

International Federation of Associations of Anatomists

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The **International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA)** is an umbrella scientific organization of national and multinational Anatomy Associations, dedicated to [anatomy](#) and biomorphological sciences.

ORIGIN

In 1903, Prof. Nicolas, from [Nancy, France](#), was successful in founding the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists.

The first International Congress of Anatomy was held in [Geneva](#) in 1905 and started as a committee to organize five yearly conferences.

Associations of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists, IFAA with 56 members is the only international body representing all aspects of anatomy and anatomical associations.

Since 1989 the [Federative International Committee on Anatomical Terminology](#) (FICAT) under IFAA auspices, has met to analyze and study the [international morphological terminology](#) ([Anatomy](#), [Histology](#) and [Embryology](#)), releasing updated [Terminologia Anatomica](#) in 1998 and [Terminologia Histologica](#) in 2008.

INDIAN ANATOMISTS IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF IFAA

Sl. No.	Name	Capacity	Committee
1	Dr. Daizy Sahni	Member	Anatomical Research
2	Dr. Bhusareddy	Member	Ethics and Medical Humanities
3	Dr. G. S. Longia	Member	Equality and Diversity in relation to Anatomy
4.	Dr. Ashok Sahai	Advisor	Anatomical Terminology

MEMBERS OF IFAA

SOCIETIES / ASSOCIATIONS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Sl. No.	NAME OF ASSOCIATION / SOCIETY	COUNTRY
1	Argentine Association of Anatomy	Argentina
2	Argentine Association of Clinical Anatomists	Argentina
3	Australia and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomy	Australia and New Zealand
4	Brazilian Society of Anatomy	Brazil

5	Canadian Association for Anatomy	Canada
6	Chilean Society of Anatomy	Chile
7	Chinese Society of Anatomical Sciences	China
8	Columbian Society of Morphology	Columbia
9	Asociación Panamericana de Anatomía	Costa Rica
10	Czech Anatomical Society	Czech Republic
11	Anatomice Fenniae	Finland
12	Association des Anatomistes	France
13	Anatomische Gesellschaft	Germany
14	Greek Society of Anatomy	Greece
15	Anatomical Society of India	India
16	Indonesian Anatomists Association	Indonesia
17	Societa Italiana di Anatomia e Istologia, SIAI Italian Society of Anatomy (Italian Society of Anatomy and Histology)	Italy
18	Japanese Association of Anatomists (observer)	Japan
19	Dutch Anatomical Society	Netherlands
20	Anatomical Society of Nigeria	Nigeria
21	Polish Society of Anatomy	Poland
22	Portuguese Society of Anatomy	Portugal
23	Scientific Medical Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists	Russia
24	Serbian Anatomical Society	Serbia
25	Anatomical Society of Southern Africa	South Africa
26	Anatomical Society of South Korea	South Korea
27	Spanish Society of Anatomy	Spain
28	Society for Anatomy Switzerland	Switzerland
29	Association of Anatomists of Republic of China	Taiwan
30	Turkish Association of Anatomy and Clinical Anatomy	Turkey
31	Anatomical Society (Great Britain and Ireland)	U.K. and Ireland
32	American Association of Anatomists	U.S.A.
33	American Association of Clinical Anatomists	U.S.A.

IFAA Executive Committee (2014 – 2019)

SL. NO.	NAME	POSITION / OFFICE	COUNTRY
1	Beverley Kramer	President-Chair	South Africa
2	Stephen Carmichael	Vice-President	USA
3	Yunqing Li	Vice-President	China
4	Bernard J Moxham	Immediate Past President	UK
5	Richard L Drake	Treasurer	USA
6	Friedrich Paulsen	Secretary General	Germany
7	Helen Nicholson	Secretary/Editor of Plexus	New Zealand
8	Susana Biasutto	Secretary	Argentina
9	Phil Blyth	Secretary	New Zealand
10	John Fraher	Chair of FIPAT –	UK

		Anatomical Terminology	
11	Wojciech Pawlina	Chair of FIPAE – Anatomical Education	USA
12	Shane Tubbs	Chair of FICSP – Scientific Publications	USA
13	Andreas Winkelmann	Chair of FICEM - Ethics and Medical Humanities	Germany
14	Marios Loukas	Chair of FICAR – Anatomical Research	Grenada
15	Olipado Ashiru	Chair of FICOD – Overseas Development	Nigeria

COMMITTEES OF IFAA

Sl. No.	Name of Committee	Abbreviation	Chair	Country
1	Anatomical terminology	FIPAT	John Fraher	Ireland
2	Anatomical Education	FIPAE	John F Morris,	United Kingdom
3	Ethics and Medical Humanities	FICEM	Thomas H. Champney,	USA
4	Scientific Publications	FICSP	Shane Tubbs	USA
5	Supranational Anatomical Projects	FICSAP	Oladapo Adenrele Ashiru	Nigeria
6	Anatomical Research	FICAR	Marios Loukas	West Indies
7	Committee for Equality and Diversity in relation to Anatomy	FICEDA		

