



## **British Fertility Society**

(Affiliated with the International  
Federation of Fertility Societies)

### Application for Membership



# The British Fertility Society

With the encouragement of IVF pioneer Patrick Steptoe, the British Fertility Society was founded in 1972, by a small group with a common interest in infertility. Since then the burgeoning knowledge in this exciting area of medicine has resulted in the development and introduction of many new reproductive technologies into clinical practice. The interests of the BFS has broadened to a range unimaginable 30 years ago. The British Fertility Society has grown alongside the development of our speciality and now actively promotes the sharing of knowledge, further education and raising standards of practice.

Today, the Society recognises the multi-disciplinary nature of science and practice of reproductive medicine and welcomes andrologists, counsellors, embryologists, endocrinologists, nurses and other professional groups working in this field, into its membership.

The activities of the BFS are directed by the executive committee, elected by the membership. A number of sub-committees have remit for specific areas, namely Ethics, Policy & Practice, Meetings, Membership and Website. The committees are held quarterly and report to the Annual General Meeting at the Annual BFS Meeting.

## Activities

- Annual conference
- Training workshops
- Ad-hoc and focused scientific meetings
- Joint scientific meetings with other Societies e.g. SRF, BAS and ACE
- Quarterly peer reviewed journal of the BFS – Human Fertility
- Prizes and Awards for academic excellence
- Web-site
- Policy and practice guidance
- Sponsorship for attendance at the BFS Scientific Meetings for constituent groups

## Annual Meeting

The BFS holds one major meeting per year. This normally takes place in the spring, lasts for three days and includes plenary sessions with invited international speakers, prize paper sessions, free communications, poster sessions, trade symposia and a trade exhibition. Attendance at the annual meeting is open to both members and non-members with preferential membership registration fees and accommodation to suit all budgets.

## Membership

Membership of the BFS is open to all those involved in the science and practice of human fertility, reproductive medicine and biology. These include infertility, assisted conception, endometriosis, contraception, male and female reproductive surgery, minimal access surgery and endocrinology.

Membership categories are defined as:

Clinician	Scientist	Nurse	
Counsellor	Associate	Student	Retired

# Web-site

Our web site holds much useful information and enables you to gain membership and register for meetings on-line.

**We are at: [www.fertility.org.uk](http://www.fertility.org.uk)**

## Principle roles

1. To provide a common forum for members of various disciplines, with an interest in infertility, reproductive medicine and biology, to meet and discuss practice, research, policy and ethics for the advancement of the subject.
2. To promote high quality practice and research by holding scientific meetings and abstract sessions, symposia and workshops for educational purposes.
3. To hold joint meetings with societies with related interests.
4. To seek support for training fellowships, attendance at other national and international fertility society meetings and prizes for high quality submissions to society meetings.
5. To publish material aimed at promoting high standards in the discipline.
6. To promote high standards of training in all areas of the discipline.
7. To liaise with professional and governmental organisations to discuss and promote high standards in all relevant professional activities.
8. To liaise with patient organisations to promote areas of mutual interest.
9. To be an effective voice, projected to society, to explain and promote principles and good practice in infertility.
10. To respond, on behalf of its membership, to matters of public concern relating to infertility and its treatment.

# The benefits of membership

- The opportunity for networking - to meet and exchange opinions with fellow professionals working in Reproductive Medicine and Biology
- The opportunity to present data and respond to colleagues' comments
- A regular channel of communication through the Society's newsletters and official journal
- Access through the Society to other international and national organisations with overlapping interests; the BFS is a member of the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS)
- The chance to receive prizes for work of excellence
- Discounted registration fees for many scientific meetings
- Sponsorship Scheme for attendance at meetings
- Free subscription to Human Fertility
- Forum for discussing mutual research and licensed (IVF) practice.

For membership, please complete the enclosed application form and return to the Secretariat Office at:

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