SCIENTIFIC NETWORKING

»IBRA – a unique international network in research and continuous education«

IBRA (the International Bone Research Association) is a financially independent, internationally based non-profit organisation for specialised clinicians and research scientists. IBRA's core activity is the future-oriented advancement of bone tissue research and management focusing particularly on:

- Maxillofacial and orthopaedic rehabilitation
- Surgical procedures and clinical management
- Materials research including hardware development
- Biomechanics
- Osteointegration, bone generation, soft-tissue reaction and bone biology
- Tissue engineering

Ideas and know-how from science and industry in the fields of research, development and education are strongly considered within the IBRA and are supported by networking and an environment that does not follow financial gain. This provides an excellent base of expertise for ground-breaking innovation.

IBRA offers financial support for research projects. With the emphasis on innovation and suitability for practical application, 95% of the research budget goes towards applied research and clinical studies and 5% towards basic research.

IBRA's education program offers clinicians special courses on the application of specific methods of treatment. Its particular concern is to train tomorrow's highly qualified research scientists.

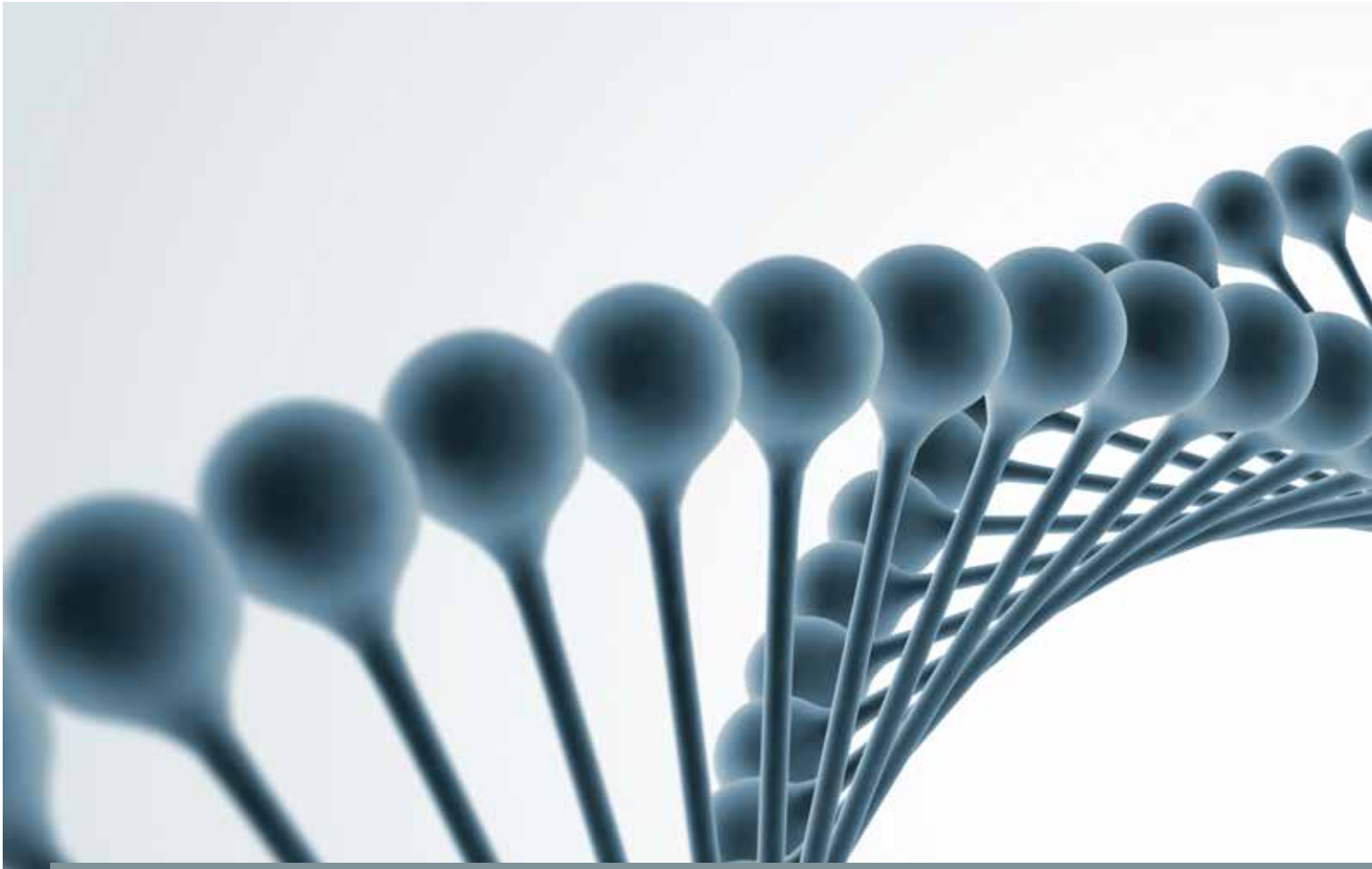
IBRA membership is open to all clinicians and research scientists in the field of bone and tissue management.

