

## Presentation

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**Mission statement - Professionals acting locally and globally to improve the health and well being of children and young people with a focus on social pediatrics and child health.**

**Social Pediatrics** - is a global, holistic, and multidisciplinary approach to child health. It considers the health of the child within the context of their society, environment, school, and family. Social pediatrics integrates the physical, mental, and social dimensions of child health and development as well as care, prevention, and promotion of health and quality of life.

**ISSOP** acts for the benefit of children and young people:

- all children so they have access to health care in society, and specifically :
  - health promotion,
  - disease prevention,
  - curative Pediatrics,
  - rehabilitation.
- children having health problems with social causes,
- children having health problems with social consequences,

**We believe in** – working *together* to use our skills, resources and knowledge to develop local and global strategies to improve the health and well being of children and young people.

**Our methods include** – improving communication between all those involved in child and adolescent health and well being, bringing you the latest on the relevant research worldwide, developing tools for as well as carrying out advocacy, developing tools for teaching, developing tools for involving children and young people themselves, circulating and publishing position statements and by providing information about effectiveness and efficacy of interventions, meeting together at conferences, setting a lead for action in all these fields.

**We work with** – national and international social/community paediatric organisations, NGOs working in the same field, child advocacy groups, health professionals involved with child health, governments, economists, sociologists, lawyers and others with the same interests and aspirations.

**Joining us** – means that we can work together in making us all a more powerful voice and force for change. You will have access to people, strategies and concepts via the internet and discussion groups to share your ideas. You will meet people with similar aspirations and contribute at conferences held throughout the world.

**The benefits of ISSOP membership include:**

- Advocacy on behalf of children
- Contributing to the development of Social Pediatrics
- Stimulation of research/evidence based health care
- Networking in Social Pediatrics
- Training and Continuous Medical Education events
- Substantially reduced subscription to the journal
- Reduced rate for the journal: '[Child: Care, Health and Development](#)' (click on the name for hyperlink)

## What does it cost and where does your money go?

Annual membership presently costs 50 Euros and goes mainly to:

- supporting membership management,
- maintaining ISSOP website with detailed information about the organisation's activities and membership,
- development of advocacy and teaching materials
- supporting the discussion list CHILD 2015.

Costs are kept to a minimum by involving the membership in developing the association. You, your, knowledge, your skills are the association's main resource.

## How often does the association meet?

- Once a year, in various locations around the world so as to promote social Pediatrics both locally and internationally. Recent meetings programmes and presentations are available in the [Annual meeting lists](#) and in the [Downloads](#) sections.
- We also run a series of annual summer schools in collaboration with members.
- We try to ensure web access to meetings for those who cannot attend in person.

**Membership subscription details** can be found at our [Membership](#) page on [www.issop.org](http://www.issop.org) .

**Join us now to improve the health of children and young people and be at the cutting edge of that change.**