



Criteria for Membership in the ICO

To be eligible for membership in the International Council of Ophthalmology, organizations must:

- Be a not-for-profit society or association
- Be composed of ophthalmologists and others who work with ophthalmologists, or be composed of ophthalmological societies or ophthalmic organizations
- Have regular election of officers
- Hold regular governing board meetings
- Be willing to pay ICO dues and name an official Representative to participate in the ICO General Assembly every two years
- Support the goals and programs of the ICO
- Be approved by the International Council of Ophthalmology.

National ophthalmologic societies must also:

- Represent ophthalmologists primarily in one country
- Be the primary or one of the primary ophthalmologic societies in that country

Subspecialty and related societies must also:

- Represent ophthalmologists in a subspecialty or other area of interest closely tied to ophthalmology (e.g., ophthalmic education or research)
- Have a substantial international membership, preferably at least 100 members
- Sponsor regular meetings that attract an audience from many countries.