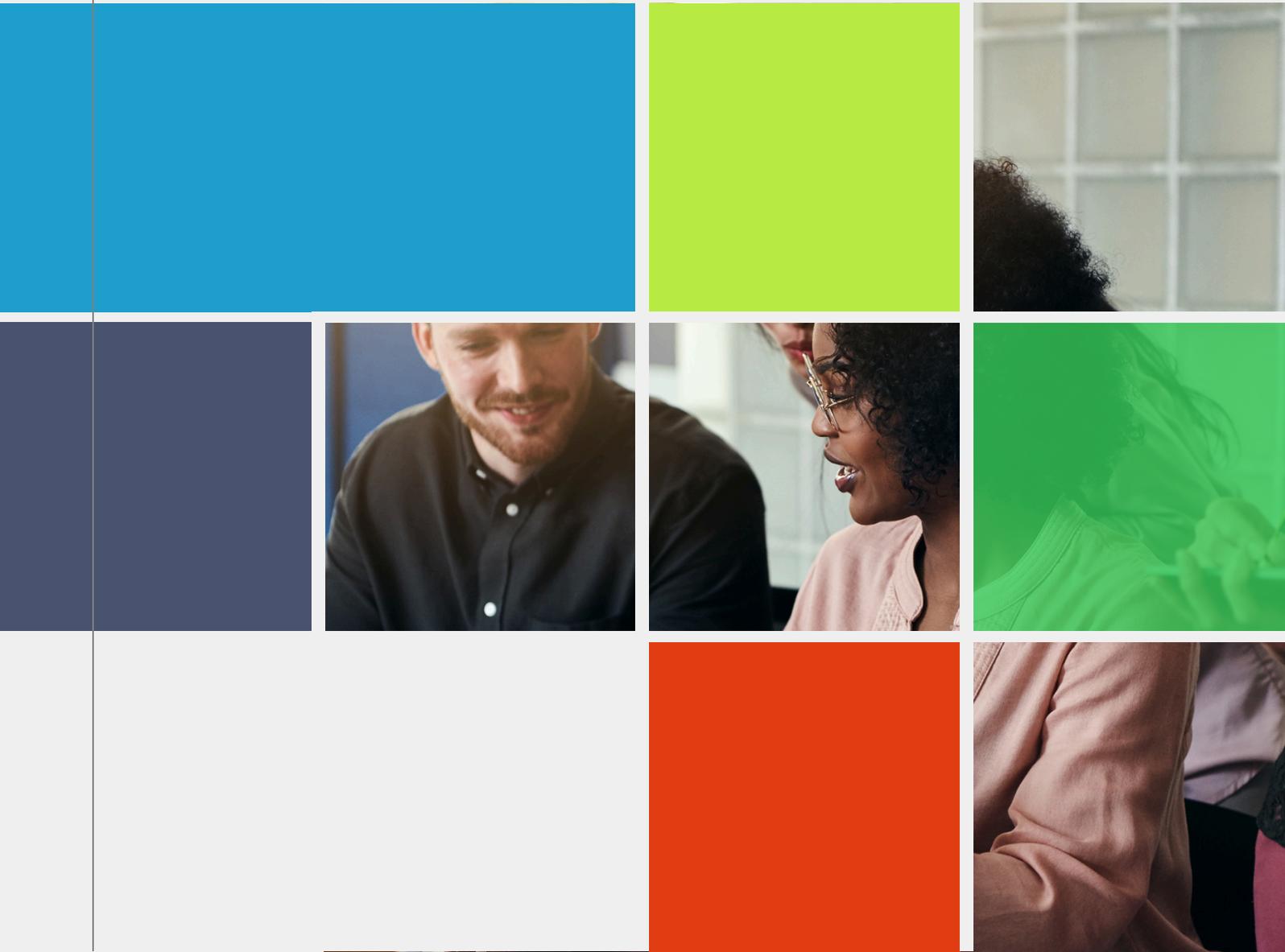


Call for nominations

ISC Standing Committees

Deadline for nominations: 24 April 2025





Call for Nominations for ISC Standing Committees

Deadline for submission of nominations: 24 April 2025

Date of call: 26 March 2025

Background

According to the [ISC Statutes and Rules of Procedure](#) various advisory bodies to the Governing Board will be set up to provide guidance on and oversight of key aspects of the Council's work and the Governing Board's duties.

Such advisory bodies will include on a standing basis the Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science and the Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk, while other advisory bodies can be set up by the Governing Board as needed.