HISTORY

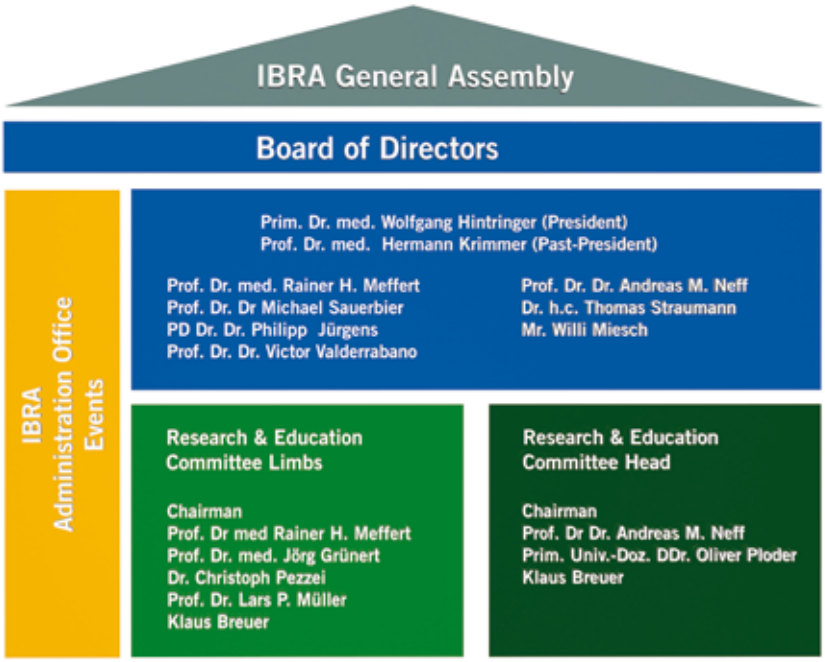
On the initiative of eighteen forward-looking clinicians, IBRA was founded in Zurich, Switzerland on 25 September 2004. Exchange of professional knowledge, promotion of new scientific developments, engineering of the musculoskeletal system, coordinated multicentre research and highly specialized further training are the primary aims of IBRA.

PHILOSOPHY

IBRA encourages the development of innovative solutions in a friendly, loyal atmosphere. Future-oriented open-mindedness and international acceptance form the basis for first-rate assistance in realizing modern research projects and promoting individual careers. IBRA maintains close contact with respected scientific societies and journals around the world. As an international forum reaching across geographic and cultural borders, IBRA offers an up-to-date network for the exchange of experience and knowledge in applied bone and tissue research.



