Building a Global Surveillance Community of Practice

The mission of ISDS is to improve population health by advancing the science and practice of disease surveillance. Our growing membership represents individual professionals from all aspects of the biosurveillance and broader public health surveillance community.

Our goal is to bring ideas to actions that have measurable change on disease prevention and response by increasing access to timely, high-quality data for decision-making. By providing capacity-building assistance, ISDS provides support that maintains momentum. We believe that by cultivating collaborations and joining surveillance professionals across disciplines, sectors, and nations, we can foster innovations and accomplish together what could not be achieved alone.

The strengths of ISDS include:

1. A growing **global network** that joins surveillance practitioners and researchers from 280+ organizations in 40+ countries worldwide.

2. Unparalleled experience building and supporting **Communities of Practice** (CoPs) among surveillance professionals to keep project momentum going and provide an outlet for community input.

3. A trusted **communication portal** for knowledge exchange to keep abreast of the latest findings, best practices, policy changes, and events related to disease surveillance.

4. Extensive **subject matter expertise** in innovative approaches to disease surveillance, surveillance systems and processes, statistical analyses and tools, syndromic surveillance, One Health approaches, and public health informatics.

5. Strong **competencies** in project management, consultations, consensus building, priority setting, standards development, and other technical services to move ideas to action.

6. Capabilities in rigorous **evaluation and assessment** through electronic surveys and other qualitative and quantitative methods to collect, analyze, and report data and information.

7. 13 years of experience coordinating the **ISDS Annual Conference**, the premier event for surveillance professionals to exchange their ideas and results, build knowledge and skills, and network to initiate new partnerships.

8. Expertise in developing and delivering targeted **public health workforce training activities** from workshops and webinars to distance learning (e.g., Syndromic surveillance 101 online course).

9. The **neutrality** of a third party agency that is well positioned as a non-governmental, non-partisan entity to provide evidence-based and unbiased products and services.

10. A friendly **professional staff** renowned for reliability and productivity and the **organizational agility** to quickly adapt to change and take advantage of new opportunities.
States, