

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS: Information about the IAOMT and how you can join us

We welcome you and appreciate your interest in becoming a part of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT).

Our goal is to promote a global network of independent national and regional organizations that communicate and share the basic principles of science-based biological dentistry with each other, our communities and the world.

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This packet contains two sections to assist you in joining IAOMT as an International Chapter. The first section offers essential information about the IAOMT, and the second section provides the materials you will need to start your International Chapter.

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International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology

Mission Statement

The mission of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology is to be the trusted Academy of medical, dental and research professionals who investigate and communicate safe science-based treatments to promote whole body health.

We will accomplish our mission by:

- Promoting and funding relevant research;
- Accumulating and disseminating scientific information;
- Investigating and promoting non-invasive scientifically valid therapies; and
- Educating medical professionals, policy makers, and the general public.

And we acknowledge that in order to be successful, we must:

- Communicate openly and honestly;
- Clearly articulate our vision; and
- Be strategic in our approach.

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International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT)

CHARTER

The IAOMT is a trusted Academy of allied professionals providing scientific resources to support new levels of integrity and safety in health care.

We, of the IAOMT have declared ourselves being a **High Performance Leadership Team**. By virtue of this declaration, we have committed ourselves to upholding and embodying the following **Ground Breaking Principles** in every action we take, every conversation we have, every decision we make:

1. **Integrity** – We will act with integrity, individually and as a team, at all times and in all that we say and do. This means honoring one’s word and one’s commitments, doing as one says and as one promises. It means being whole and complete with each commitment we make and each decision that we agree upon, it means acting in an aligned and consistent fashion.
2. **Responsibility** – Each one of us, individually and as a team, have recognized and declared that we as leaders and members of the IAOMT, are responsible for every act and decision rendered in the past, the present and the future of IAOMT. We have acknowledged that, as our decisions and actions affect the IAOMT, its associates and its customers; we are cause in the matter.
3. **Accountability** – We have committed ourselves, individually and as a team, to the concept of accountability and all that it implies. We freely give up the right to “not listen” in all areas for which we are accountable, and we recognize that as a result, we have the absolute last say in those areas.
4. **Trust** – We have committed ourselves, individually and as a team, in relation to each other and to those to whom we give our trust, to create, build, maintain and when necessary – to restore the bond of trust, which we do not give lightly.

***And who do we need to be to promote health in the next 25 years?
We all need to adopt a strategic way of being as Masters of Communication.***

By declaring ourselves Being a **High Performance Leadership Team**, by committing ourselves to living these **Ground Breaking Principles** in all that we do, by applying these concepts every day towards the fulfillment of our reality as a **High Powered Professional Sales Organization**, we will live our **Strategic Way of Being as Masters of Communication** in the new world era.

International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology

*International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology:
An organization dedicated to evidence-based health care*

Code of Ethics

First, do thy patients no harm.

Be ever aware that the oral cavity is part of a human body, and dental disease and dental treatment may affect systemic health of the patient.

Never place personal gain before the health and welfare of the patient.

Conduct yourself in accordance with the dignity and honor of a health professional and the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology.

Always attempt to provide treatment that has valid scientific support, but keep an open mind to innovative or advanced treatment possibilities.

Be ever mindful of clinical results seen in our patients, but seek valid scientific documentation verifying the results.

Make every possible attempt to provide patients with scientific information that can be utilized for informed decisions.

Be ever aware of the possibility of potential harmful effects of materials and procedures utilized in dental therapy.

Attempt, whenever possible to preserve human tissue and utilize therapies that are as least invasive as possible.

IAOMT International Chapter Requirements and Benefits:

International Chapters must have at least FIVE members to be considered a Chapter: This includes a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one other member.

At least one of these five members must attend a North American meeting. Attendance fee for this member will be waived if this is being done to complete the new Chapter requirement. Learn more about our meetings at <https://iaomt.org/about-iaomt-meetings/>.