VENUES OF EARLIER CONGRESS OF IFAA

Serial	Year	City/ Country	Presidencies
• I Congress -	1905 -	Geneva, Switzerland -	Prof. D' Eternod
• II Congress -	1910 -	Brussels, Belgium -	Prof. Waldeyer
• III Congress -	1930 -	Amsterdam,	
		• The Netherlands	Prof. Van den Broek
• IV Congress -	1936 -	Milan, Italy -	Prof. Livini
• V Congress -	1950 -	Oxford, England -	Prof. Le Gros Clark
• VI Congress -	1955 -	Paris, France -	Prof. Collin
• VII Congress -	1960 -	New York, USA -	Prof. Bennett
• VIII Congress -	1965 -	Weisbaden, Germany -	Prof. Bargmann
• IX Congress -	1970 -	Leningrad, Russia -	Prof. Jdanov
• X Congress -	1975 -	Tokyo, Japan -	Prof. Nakayama
• XI Congress -	1980 -	Mexico City, Mexico -	Prof. Acosta Vidrio
• XII Congress -	1985 -	London, England -	Prof. Harrison
• XIII Congress -	1989 -	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil -	Prof. Moscovici
• XIV Congress -	1994 -	Lisbon, Portugal -	Prof. Esperança Pina
• XV Congress -	1999 -	Rome, Italy	
• XVI Congress -	2004 -	Kyoto, Japan	
• XVII Congress -	2009 -	Cape Town, South Africa	

(Amended on ??th August, 2014, during the General Assembly of the XVII Federative International Congress of Anatomy, held in Beijing, China. The original IFAA Constitution was published in Acta Anatomica, 138: 273-278, 1990)

Chapter 1

Name and Objectives

Article 1

(1) The name of the society shall be the “International Federation of Associations of Anatomists” (hereafter called IFAA).

(2) The purpose of the IFAA shall be to assemble the national and multinational anatomical associations that request membership and are approved as members.

Chapter II

Headquarters and Purpose

Article 2

The IFAA shall have its headquarters at the institution of the Secretary-General.

Article 3

The aims of the IFAA shall be the following:

- (a) To further the development, and to promote progress of all anatomical or biomorphological sciences.
- (b) To encourage and increase scientific, technological, educational and administrative exchanges among anatomists worldwide.
- (c) To provide general guidelines for educational, technological and scientific purposes and for issues of general interest to anatomical sciences.
- (d) To coordinate and support the preparation, revision and publication of documents on the terminology of the anatomical sciences and biomorphology.
- (e) To stimulate friendship and cooperation among members of associations of anatomists.
- (f) To promote international scientific congresses, symposia and other meetings of anatomical and morphological sciences.

Chapter IV

Membership

Article 5

(1) The members of the IFAA shall be the Associations of Anatomists, national or multinational, Anatomical Societies, and those that apply for membership and are admitted to regular status.

(2) Membership is contingent upon payment of the annual dues, as determined by the General Assembly. Associations that do not pay the annual dues, and are in arrears for two years, cannot be considered members of the IFAA and their representatives are not eligible to attend or vote at meetings of the General Assembly. Where an Association has difficulties in paying its dues for good reason, the Association must explain the reasons in writing to the IFAA Treasurer who can advise the Executive Committee about the Association's membership status. Subsequent

decisions of the Executive Committee concerning the membership status of Associations in arrears are final and are only subject to future discussions at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

(3) The Executive Committee, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, may deem that a constituent member association is insufficiently engaged in matters pertaining to the IFAA. Should a constituent member association be deemed not to be so engaged, the association should initially be asked for an explanation for the lack of engagement. Should the Executive Committee not accept the explanation or be assured of a commitment to engage sufficiently in IFAA matters, the constituent member association will be required to resign from membership of the IFAA. The association may seek re-instatement to the IFAA at a General Assembly.

Chapter VI

Federative International Congresses

Article 24

Applicants to organize a Federative International Congress shall mail their proposal, including the site date and name of the President to the Secretary- General, at least three months before the beginning of the next Congress.

Article 25

(1) The President of the Federative International Congress shall be nominated by the respective Association of Anatomists in whose country(s) the Federative International Congress will take place. She/he shall normally begin her/his term after her/his election by the General Assembly and she/he shall complete it on the last day of the Congress.

(2) A Federative International Committee will be established to monitor the progress of preparations for the upcoming Federative International Congress in order to assist the President of the Congress and to support any local organizing committee. The President of the Congress shall serve ex officio as the Convener of the committee, which normally should include three members of the IFAA Executive Committee and three members the local organizing committee.

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