



Newsletter



NOTES FROM YOUR CHAIR, DR. SIMONA CRISTESCU

YOUR IABR BOARD

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CURRENT IABR BOARD ACTIVITIES

The IABR Board meets quarterly. Our most recent meeting, held online in May 2026, was a productive session covering four key areas: our developing partnership with IOP Publishing, the rollout of the new automated membership registration system, proposals for our evolving community structure, and planning for upcoming Breath Summit locations. Progress on each of these is outlined in the sections below.

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PROGRESS ON IABR–IOP PUBLISHING NEGOTIATIONS



As we look forward to connecting with many of you at the upcoming Breath Summit, the IABR Board would like to share a brief update regarding our long-standing partnership with IOP Publishing.

For over two decades, JBR has served as a central, unifying platform for our global community, and the IABR Board remains fully committed to maintaining a strong, productive, and modern relationship with IOP Publishing.

To ensure our partnership aligns with the current academic publishing landscape, the IABR Board formally appointed a Core Management Team consisting of the three chairs (the current, elect, and past chair) to oversee the review and negotiation of our publishing agreement. This team is acting with the full authority of the Board to modernize our agreement and secure concrete benefits for our community. Specifically, we are negotiating for:

- Increased financial support for early- researchers to attend our meetings.
- Guaranteed, clear guidelines for publisher sponsorship at future Breath Summits.
- A fair and balanced framework that reflects the immense value our community brings to the journal.

Because these discussions are active and ongoing, the Core Management Team will host a dedicated open-forum session at the upcoming Breath Summit. This will be your opportunity to hear directly from the Board, ask questions, and share your feedback before any new agreement is finalized.

We appreciate your continued support and dedication to our society and the advancement of breath science.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summit in November,

Simona Cristescu

IABR Chair

On behalf of the IABR Board

STREAMLINED MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION



The banner features a central graphic with a globe and a woman in a lab coat. The text 'REGISTER NOW' is in orange, and 'IABR' is in large blue letters. Below it, 'International Association for Breath Research' is written in a smaller font. A tagline reads 'Join the global breath research community'. Three circular icons represent 'CONNECT with global experts' (people at a table), 'ADVANCE breath research' (lungs), and 'BE PART of what's next' (calendar with checkmark). At the bottom, three more icons represent 'Inspiring Talks' (microphone), 'Global Collaboration' (globe with people), and 'Early-Career Support' (graduation cap). A dark blue button on the right says 'Reserve Your Spot' with an orange arrow.

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Join the global breath research community

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BE PART of what's next

Inspiring Talks

Global Collaboration

Early-Career Support

Reserve Your Spot →

Joining IABR just got easier. A new streamlined registration system has been live since 11 May 2026 at:

<https://www.iabr.at/become-a-member/>

offering automated payment confirmation and renewal reminders — reducing admin for both members and the board.

If you're already a member, you'll automatically receive a reminder email when your renewal date is approaching — no need to keep track yourself.

We hope this makes staying connected with the IABR community simpler than ever.

BUILDING A STRONGER IABR: COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The new structure comprises three focused committees and an Early Network, each dedicated to a core area of IABR's work: research, the Summit, education, and community building.

Why this change? The IABR has grown into a vibrant international community and it's time to reflect that. As your Board, we are excited to announce a new way of working, opening clear pathways for research, education, events and community building, giving more members the opportunity to actively shape IABR's future. We hope you will find your place in it!

Committee on Research

Advancing science:

Collaborations | Grants | Standards | Inter-lab studies

Strengthens IABR's scientific role by enabling collaboration across academic and industry labs, supporting joint funding initiatives and driving standardisation efforts. Working across our international network, it develops shared protocols and datasets that benefit the whole field.

Committee on the Summit

Ensuring strategic continuity:

Programme framework | SciCom guidelines | LOC Alignment | Conference visibility

Serves as an executive team ensuring conference continuity and high standards across all Summits - distinct from Local Org. Com. (LOC) and the conference Sci. Com. (SciCom). It establishes the guidelines within which SciCom operates, aligns with local organisers and maintains the event's global visibility and impact.