Organizational Structure of IBRA Board of Directors and its Research & Education Committees:



STRUCTURAL SEGMENTATION

The principal segments of interest and activities of the IBRA are divided into two main sections

- Head
- Limbs comprising:
  - Upper Limbs
  - Foot & Ankle

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»Best medical and scientific contributors and contacts, a strong industrial partner and continuous education in related disciplines«

IBRA Research & Educational Support

The aim of the IBRA Research & Education Committees is to provide an international platform - reaching across geographic and cultural borders - for the exchange of expertise and up-to-date knowledge, with emphasis on promoting individual academic and professional careers and dedicated continuous medical education. In close collaboration with the IBRA Board of Directors, the IBRA Research & Education Committees principally evaluate the financial and scientific support for research projects dealing with bone biology and the improvement or development of new techniques and devices for internal fixation.

The Committees meet two times a year to evaluate and develop strategies to support academic fellowships and clinical trainings with their various scholarship programs. They also identify and organize scientific and clinical activities in the related clinical fields. Funding is open to everyone and submitted small grant proposals dealing in the afore-mentioned clinical areas are given preference.

Continuous Medical Education has an important level of interest in our society. All our educational events consider a clear context and educational concept reflecting the current practices of daily medical life. The paramount goals of our internationally renowned faculty are always to ensure a close exchange between participants and faculty, to explore demanding case presentations and to encourage interactive discussions.

IBRA Research & Education

- Level-oriented Medical Education Events
- Master Training Courses
- Practical Surgical Workshops
- National and International Congress Symposia
- Research Grants
- Scholarships

IBRA Education Program

Gold
Master Education

Silver
Advanced Education

Bronze
Basic Education

Scientific
Education

IBRA Training Centers

A dense global grid of over 26 Training Centers with specific expertise in the areas of bone research and the different specialties in surgery of Head and Upper Limbs provides an interesting range of options for applicants.

Candidates are therefore responsible to clearly define the scholarship goals and discuss specific wishes directly with the fellowship director of the designated Training Center as these are basic elements of a scholarship.

IBRA Training Centers Limbs

Inselspital Bern University Hospital
Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Bern, Switzerland
Fellowship Director: K.-A. Siebenrock

Kantonsspital of St. Gallen
St. Gallen, Switzerland
Dept. of Hand, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Fellowship Director: Jörg Grünert

Unfallkrankenhaus Wien Lorenz Böhler, Handchirurgie
Vienna, Austria
Fellowship Director: Martin Leixnering

Badia Hand to Shoulder Center
Miami, FL, USA
OrthoNOW orthopedic urgent care
Fellowship Director: Alejandro Badia

Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center
Phoenix, USA
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
Fellowship Director: Scott Edwards

Elisabeth Hospital Ravensburg
Ravensburg, Germany
Hand Center Ravensburg
Fellowship Director: Hermann Krimmer

Universitätsklinikum Köln
Köln, Germany
Klinik und Poliklinik für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie
Fellowship Director: Lars P. Müller

University Hospital of Würzburg
Würzburg, Germany
Trauma, Hand, Plastic & Reconst. Surgery
Fellowship Director: Rainer Meffert

BG Trauma Center Frankfurt am Main
Frankfurt am Main, Germany
Plastic, Hand and Reconstructive Surgery
Fellowship Director: Michael Sauerbier

Ustav chirurgie ruky a plasticke chirurgie
Vysoke nad Jizerou, Czech Republic
Hand and Plastic Surgery Institute
Fellowship Director: Radek Kebrle

Policlinico of Modena
Modena, Italy
Unit of Hand Surgery and Microsurgery
Fellowship Director: Antonio Landi

Humanitas Research Hospital
Milano, Italy
U.O. Chirurgia della Mano
Fellowship Director: Alberto Lazzerini

University Hospital Verona, Policlinico GB Rossi
Verona, Italy
UOC Chirurgia Mano/ Hand Surgery Department
Fellowship Director: Roberto Adani