All five funding members are required to complete the 10 IAOMT courses on Biological Dentistry online through the E-Learning section of the IAOMT website. Learn more at <https://iaomt.org/resources/online-learning-center/>.

Each International Chapter will be assessed \$595 USD as an initial registration fee, and \$495 USD each year after for annual dues to the North American Chapter. Each Chapter may collect dues from its own members as it sees fit.

Dues from International Chapters will primarily be used to maintain their place on the IAOMT web site, www.iaomt.org. All active members of each International Chapter will be listed on the web site so that patients searching for a dentist or physician in that country will be able to locate them from the world-wide web. Chapter members will be responsible for keeping the IAOMT main office up-to-date with members' names and contact information for this service.

All active members of a Chapter are allowed access to the "Members' Only" section of the IAOMT web site and to the discussion forums.

The IAOMT will provide a link to each Chapter's web site, or the Chapter may develop its own area within the "International" section of the IAOMT web site at <https://iaomt.org/about-iaomt/international-chapters/>.

The IAOMT will send each Chapter one copy of any periodical publications, such as our *E-Newsletter*, as each issue is published monthly. Each International Chapter will be responsible for translations and dissemination of the publication to its members.

The IAOMT invites all global members to its seminars held twice a year. Each member will be able to attend their first IAOMT conference with no registration fees. Further attendance at future meetings, we will extend the courtesy of registration for the reduced fee as an additional attendee. The IAOMT appreciates each Chapter extending similar courtesies to each other for any Chapter conferences held.

A link to the "Fundamentals of Biological Dentistry" course will be provided to all Chapters to use or modify for the Chapter's own presentation to new members.

All Chapters may request and/or offer help or counsel to each other as the need arises, whether for information or establishing standards, protocols and courses for Accreditation and Fellowship, etc.

All international dentists are encouraged to become SMART certified through the IAOMT. Learn more at <https://iaomt.org/for-professionals/smart-certification/> and <https://iaomt.org/resources/safe-removal-amalgam-fillings/>.

Be sure to review our materials in foreign languages at <https://iaomt.org/resources/iaomt-materials-foreign-languages/>. Note that we would appreciate any such translations you might be able to offer.

Ten-Step Instruction Guide **for Starting an International Chapter of IAOMT**

1. Check the national and local laws in your area to establish what you need to do and if you need to charter your International Chapter of IAOMT as a nonprofit organization. Follow your government's rules and any other applicable rules carefully to make sure you comply with regulations that specifically apply to you and your area.

2. Create a Board. To be considered a Chapter, you must have enough members to fill all Board positions. The positions you must fill before you apply to the IAOMT for official recognition are

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

One additional member

At least one of these founding members will need to have attended a North American IAOMT meeting. All five of these founding members will need to have completed the 10 [online E-Learning courses available on through the IAOMT website](#).

As you grow as a Chapter, you can enlist members to fill additional positions.

3. Open a bank account. Decide on your International Chapter's membership fees. You will want to open a separate bank account for your Chapter, so you can pay membership fees to IAOMT as well as receive dues from your members. When deciding on the amount your members will pay for fees, keep in mind that your *membership dues should be calculated to sustain your Chapter*. Note that International Chapter dues are \$495 per year, plus a one-time \$100 application and processing fee, which means that \$595 is needed for the initial start-up of your chapter.

4. Apply to join the IAOMT as an International Chapter. Do this by using the membership information and application on pages 8-11 of this packet.

5. After official acceptance into the IAOMT, provide updated information for the IAOMT to include on its web site about your Chapter. The IAOMT will list your Chapter on its web site, as well as the members of your Chapter for referrals. If you develop your own web site, you can use the IAOMT logo on your site. Just remember to send IAOMT a link to your website, along with the relevant Chapter information, so that it can be shared on www.iaomt.org.

6. Create your own membership application for your International Chapter. Feel free to modify IAOMT's membership application on pages 9-11 of this packet to fit your Chapter's needs, or compose your own application for membership into your Chapter.