The Governing Board is now inviting nominations from the ISC Members for membership of the following committees:

- Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk
- Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science
- Committee for Membership

ISC Members in Category 1, 2 and 3 in good standing are invited to nominate one candidate for each of the committees.¹

Other advisory bodies (e.g. covering science matters) may be established in the future and calls for nominations for those will be issued as appropriate.

Composition and terms of office of the committees

The standing committees are responsible for advising the Governing Board and will (cf. ISC Rule of Procedure 11.1):

- have as chair an officer or ordinary member and as vice-chair an ordinary member of the Governing Board, both appointed by the Governing Board;
- comprise up to twelve individuals, including at least one ISC Fellow who is not a Governing Board member and up to nine non-Governing Board members who will be appointed by the Governing Board on the basis of nominations by Members;
- have a four-year mandate, with half of the committee members rotating off every two years;
- generally meet once per year in person and conduct their ongoing work virtually.

¹ A Member in good standing is a Member which has paid the membership dues for the previous three years or, in the case of a Member of less than three years' standing, since joining the Council. Category 4 Members may not vote or present candidates for office.

Other advisory bodies will generally have staggered membership to ensure both refreshment and continuity. The term of an advisory body member will be four years.

Advisory bodies may include experts from beyond the membership.

The composition of advisory bodies will have due regard for geographical, disciplinary, ethnic and career-stage diversity.

Common criteria for selection of members of the Standing Committees

Committee members will be selected on the basis of expertise, experience and motivation, as well as the capacity to dedicate significant time to the role. This entails attendance at meetings of the committees (maximum one in-person meeting and up to four virtual meetings per year) as well as active engagement in committee responsibilities. The committees will conduct their work mostly by virtual means.

Further details of the composition, terms of reference and the duties of each committee are provided below.

The submission process

Nominations should be submitted by mandated Member representatives through the [online form](#). **One form should be completed for each nominee.** A preview of the nomination form can be found [here](#).

Indicative timeline

26 March 2025	Call for nominations sent to Members
24 April 2025	Deadline for submitting nominations
Early May 2025	Governing Board decision on the composition of the committees
Mid-May 2025	Governing Board communiqué to Members (announcement)

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Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk

Current membership and available positions

1. Sawako Shirahase (Chair, Vice-President for Finance, Compliance and Risk)
 2. TBD (Vice-chair, Governing Board member)
 3. Jisoon Lee (Emeritus, Seoul National University)
- **The Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk is seeking to fill up to nine positions, including one position for an ISC Fellow.**
- The initial terms of office of the new members will be two years, running from mid-2025 to mid-2027. In May 2027:
- Half the members will be invited to stay on with their terms extended until May 2029.
 - Half the members will rotate off and be replaced by newly appointed members, whose term of office will run from mid-2027 to mid-2031.

From the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

Statute IX.36. This advisory body addresses issues of finance, compliance and risk management. It shall periodically review the Rules of Procedure and organizational policies of the Council. It shall be responsible for the dues scale, the dues schedule and related policies.

RoP 11.3. The Committee for Finance, Compliance and Risk shall:

- i. oversee and make recommendations on finance, budgeting and compliance;
- ii. oversee internal policy development (travel, procurement, etc.);
- iii. review the risk management approach of the Council and report to the Governing Board on the Council's risk profile;
- iv. monitor adherence to the code of conduct of Governing Board and advisory body members.

Time commitment

Attendance at and preparation for a maximum of one in-person meeting and up to four virtual meetings per year. Participating in ad hoc task groups to implement initiatives of the committee, as required.

Fuller description of responsibilities

- i. Controlling the previous year's accounts in consultation with the independent auditors. Assessing and making recommendations on the appropriateness of ISC's annual and multiannual budgets.
- ii. Overseeing the revision of the ISC membership dues structure and its implementation.
- iii. Receiving and making recommendations on requests for membership dues waivers or reductions.
- iv. Overseeing the development and revision of ISC policies which have relevance to ISC finances and risk (e.g. due diligence, travel, sponsorship and endorsement, privacy).
- v. Advising the ISC Governing Board on risk management and related action following the regular audit of ISC accounts.
- vi. Advising the ISC Governing Board with regard to the science funding landscape and economic trends.

