



“Think Global, Act Local”

Guidelines for the Creation of ISEVS Regional Chapters Worldwide

Background: When the International Society of Endovascular (Surgeons) now Specialists (ISEVS) was originally formed in the early 1990’s; their mission was to educate physicians regarding the emerging new interventional approaches to treating vascular disease throughout the world. The past success of ISEVS worldwide has led their physician leadership to now focus on enhancing education and research on a local basis; through the formation of ISEVS Membership Chapters, regionally, throughout the world. This document provides suggested guidelines to create new ISEVS Membership Chapters.

Mission of an ISEVS Regional Chapter: the primary mission of an ISEVS Chapter is to share clinical knowledge and experiences among the members. Enhanced education and communications with other members should result in improved procedural outcomes for patients. Participation in official ISEVS sponsored events such as research, clinical publications and congresses will further the comradery and expertise of ISEVS members worldwide.

Location, leadership and members: an ideal new ISEVS Chapter will be located centrally in a region which could be reached by car, train or air within 2-3 hours maximum, as chapter meetings should be only one day in duration, thus avoiding over-night expenses. Since, education is the primary purpose for forming a new ISEVS Chapter, it is recommended that chapter meetings be held in an academic setting, such as a medical school or a hospital conference room; thus, avoiding the unnecessary high cost for meetings in a hotel or other commercial location. If a chapter is located in the vicinity of a medical device or pharmaceutical company, perhaps their facilities could host a chapter meeting.

For leadership, three officers should be elected: President (overall leader), Treasurer (manages finances) and Program Director (organizes educational content, speakers for chapter meetings, etc.). Term limits of 2 to 3 years maximum should be established for each elected officer to provide for refreshed leadership periodically.

Membership should be between 10 to 25, unless the chapter wishes to increase their size.

Meetings and Programs: two or three chapter meetings should be held per year, which focus education regarding new technology, video case reports, discussion, debates, and other local topics. Traditionally, ISEVS has welcomed our industry partners to be board members and to actively participate in meetings. ISEVS Chapters should continue this “partnership with industry” tradition and invite their participation at meetings. Time should be reserved at chapter

meetings for comradery and social conversation among faculty and members; including industry representatives.

Journal of Endovascular Therapy: ideally, each chapter should attempt to prepare at least one scientific manuscript for submission to ISEVS' official (peer reviewed) journal, the Journal of Endovascular Therapy, annually. An annual collaborative, and relevant clinical report, on a timely topic, which includes contributions from many of the members of a chapter could become a significant contribution to advancing physician education throughout the endovascular world.

“Chapter Happenings” Website/Blog: although not established at this writing, ISEVS plans to have a communications site, where an ISEVS Chapter and their members can communicate informally and instantly regarding a myriad of topics. Stay tuned for more developments.

ISEVS Worldwide Membership Meetings: ISEVS envisions the need for a worldwide membership meeting of 2-3 days duration, perhaps every two years, in the future, (locations to be determined) and ISEVS Chapters would be expected to encourage their members to attend these worldwide congresses. Registration fees for ISEVS Chapter members would be discounted for these meetings.

Financial Considerations:

1. ISEVS Chapter start-up support: ISEVS will provide each new chapter with membership application forms, appropriate supporting literature, ISEVS web site announcements

2. New ISEVS Chapter members will pay the published annual ISEVS membership fee (based upon geography), discounted by 25% in their first year. For example, if the Annual membership fee is \$400, then the local chapter may retain the 25% discount of \$100 and remit the balance of \$300 to ISEVS, which is used to cover the costs of the Journal of Endovascular Therapy, the ISEVS web site and other member services. Payments will be made directly to International Society of Endovascular Specialists per instructions from the ISEVS Administrative Secretary or the ISEVS Program Director.

3. Local Industry Partner and member meeting expenses funding: new ISEVS Chapters should seek grant support from their local industry partners for meeting/activity expenses. Local ISEVS Chapter members may be requested to contribute to the cost of meals/refreshments at chapter meetings. ISEVS is not able to fund local chapter meeting costs.

Summary:

Think Global; Act Local is a sound strategy for fulfilling the original (and still relevant) mission of providing the education and research leadership for multi-disciplinary endovascular physicians and allied professionals around the world and now in their home regions.