7. Invite other members to join your chapter. Market the dentists in your area who are like-minded and may be interested in joining your Chapter. The North American Chapter gets requests for membership from around the world through their internet site and via emails and phone calls. If IAOMT receives any requests for membership in your area, they will be referred to you for membership in your Chapter.

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8. Begin holding meetings, and plan to have them at least several times a year. Meetings might be small at first. Hopefully, these small gatherings will later develop into larger meetings as members reach out to others in the community to join.

In the beginning, you can simply discuss ideas or help plan the direction of the Chapter. The “Fundamentals of Biological Dentistry” is an excellent topic for initial meetings because this course covers basic mercury information, practice management tips, equipment for the biological dental office, biological periodontal therapy and fluoride. Contact IAOMT for more information about this course.

Additional options for meetings are to have one member speak to the group or to invite a guest speaker. Contact the IAOMT for more information about assistance with your meeting, including the possibility of funding assistance.

9. Form committees. The North American Chapter has many committees. Page 12 of this packet contains a sample list of these committees, many of which are run by members who have a particular interest or skill. You can use these as a model or create your own committees.

10. Assist members in achieving IAOMT SMART-certification and Accreditation. Based on up-to-date scientific research, the IAOMT has developed rigorous recommendations for removing existing dental mercury amalgam fillings to assist in reducing the potential negative health outcomes of mercury exposure to patients, dental professionals, dental students, office staff, and others. The IAOMT’s recommendations are known as the Safe Mercury Amalgam Removal Technique (SMART). To read the SMART recommendations with scientific support, [click here](#). Dentists who obtain SMART certification from the IAOMT complete coursework consisting of two units related to mercury and the safe removal of amalgam fillings. Dentists achieving SMART are recognized for their completion of this training on the IAOMT’s Dentist Directory so that patients opting to find a dentist knowledgeable about the Safe Mercury Amalgam Removal Technique can do so. Learn more at <https://iaomt.org/for-professionals/smart-certification/>.

The IAOMT Accreditation Program is the pathway to the future of dentistry. Medical and dental communities are finally coming to the realization that the oral cavity is indeed part of the body and that dental health and therapy cannot be separated from systemic health. Accreditation by the IAOMT will certify to the public that a member has been trained and tested in ten units consisting of the basics of biocompatible dentistry, including current methods for safe removal of dental amalgam (SMART). Contact the IAOMT or visit <https://iaomt.org/for-professionals/accreditation/> for more information about becoming accredited.

Information about **the IAOMT International Chapter Application Process**

If you are interested in becoming a Chapter of the IAOMT, the application provided on the next three pages must be filled out and sent to the IAOMT office with the necessary attachments. Keep the following points in mind when submitting your application:

1. **Be sure to read and complete each section of the application carefully.** You should print out this page and the application (pages 8-11 of this packet). If you agree with each of the bullet points addressed at the beginning of the application, sign the application in the area provided on the second page.
2. Attach all constitution documents registered with governmental bodies, as well as your bylaws and similar material (if any). You can agree to use our bylaws if you do not create bylaws of your own. If you choose to use the bylaws of the North American Chapter of IAOMT, please check the box and initial the statement that you agree with the principles enumerated in those bylaws. A copy of the current bylaws can be downloaded from the IAOMT website from the member login area or by contacting us at info@iaomt.org. You can also use our bylaws as a guide to create your own bylaws. However, **each Chapter must sign off on the bylaws of the IAOMT OR create their own bylaws, which must be supplied with the application.**
3. In the provided space on the application, **include the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, email, and web site URL of the two principal officers** for IAOMT contact.
4. In the provided space on the application, **include a list of all individual active members, with address, telephone and fax numbers, web site URL and email address for inclusion in the IAOMT website data base.** Attach additional pages if necessary. Please keep this list up-to-date and send it to us periodically. Once listed on the website, a member can upload a picture.
5. **Attach \$545 USD for the first year's dues and the one-time application processing fee (\$100 USD).** Money order, personal check, wire transfer, MC/Visa/Amex are accepted.
6. **Send the application, payment, and other documents to...**
The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology
Attention: Kym Smith, Executive Director
8297 ChampionsGate Blvd, #193
ChampionsGate, FL 33896
United States of America

...and alert us by sending an email to Farrah at info@iaomt.org that your application is being mailed to us.

