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## International SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (iSMIT)

The International Society for Medical Innovation and Technology is an international society, formed in 1989 under the name "Society for Minimally Invasive Therapy" by an innovative group of medical practitioners led by John Wickham. The founding members were leaders in their fields and were dedicated to the multidisciplinary advancement of minimally invasive therapy in an attempt to reduce patient trauma arising from traditional surgical operations or radiological interventions. The current membership base includes representatives from most medical specialties, instrument manufacturing, biomedical engineering and research. As to reflect this broader membership as well as to attract further members not necessarily only within minimally invasive therapy, the name of the Society was formally changed to "Society for Medical Innovation and Technology" during the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress in the year 2000. The Society has met annually at successful gatherings since 1989. Meetings have taken place in London (UK) 1989; Vienna (Austria) 1990; Boston (USA) 1991; Dublin (Ireland) 1992; Orlando (USA) 1993; Berlin (Germany) 1994; Portland (USA) 1995; Milan (Italy) 1996; Kyoto (Japan) 1997; London (UK) 1998; Boston (USA) 1999; Gelsenkirchen (Germany) 2000; Berlin (Germany) 2001; Oslo (Norway) 2002; Amsterdam (The Netherlands) 2003; Rome (Italy) 2004; Naples (Italy) 2005; Asilomar, Monterey, California (USA) 2006; Sendai (Japan) 2007; Vienna (Austria) 2008; Sinaia (Romania) 2009; Trondheim (Norway) 2010; Tel Aviv (Israel) 2011M; Barcelona (Spain) 2012; Baden-Baden (Germany) 2013; Shanghai (China) 2014; Brno (Czech Republic) 2015; Delft (Netherlands) 2016; Torino (Italy) 2017; Seoul (Korea) 2018; Heilbronn (Germany) 2019; Chicago (USA) 2020; Oslo (Norway) 2022; Taichung (Taiwan) 2023; Caceres (Spain) 2024; Washington (USA) 2025; Munich (Germany) 2026.

### Philosophy and Goal of the Society

The original objectives of the Society were to bring practitioners of minimally invasive surgery and interventional radiology, together with the instrument manufacturers concerned with interaction in these two areas. The leading driving factor is considered to be the **medical technology of laparo-endoscopic and endoluminal surgery, interventional radiology, cardiothoracic therapy, surgical robotics and image-guided surgery. New technologies of materials, micro systems, tissue engineering, biophysics and the operating room of the future, OR 2000+** have become the focus of the current SMIT activities. Our objectives are:

- To encourage the rapid and free exchange of state-of-the-art information on cross disciplinary procedures and ideas between medical practitioners from all specialties, paramedical personnel, and representatives of industry as well as developers of medical technology.

- The early exposure of its members to developing and emerging technologies that may be adapted for use in minimally invasive procedures as well as in the treatment of diseases in general.
- The development of new strategies for the treatment of diseases which, as compared with currently available procedures, will considerably reduce patient trauma and health care costs.
- The provision of an annual forum for the free and rapid exchange of information and innovative ideas that may promote, expand and develop the use of new technologies and modalities in the treatment of diseases. In addition, the Society journal, Minimally Invasive Therapy and Allied Technologies (MITAT), provides a readily available means of communication of the innovative developments between these groups. The journal is listed in current contents, Medline and appears bimonthly including special focus issues on certain clinical and technological topics.

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### Membership

Membership application can be downloaded at: <http://www.ismit.org>. The Society encourages world-wide membership from people and companies involved in medical practice, research and technology. This includes, but is not limited to medical practitioners, regardless of their specialty, and members of industry with an interest in innovative medical technologies as equal partners. Also welcome are nurses, the paramedical disciplines, medical administrators and lawyers with a medico-legal interest. Furthermore, the Society encourages physicians and engineers in training to take advantage of the reduced membership fee.

- Membership benefits include receiving **six issues of *Minimally Invasive Therapy and Allied Technologies (MITAT)***, the official journal of the Society, listed in *Current Contents*. Further information and the full text online version are available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/imit20/current>
- Members of the Society also enjoy a **free or reduced registration fee at the iSMIT Annual Conference.**
- Members (Standard and Special) of the Society are eligible for election to the *Steering Committee*

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- STANDARD:** 250,00 € institutional members, physicians, engineers, scientists from academia and industry
- SPECIAL:** 145,00 € students, nurses, technicians, undergraduate engineers and scientists, physicians in training; applicable only if approved by a letter from the Head of Department
- ASSOCIATE:** 50,00 € institutions with at least one paid standard member. Associated members coming from the same institution pay 50 € each. Valid only for new, preferable special members. Valid only one single period of 3 years. Does not include MITAT subscription
- BLOCK:** 50,00 € societies, professional groups or comparable legal entities coming from one country and already subscribe to MITAT, minimum 25 members, one standard member introduces the society

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