Skills and qualities sought

- i. Experience in overseeing the finances, budgets and audits of an organization, and in aligning organizational strategy and financial management.
- ii. Experience in the development and implementation of internal policies.
- iii. Experience in risk management for an organization in a complex context.
- iv. Knowledge of the science funding landscape and economic trends.
- v. Familiarity with the ISC membership.
- vi. Rigour, attention to detail and commitment to accountability.

Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science

Current composition and available positions

1. Marcia Barbosa (Chair, Vice-President for Freedom and Responsibility in Science)
2. Françoise Baylis (Vice-chair, Governing Board member)
3. Robert French (University of Western Australia)
4. Karly Kehoe (Saint Mary's University, Canada)
5. Sayaka Oki (University of Tokyo, Japan)

→ **The Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science is seeking to fill up to six positions.**

→ The terms of office of the new members will be four years, running from mid-2025 to mid-2029.

→ The current non-Governing Board members will rotate off in mid-2027.

From the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

This advisory body deals with global issues related to freedom and responsibility in science as well as emergent issues in the ethical conduct of science.

RoP 11.2. The Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science shall:

- i. promote and uphold the principles of freedom and responsibility in science (Statute 8);
- ii. seek solutions to problems concerning the free passage of scientists, free collaboration among scientists and freedom to pursue science;
- iii. address emergent issues regarding the ethical conduct of science;
- iv. monitor the Council's adherence to its core values.

Time commitment

Attendance at and preparation for up to one in-person meeting and up to four virtual meetings per year. Participating in ad hoc task groups and implementation of initiatives of the committee, as required.

Description of duties

- i. Advise the ISC Governing Board and ISC Members, and act as appropriate, on issues relating to freedom and responsibility in science;
- ii. Prioritize topics for action in the domains of freedom and responsibility in science;
- iii. Provide quality assurance on guidelines, papers, reports and other material produced as part of the work programmes on freedom and responsibility in science;
- iv. As human and financial resources permit, contribute to the preparation and dissemination of information and educational materials, participate in workshops, conferences and similar opportunities aimed at raising awareness of issues pertaining to freedom and responsibility in science;
- v. Undertake any other such actions as are appropriate for promoting and securing freedom and responsibility in science.

Skills and qualities sought

- i. Knowledge of current regional and global trends and issues in relation to freedom and responsibility in science (essential)
- ii. Experience in defending scientific freedom (essential)
- iii. Experience in promoting responsible practice in science (essential)
- iv. Expertise in one or more of the following domains (desirable):
 - a. Research ethics
 - b. Political science
 - c. Experience in human rights advocacy and protection
 - d. Expertise in human rights legislation and protection instruments

Committee for Membership

Composition and available positions

1. Yongguan Zhu (Chair, Vice-President for Membership)
 2. TBD (Vice-chair, Governing Board member)
- **The Committee for Membership is seeking to fill up to 10 positions, including one position for an ISC Fellow who is not a Governing Board member.**
- The initial terms of office of the new members will be two years, running from mid-2025 to mid-2027. In May 2027:
- Half the members will be invited to stay on with their terms extended until May 2029.
 - Half the members will rotate off and be replaced by newly appointed members, whose term of office will run from mid-2027 to mid-2031.

Description of duties

The Vice-President for Membership has responsibilities relating to supporting current and potential Members (Rule of Procedure 4.5) and is seeking to establish a committee with the following mandate:

- i. Advising and supporting the ISC Governing Board and Secretariat on issues relating to membership engagement, development and retention; this will include advising on and helping to communicate the ISC value proposition to existing and prospective Members and helping fill geographical and (emerging) disciplinary gaps in ISC membership.
- ii. Considering, prioritizing and helping to implement activities (including Member-driven activities) in the domain of membership engagement and development.
- iii. Considering membership applications and making recommendations to the Governing Board.
- iv. Advising and supporting the Governing Board to enhance the visibility, clarity and transparency of ISC membership (e.g. by establishing eligibility guidelines) and related rights and responsibilities, including in relation to breaches of membership obligations.

The committee may work in sub-committees or working groups dedicated to distinct objectives.

Time commitment

Attendance at and preparation for up to one in-person meeting and up to four virtual meetings per year. Participating in sub-committees or task groups to implement initiatives of the committee, as appropriate.

Skills and qualities sought

- i. Deep familiarity with the ISC: its structure, strategic direction, activities and membership.
- ii. Interest in helping the ISC to develop and serve its membership.
- iii. Interest in membership communication and engagement strategies.
- iv. Experience in developing, promoting and facilitating international science networks and communities.