

International Headache Society

Ethics Committee Report September 2024

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Why should medical organizations adhere to high ethical values?

- Avoids lawsuits
- Builds public trust (we need that to fulfill IHS education goals)
- Builds public and political credibility (for advocacy goals)
- It feels right; makes members want to belong to and work for the society

IHS Ethics Committee Aims

Identify, interpret, and manage current challenging ethical issues pertaining to headache medicine at three levels:

1: Headache patients and their families

To promote the welfare of people with headache disorders by publishing advice, guidance and recommendations on ethical issues relevant to research, practice and treatment of headache disorders

2: Headache Treatment and Research

To draft statements which will bring the relevant ethical concerns in the field of headache medicine to the attention of governments, the medical and allied professions, the pharmaceutical and insurance industries, lay and charitable organizations and any other relevant parties

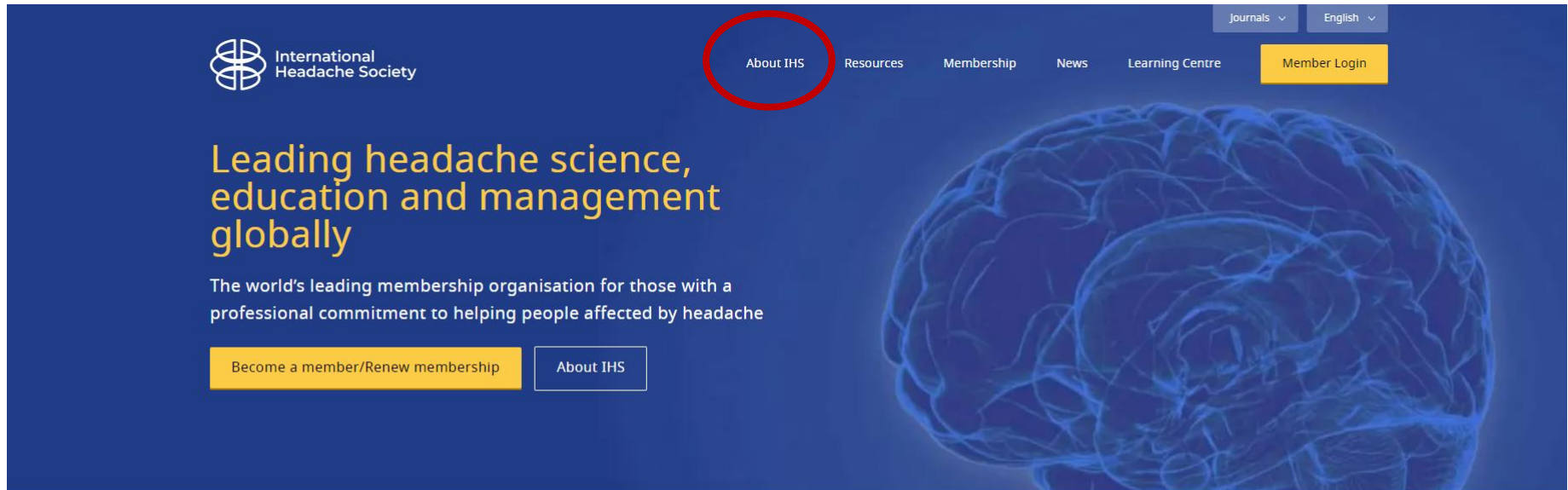
3. IHS Membership and Organization Activities

To address ethical concerns of International Headache Society members regarding IHS activities, and to initiate reviews of IHS activities that raise ethical concerns that are referred to or identified by IHS Ethics Committee

Recent activities of Ethics Committee

- Vetting IHS Board of Trustees conflicts of interest
 - Not on industry Board of Directors
 - No ownership of stock in medical companies
- Reviewing IHC program
 - Separation of industry designed programs from main courses and presentations
 - Speakers' management of COI including full disclosures
 - Limiting industry presentations by speakers to 1 each
- Comm Chair attended IHC in Seoul – no violations noted

To find COI Policy: ihs-headache.org → About Us



This site promotes the Society and its activities, and is home to the Society's international journal Cephalalgia. We welcome Society members and all who work or seek information in the field of headache.

As a charity, the purpose of IHS is to advance headache science, education, and management, and promote headache awareness worldwide.

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We are the International Headache Society

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Our values

1. Commitment to Excellence

IHS strives for excellence in its activities, and will set challenging but achievable goals.

2. Respect for Expertise

IHS values expertise and the full range of skills and disciplines that are needed for the realisation of its objectives.

3. Respect for Science

IHS recognises that good healthcare is based on evidence, and that the origins of evidence lie in responsible research and scientific method.

4. Commitment to Independence from Inappropriate Influence

IHS COI policy



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Articles and Policies

Articles

IHS is governed by its Articles of Association and accompanying Bylaws.

IHS Articles of Association

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The accompanying Bylaws document is available to IHS members on request. Please [email the IHS Administration Team](#).

Policies

IHS develops management policies

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IHS develops management policies according to UK company law and UK Charity Commission guidelines.

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Aims

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1. Headache sufferers

- To promote the welfare of headache sufferers by publishing advice, guidance and recommendations on ethical issues relevant to research, practice and treatment of headache disorders

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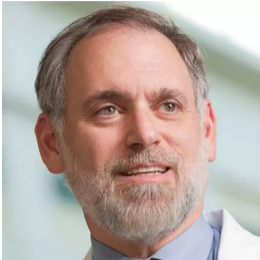
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Members

Augustina Charway-Felli (Ghana)	Stefan Evers (Germany)
Bronwyn Jenkins (Australia)	

Activities and News

The Ethics Committee has developed several policies, approved by the IHS Board of Trustees to guide our organisational activities in a transparent way.

Conflict of Interest Policy

New Ethics Committee members

- Dr Mo Levin remains as interim chair until replacement can be found.
- Previous members had finished their terms – Drs Levin and Burstein discussed a number of candidates in early 2024 and the following were chosen – all have accepted:
 - Stefan Evers – Germany
 - Bronwyn Jenkins – Australia
 - Tina Charway-Felli – Ghana
 - Tom Ward – USA
- Mo will be having a zoom meeting with the new committee in September 2024