**Application for Affiliation as a Chapter of
The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology**

Name of Association: _____

Primary contact name and title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Secondary contact name and title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

If you agree with each of these bullet points, please sign the statement on the following page:

- **We hereby apply to become a Chapter of the IAOMT. We have thoroughly read and understand the policy and goals, Mission Statement, Code of Ethics and Charter of the IAOMT and agree to support these policies and goals.**
- **We will name and refer to ourselves by a dignified title, to be approved by the IAOMT (ex. Name of Country, International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology).**
- **We commit to conduct ourselves in a dignified and ethical manner.**
- **In order to maintain professional credibility, we agree that although the IAOMT does not dictate the individual practice procedures of individual members, we will base our public statements on verified scientific research.**
- **We recognize that we are responsible for abiding by the rules specified by our national and regional governments and other pertinent regulations applicable to us. We have attached any and all relevant documents pertaining to this issue, and we will not hold IAOMT legally responsible for any of our practices.**
- **We also agree NOT to use the IAOMT name, logo, website, chapter or any IAOMT communications for political lobbying (i.e. supporting a political candidate) or other inappropriate and/or non-relevant causes.**

and _____ (signed initial): **If you are NOT SUBMITTING your own**

bylaws, please check and initial here that you agree with the principles enumerated in the North American Chapter's bylaws as outlined on the IAOMT web site. If you are submitting your own bylaws, be sure to attach them to this application.

We, _____ (name of organization), have read, understand and agree with the Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Charter of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology/North American Chapter, and we agree with each of the points made above in this application.

Printed Name of Authorized Signatory _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Credit Card Information

_____ Yes. Please charge my credit card \$595 us funds for the Chapter (\$495 for yearly dues and a onetime \$100 application fee).

Credit Card (MC/Visa/Amex) _____

Number on Card: _____ Exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

PRESIDENT NAME AND TITLE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

VICE-PRESIDENT NAME AND TITLE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

SECRETARY NAME AND TITLE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

TREASURER NAME AND TITLE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

ADDITIONAL MEMBER NAME AND TITLE: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

**PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR CONTACT INFORMATION OF OTHER MEMBERS
AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.**

SAMPLE LIST OF COMMITTEES*
FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS of
The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology

**Note that some committees perform needs of Chapter operations,
while other committees highlight a member's particular interest.*

Membership: responsible for inviting new members, keeping a list of members, and documenting the payment of membership fees

Clinical Practice/Mentors: organizes technical assistance and support for members through a volunteer, mentorship program

International Chapters: maintains communication with other chapters of IAOMT around the world

Cyber Committee: operates web site and other technological aspects of Chapter

Newsletter: composes a newsletter to share with members several times a year

Meetings: schedules, organizes, and prepares for all Chapter meetings, including securing places for meetings, inviting speakers, and monitoring financial logistics

Programs: creates special programs for members, including guest speakers and educational events

Audio/Visual: provides necessary equipment for speakers, as well as video-taping speakers and sharing recordings of events with others

Commercial Exhibitors: invites vendors to attend meetings and other events

Education: assists members in the IAOMT accreditation process

Biological Support: researches and reports on subjects related to bio-compatibility in dentistry

Clinical Practice Guidelines and Scientific Review: examines, researches, and creates documents related to the practice and science of dentistry

Endodontic Therapy: researches and shares information about endodontic therapy

Environmental: explores aspects related to environmental impacts of dental practices

Fluoride: provides updates and educational materials about the use of fluoride, in addition to responding to legislative actions and news articles about the topic

Grants and Funding: pursues grants and other funding to assist the Chapter in pursuing projects

Jawbone Pathology: shares up-to-date research about jawbone pathology

Periodontal Therapy: shares research and information related to periodontal therapy