share connections within their domain to be able to amplify the work of the QSA, (2) centralized prioritization of and agendas for various projects and proposals relevant to member organizations, and (3) enhancement of the ISR mission in advancing safety and quality through the guidance of the QSA member organizations.

Membership follows submission for a request through Martina Szucsich (internationalaffairs@myesr.org) and upon review and advancement through the QSA chairperson(s) and majority approval by the ISR executive committee. There are currently no term limits or requirements for renewal of membership, and no application fee. General guidelines for consideration include national or transnational regional including continental organizational representation and identification of the lead(s) for the organization, including administrative contact information.

It is expected that the leadership participate in the QSA meetings, traditionally biannually at the Radiological Society of North America and European Congress of Radiology meetings. While other topics are included in the program for these meetings, each QSA member will be asked to give summary reports of relevant interim activities. Other meetings between QSA members may occur depending on the specific task and may be virtual as circumstances dictate. General links between Alliance member websites are shared including on the ISRQSA home on the ISR website. It is expected that individual QSA members supply their own administrative assistance for activities that reside within their organization. QSA administrative structure is intended to service the workings of Alliance that are owned or managed specifically by the QSA. In keeping with the spirit of commitment to the value of patronage to the ISR, QSA organizations, including their representative country(ies), are expected to meet and maintain the rights and privileges of the ISR through formal membership terms. Specific exceptions that might be necessary

for these terms given the potentially unique representation of an individual QSA organization may be discussed with the QSA leadership and as necessary the ISR executive committee. Individual QSA organizations are expected to be delegates with equitable representation of the entire organizational constituents. In addition, and in keeping with the expectations of all individual members of the ISR and QSA, QSA member organizational leadership and administrators are to subscribe to customary collegial engagements including professional and respectful interactions.

There are a number of opportunities and benefits in ISRQSA membership, for the ISR as well as member organizations. These include the obvious general value added through an established and reputable network, efficiencies gained through shared resources, ability for amplification and augmentation of messages and other content based on connections with regional societies/organizations under the umbrella of the individual Alliance member organizations, enhanced ISRQSA efforts (content, communication, etc) based on members' sociocultural input that may serve to increase relevance for respective communities, greater ability to have local/regional/national voices from within the domain of the QSA organization to be present in a global forum, opportunity for enriched educational and research efforts, recruitment of regional and national contributions to the other aspects of the ISR portfolio, and, perhaps most resonant, participation in the growing and increasingly effective overall QSA fabric of improved imaging care for our patients worldwide.

Additional resources:

<https://www.isradiology.org/quality>

<http://www.isradiology.org/>

<http://www.isradiology.org/about-whitepaper>

Respectfully

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