

## **Re: New Investigator Committee (NIC) of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH)**

The New Investigator Committee (NIC) of the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) was recently established, with the primary aim to support and encourage new investigators in blood pressure and related research.

A key element is the formation of a Hypertension Future Leaders Group (HFLG); **a network for new investigators run by new investigators.**

The mission of the HFLG is to facilitate the participation of, and interaction between, students and new investigators in hypertension research. The HFLG welcomes any student or new investigator with a passion for hypertension research and who is aiming to grow as a future leader in the field. Membership will be designed for those within 10 years of a doctoral degree.

The hub of activity for the HFLG will be centred on an interactive 'ISH New Investigators Network' section of the Society website (details to be announced); with blogs, discussion forums, Twitter (<http://twitter.com/ISHNIN>), as well as a Facebook Group (<http://www.facebook.com/ISHNIN>). Through the website young researchers will be able to exchange experiences, discuss any matters regarding their research and career growth, establish links with people with similar interests and so forth.

The HFLG will also arrange meetings and seminars locally and at international meetings and it is the intention for the first meeting of this kind to be held at the jointly sponsored Inter-American Society of Hypertension (IASH), the American Heart Association's Council for High Blood Pressure Research and the Council on Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease meeting in Florida in September this year, HBPR/IASH: Bridging Basic and Translational Hypertension Research in the Americas.

**We would be extremely grateful if you could circulate this message to current and past students and faculty members in your department, in order to assist us in the promotion of this new ISH initiative.**

Those interested in receiving further information regarding the HFLG are asked to email the ISH Secretariat: [secretariat@ish-world.com](mailto:secretariat@ish-world.com).

With kind regards,

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