



Applications for **Membership** of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)

This Application for Membership of ISTA conforms with Article 4 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), as well as Article 5 (d), (e) and (f), Article 6, 7 and 18(e)(2) of The Articles of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA).

ISTA Membership categories and benefits

ISTA Laboratory Membership/Sampling Entity (*institutional membership, required for accreditation, includes one Personal Membership*)

A Member Laboratory is a laboratory engaged in the testing of seed. A Member Laboratory supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association.

A Member Sampling Entity is an entity engaged in the sampling of seed only which supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association.

The Member Laboratory can participate in the ISTA Proficiency Test Programme at no cost, and once accredited by ISTA, be authorised to issue ISTA International Seed Analysis Certificates. For the Sampling Entity participation in the ISTA Proficiency Test does not apply.

Once admitted as a member, the Member Laboratory/Sampling Entity is entitled to free online multi-user access to the 'International Rules for Seed Testing'. ISTA Handbooks and proceedings published after approval and the magazine 'Seed Testing International'. Additional ISTA publications can be purchased at the member's discounted price.

A Member Laboratory/Sampling Entity membership also **includes membership of one Personal Member (Laboratory Representative)**, whose postal address has to be the same as that of the laboratory. A Member Laboratory/Sampling Entity nominates the Personal Member to be its representative in the affairs of the Association. The Personal Member (Laboratory Representative) may be designated as a Designated Member by the Designated Authority of the Country/Distinct Economy, and be authorised to exercise the Country/Distinct Economy's voting right on behalf of its Government at ISTA Ordinary General Meetings.

All staff members of the Member Laboratory/Sampling Entity are not subjected to page charges for publishing in the journal 'Seed Science and Technology', receive priority for any ISTA event and can benefit from the discounted membership registration fees for ISTA Congresses, Annual Meetings, Symposiums and Workshops.

ISTA Personal Membership (*individual membership*)

A Personal Member is a person engaged in the science and practice of seed testing or in the technical control of such activities and who supports the Association and its objectives and is admitted by the Association.

A Personal Member is entitled to free online single-user access to the 'International Rules for Seed Testing'. ISTA Handbooks and proceedings that are published after approval as member and the magazine 'Seed Testing International'. Additional ISTA publications can be purchased at the member's discounted price.

A Personal Member is not subjected to page charges for publishing in the journal 'Seed Science and Technology', receives priority at any ISTA event and can benefit from the discounted membership registration fees for ISTA Congresses, Annual Meetings, Symposiums, Workshops and ISTA Publications.

A Personal Member may be designated as a Designated Member by the Designated Authority of the Country/Distinct Economy, and be authorised to exercise the Country/Distinct Economy's voting right on behalf of its Government at ISTA Ordinary General Meetings.

ISTA Associate Membership *(individual membership with limited benefits)*

An **Associate Member** is a person who is not a Personal Member, but who supports the Association and its objectives, and is admitted by the Association.

An Associate Member receives the magazine '*Seed Testing International*' and has priority for membership of an ISTA Technical Committee over individuals who are not ISTA Members.

An Associate Member can purchase one copy of the ISTA Publications at the reduced membership price per year and once per year benefit from the discounted membership registration fees for ISTA Congresses, Annual Meetings, Symposiums and Workshops.

An Associate Member cannot become a Designated Member and therefore cannot vote at ISTA Meetings.

ISTA Membership subscription fees*

	Annual fee for 2026 in Swiss Francs (CHF)
Non-accredited Laboratory Membership/Sampling Entity	5'214.-
Accredited Laboratory Membership/Sampling Entity	6'438.-
Personal Membership	1'049.-
Associate Membership	214.-

(*) The membership fees are determined annually at the Ordinary General Meeting.
Membership subscription fees cover one financial year of the Association, which is from January 1st to December 31st.
The membership fees are payable by January 1st of the membership year concerned.

Application for ISTA Laboratory /Sampling Entity Membership

To apply for ISTA Laboratory/Sampling Entity Membership **please complete the following required fields:**

Laboratory name:

Institution

Department

Address

Postal code

City

Country/Distinct Economy

Telephone

Fax

E-mail

Website

Personal Member / Laboratory Representative (contact person for ISTA at the laboratory):

Title(s)

Gender: male ☐ female ☐

Family Name(s)

Given Name(s)

Position

Telephone

Fax

E-mail

Upon acceptance of the membership application and payment of the corresponding fees (please await the invoice issued) Membership will become effective (please select as appropriate):

immediately

or

at a particular date:

The member is directly responsible to ISTA for the payment of the corresponding membership fees.

Once effective, membership is automatically renewed on an annual basis unless there are arrears in membership subscription payments of that member or the member hands in a notice of cancellation. Such notice must be communicated to the Secretariat in writing prior to the end of the financial year for which the membership has been paid. The financial obligation to the Association of a member includes the entire calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) in which the notice is given.

Place and Date

Applicant Signature (Personal Member /
Laboratory Representative)

Stamp of the applicant Laboratory

Application for ISTA Personal Membership

To apply for ISTA Personal Membership **please complete the following required fields:**

Title(s)	Gender: male ☐ female ☐	
Family Name(s)		
Given Name(s)		
Institution		
Department		
Position		
Address		
Postal code	City	
Country/Distinct Economy		
Telephone	Fax	
E-mail		
Website		

Upon acceptance of the membership application and payment of the corresponding fees (please await the invoice issued) Membership will become effective (please select as appropriate):

☐ immediately or ☐ at a particular date:

The member is directly responsible to ISTA for the payment of the corresponding membership fees.

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Place and Date

Applicant Signature

Application for ISTA Associate Membership

To apply for ISTA Associate Membership **please complete the following required fields:**

Title(s)	Gender: male ☐ female ☐	
Family Name(s)		
Given Name(s)		
Institution		
Department		
Address		
Postal code	City	
Country/Distinct Economy		
Telephone	Fax	
E-mail		
Website		

Upon acceptance of the membership application and payment of the corresponding fees (please await the invoice issued) Membership will become effective (please select as appropriate):

☐ immediately or ☐ at a particular date:

The member is directly responsible to ISTA for the payment of the corresponding membership fees.

Once effective, membership is automatically renewed on an annual basis unless there are arrears in membership subscription payments of that member or the member hands in a notice of cancellation. Such notice must be communicated to the Secretariat in writing prior to the end of the financial year for which the membership has been paid. The financial obligation to the Association of a member includes the entire calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) in which the notice is given.

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Place and Date

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Applicant Signature