Beneficência Portuguesa Hospital São Paulo
São Paulo, Brazil
São Paulo Hand Center
Fellowship Director: Gustavo Mantovani

Instituto Nacional de Traumatologia e Ortopedia
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Fellowship Director: Anderson Vieira Monteiro

I. O. T. Medical School of University of São Paulo
São Paulo, Brazil
Fellowship Director: Rames Mattar jr.

IBRA Training Centers Head

Inselspital Bern University Hospital
Dept. of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery
Bern, Switzerland
Fellowship Director: Tateyuki Iizuka

University of Innsbruck
Innsbruck, Austria
Clinic for Cranio-Maxillofacial and Oral Surgery
Fellowship Director: Michael Rasse

Academic Teaching Hospital Feldkirch
Feldkirch, Austria
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Oliver Ploder

University of Frankfurt
Frankfurt, Germany
Oral, CMF and Plastic Facial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Robert Sader

University of Münster
Münster, Germany
Department of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Johannes Kleinheinz

Sapienza Università di Roma
Rome, Italy
Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Piero Cascone

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
Sheffield, United Kingdom
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Regional Unit
Fellowship Director: Nicholas Lee

University of Amiens
Amiens, France
Dept. of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Bernard Devauchelle

University of Lille
Lille, France
Dept. of Oral-Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: Joel Ferri

University of Strasbourg
Strasbourg, France
Medical Faculty and University Hospital of Strasbourg
Department of Maxillofacial Surgery
Fellowship Director: tbd

Gazi University Medical Faculty
Ankara, Turkey
Dept. Plastic Recon. & Aesthetic Surgery
Fellowship Director: Reha Yavuzer

Tsurumi University
Tsurumi, Japan
First Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery School of Dental Medicine
Fellowship Director: Kanichi Seto

São Paulo State University
São Paulo, Brazil
Dental School at Araraquara, SP
Fellowship Director: Mario F. R. Gabrielli

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Current Benefits

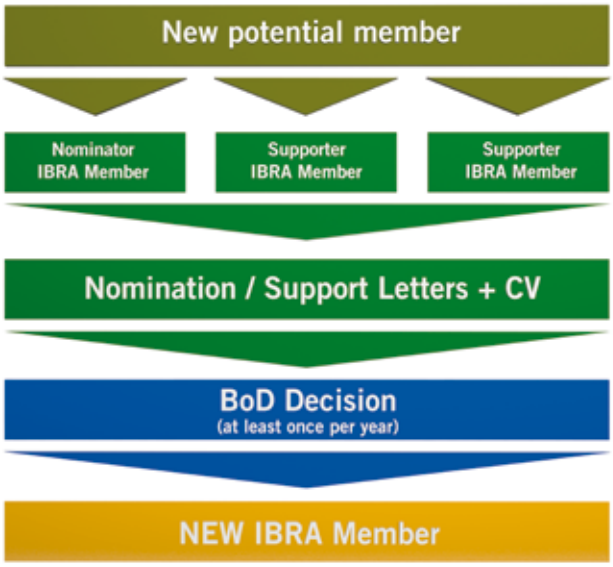
- Worldwide Networking (Members and Training Centers)
- Prioritized Member Scholarship application
- Continuous Education programs
- Considerably reduced course fees for Members
- Favorite Member rates for all IBRA workshops
- Access to the IBRA Member Area
- Frequent information update and exchange

Who is eligible for IBRA Membership?

Any professional with relevant qualifications and with interest in participating in all aspects of the IBRA Community.

Requirements for IBRA Membership
Membership is open to professionals with an expressed interest in any facet of bone and soft tissue surgery of the musculoskeletal system wishing to participate in the IBRA and abide by its principles and obligations.

A new IBRA Member has to be nominated by a current IBRA Member and supported by two current IBRA Members. All three are required to write letters of nomination or support and submit them to the IBRA Board of Directors who reviews all nominations at least once a year.



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