Committee on Education

Learning & development:

Seminar series | Workshops & training | Lab visits | Industry exchange

Invests in the development of every IABR member. Through seminars, workshops, lab visits and industry exchange, it provides practical learning opportunities throughout the year - not just at the Summit.

Early Career Network

Connecting the community:

Social media & communication | Newsletter contributions | Networking & events | Member voice

An open network run by and for early researchers. It gives emerging voices in breath research a space to connect, collaborate and contribute to the IABR community — through social media, newsletters and events.

JOIN THE IABR LEADERSHIP: CALL FOR COMMITTEES & EARLY CARRER NETWORK

JOIN OUR COMMITTEES

IABR International Association for Breath Research

Help shape the future of our community

Leadership Collaboration Community Impact

Small focused committees

- 2-3 members each
- Includes a committee lead working directly with the Board

Early Career Network

- Open and collaborative
- Seeking 8-10 founding members

Get Involved →

Want to help shape the future of IABR?

We are now launching an open call for applications to join our new committees and our Early Network. To ensure focused and agile decision-making, each committee will consist of a small focused group of 2-3 members including a committee lead working directly with the Board. The Early Network will operate as an open group, collaborative and we are looking for 8-10 members to get it started.

How to apply

To express your interest, please send a short email to chair@iabr.at before **01-10-2026**, including:

- Which committee or network you wish to join
- Your interest and background in that area
- How you see yourself contributing

The selection process

With a commitment to diverse international representation across regions and stages, the IABR Board will carefully review all expressions of interest.

The appointed members will be announced at the **Breath Summit in Tokyo 2026**. At the Summit, we will host a dedicated session to meet, brainstorm, and collectively shape how each committee will work in practice.



IABR BREATH SUMMIT UPDATES

THE UPCOMING SUMMIT: TOKYO 2026

The next Breath Summit in Tokyo brings our global community together. We look forward to this opportunity for scientific exchange and the continued growth of the IABR.

Abstract submission and registration are now open. We invite you to share your latest research and secure your spot on the [IABR Breath Summit 2026](#) to join us for this event.

We are also pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted until 01.10.2026 for the prestigious [Anton Amann Award](#), which honors outstanding lifetime achievements in breath research, alongside the newly established [IABR Rising Star Award](#) celebrating exceptional early- scientists.

BRING THE SUMMIT TO YOU: CALL FOR THE NEXT HOSTS

The IABR board invites expressions of interest from institutions wishing to host future Breath Summit meetings, with a particular focus on the 2027/early 2028 Breath Summit.

Hosting the Summit offers a unique opportunity to:

- showcase your institution to an international audience
- shape the scientific programme
- strengthen the visibility of breath research globally.

No full proposals are required at this stage. We warmly welcome initial, informal expressions of interest.

If your institution is interested, please **contact the IABR chair** (simona.cristescu@ru.nl) for an informal discussion.

We look forward to collaborating with you and to expand the global reach of our community.

IABR GOVERNANCE UPDATE: UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Elections for several IABR Board positions - including auditor, alternate auditor, secretary and members of the election committee (highlighted in red in the table below) - will take place at the upcoming Breath Summit in Tokyo. This is a great opportunity to play an active role in shaping the future of the association. Further details on the positions, timelines and the nomination process will be shared with all members by 30.09.2026.

IABR ROLES AND TERMS

Position	Person	Contact	Held until
Chair	Simona Cristescu	simona.cristescu@ru.nl	2027*
Chair-Elect	George Hanna	g.hanna@imperial.ac.uk	2027*
Past Chair	Jane Hill	jane.hill@ubc.ca	2027*
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Auditor	Sean Harshman	sean.harshman@wright.edu	30-11-2026
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Secretary	Y Lan Pham	y.lan.pham@ivv.fraunhofer.de	30-11-2026
Election Committee	Jens Herbig Makoto Sawano Dorota Ruszkiewicz	election@iabr.at	30-11-2026

*aligned to the Breath Summit date