



**IASLT**

## **WHY JOIN THE IASLT? Your Membership Counts**

### **INFLUENCING THE FUTURE**

1. The IASLT lobbies the Government, Oireachtas Health Committee, all political parties, and the Department of Health and Children and other National Bodies on key issues and priorities. We influence policy development and plans through responses and submissions.
2. The IASLT links closely with CORU as registration for SLTs is developed.
3. The IASLT is leading work to shape the speech and language therapy profession into the future, developing the scope and standards of practice, influencing and accrediting curriculum development, and supporting members.
4. We keep the profile of the profession high by employing a PR Consultant and regularly achieving coverage in the national and regional media.
5. The IASLT represents members' views.
6. The IASLT is recognised as the designated authority for the Speech and Language Therapy Profession in Ireland, acting with the approval of the Minister of Health and Children.
7. The IASLT, as well as CORU accredits Irish University undergraduate speech and language therapy programmes.

### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED AND UP TO DATE**

1. You receive the all colour, information packed Update magazine twice a year.
2. You can read the latest research and evidence in our bi-annual Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies.
3. Members can access a range of information on the IASLT website from news items and job ads to guidelines on many clinical areas
4. Members can access IASLT publications ranging from the latest clinical guidelines to public information leaflets.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MEMBER SUPPORT**

1. The IASLT CPD Project Manager explores and responds to your professional development needs, using a variety of tools and recourses some of which are accessible via the IASLT website.
2. CPD events are advertised on the IASLT website.
3. The IASLT submits proposals to the HSE annually for CPD funding.
4. IASLT work to ensure that the quality of speech and language therapy education meets the present and future needs of clients.

### **GETTING INVOLVED**

1. As a full and new graduate member, you have the opportunity to vote at our annual AGM.
2. You can attend IASLT CPD events.
3. You can join committees and advisory groups.
4. You can attend the annual IASLT Conference with top national and international speakers and a fantastic range of educational, scientific and social networking opportunities and experiences.

### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

1. Only current members' clients can claim reimbursement for treatment from Health Insurance Providers.
2. The IASLT professional indemnity insurance scheme is available for full and new graduate members. The IASLT provides Fitness to Practice insurance for all full and new graduate members who work in Ireland.
3. Members have the opportunity to submit their research, group or individual, in the form of a Poster or an Oral Presentation at the IASLT Biennial Conference.
4. Above all, as a member, you can make a positive contribution to the future development of the profession in Ireland.