

The International Haemovigilance Network (IHN) was formed in 2009 from the European Haemovigilance Network (EHN), which itself was founded in 1998.

The purpose of the IHN is to provide a forum for sharing best practice and benchmarking of data as well as providing a resource for existing and new haemovigilance systems. The statutes of IHN can be found on IHN website

www.ihn-org.com

An annual symposium is held each year in one of the member countries and may be attended by interested parties. IHS 2013 has been held in Brussels February 20-22nd and IHS 2014 will be organized in Barcelona, Spain on March 5-7, 2014. For further information, please visit Seminar website

[www.ihs-seminar.org](http://www.ihs-seminar.org)

The “institutional membership of the IHN” consists of national, operational haemovigilance systems. These organisations join IHN on behalf of their country, with a nominated person who is usually the head (director, president) of the national haemovigilance system of that country being the official contact person (OCP) for IHN. Countries with haemovigilance systems in place who are not yet members may join. An approach should be made via a member of the Board using a special application form for IHN membership.

Individuals working in haemovigilance from member countries are free to participate in all aspects of IHN as individual members. The “individual participants” may also be individuals who are active in haemovigilance in countries which are not yet members.

An annual fee is payable which is related to the size of the blood transfusion practice in that country.

IHN has its own website with a large scientific resource: www.ihn-org.com

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