



Call for IHS Classification Committee Chair

IHS is receiving applications for the position of Classification Committee Chair.

The aims of the Classification Standing Committee are to:

- prepare and from time to time revise the International Classification of Headache Disorders (ICHD), setting out explicit diagnostic criteria that are evidence-based as far as knowledge allows, and promoting nosological research wherever it is needed
- encourage and learn from field testing of each new revision
- grant permissions for, and promote the publication of, translations into all major languages of the world
- liaise with the World Health Organization and other organisations to whom classifications of headache are important.

The International Classification of Headache Disorders (ICHD) has provided the basis for advances in the clinical and biological understanding of headache disorders and facilitated progress in headache treatment for three decades.

The first edition (ICHD-I) was published in 1988; the second edition (ICHD-II) in 2004. The Committee published the 3rd beta edition in 2013; this version was field tested over the next 5 years, and the definitive third edition (ICHD-III) was published in January 2018, 30 years after the publication of ICHD-I.

Professor Jes Olesen has worked tirelessly as Chair of the Classification Committee and guided the work of the committee and publication through all these Editions, resulting in what is now an internationally-used and highly respected publication, and one of the pinnacles of the work of the International Headache Society.

Following publication of the ICHD-III, Professor Olesen will retire as Chair of the Committee and IHS is receiving applications for the position of Chair to replace Professor Olesen.

The new Chair will officially assume responsibility in September 2019.

All IHS members who fulfil the profile requirements are invited to apply for this post.

Applications received will be short listed and the selected candidates will be interviewed by a Classification Chair Working Group.

For detailed information on the Job description, Qualification Requirements and Application content please see below.

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IHS Classification Chair

The Chair of the Classification Committee will work on all aspects of the International Classification of Headache Disorders (ICHD). There is the possibility to appoint a Co-Chair and a Committee Secretary .

Primary tasks of the new Chair will be to

- liaise with the past Chair, Professor Jes Olesen, and Secretary, Professor Timothy Steiner, to ensure a smooth transition into the role
- liaise with the previous Classification Working Group Chairs
- discuss possible new Working Group Chairs
- monitor advances in headache medicine and research to determine the best time for work to start on a new version of the ICHD
- discuss new and innovative publication advances (e.g. online/app, versions for other specialities, e.g. GPs, nurses) for the ICHD

Profile requirements of the new Classification Chair

- excellent track record in science and in headache-related disorders
- in-depth knowledge of the ICHD
- ideas for novel means for publication of the ICHD
- ability to manage the work of the Committee members efficiently and effectively

Any prospective applicant wishing to discuss the role with the past Chairman or IHS President please contact Stefan Evers (everss@uni-muenster.de).

Application content

- Current curriculum vitae
- Application letter (1 page) explaining:
 - why you are interested in the position
 - how your background is suitable for the position
 - what you will contribute to the Committee
 - innovative ideas to keep the ICHD current and relevant

Eligibility

IHS member fulfilling the profile requirements above.

Deadline for applications

The deadline for application is **1 May 2019**

Interviews for the position will probably take place during the European Academy of Neurology Congress, Oslo, Norway, 29 June–2 July 2019.

Applications should be sent to Carol Taylor (carol.taylor@i-h-s.org)