

**ISHLT I2C2 STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION
WITH OTHER MEDICAL/SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES
("RULES OF ENGAGEMENT")**

The purposes of the I2C2 are to:

International

- Identify opportunities to enhance clinical and scientific aspects of heart and lung transplantation, mechanical circulatory support and management of advanced heart and lung disease in nations and regions with limited experience in and infrastructure devoted to these diseases and issues
- Facilitate the provision of clinical and scientific expertise to governmental organizations (i.e., Ministries of Health, grant funding organizations) when requested by local medical/scientific organizations, academic institutions and/or hospitals; such assistance will be provided in the context of standards and guidelines that have been established and/or endorsed by the ISHLT.
- Identify opportunities to foster exchanges of scientific information and collaboration, including collaboration in the development of translational and transnational research projects, establishment of international registries or biobanks which extend discoveries at the bench to the clinical arena, and multicenter and multinational clinical trials.
- Accomplish these aims while respecting the rules and political structures of local organizations with whom the ISHLT has engaged.
- The implementation of the resulting initiatives will be through the relevant ISHLT Committees and Councils

Intersociety

- Identify scientific/clinical areas and organizations where collaboration with those organizations with expertise in those areas would enhance the scientific, clinical, and educational missions of the ISHLT.
- Facilitate the establishment of liaisons with such other organizations and facilitate communication and collaboration with these organizations.
- Identify and facilitate opportunities for the development of joint sessions with other Societies at the ISHLT Annual Meeting.
- Identify and facilitate opportunities for the development of joint sessions at the conferences of other medical/scientific societies.
- Identify and facilitate opportunities for the development of joint standards and guidelines with other medical/scientific societies.
- The implementation of the resulting initiatives will be through the relevant ISHLT Committees and Councils

Collaborations should be fostered with organizations that share similar and/or complementary interests as the ISHLT. Engagement between the ISHLT and other organizations in jointly developing educational activities will be guided by the policies established by the Education Committee and Board of Directors.

Engagement between the ISHLT and other organizations in jointly developing standards and guidelines will be guided by the policies established by the ISHLT Standards and Guidelines Committee and Board of Directors.

All joint endeavors will be guided by the financial policies and procedures established by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

Development Objectives

ISHLT engagement with other scientific, transplant, and transplant-interested organizations (particularly in countries where a robust infrastructure doesn't exist) should be mutually beneficial between those organizations and the ISHLT. Specifically, ISHLT interests would be served by:

1. Attracting membership and scientific contributions to ISHLT from new nations and regions.
2. Adding and enhancing expertise to ISHLT in general and at the scientific sessions in particular in areas such as vascular biology, physiology, genomics, arrhythmias, imaging and epidemiology.
3. Facilitating communication and collaboration between individuals and institutions that otherwise might not have developed these links.
4. Further raising the profile of the ISHLT internationally as the ultimate source of expertise on the clinical management and science of advanced heart and lung disease, thoracic organ transplantation, and mechanical circulatory support so that the Society will be the "go-to" organization for governments, funding organizations, media, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other professional organizations.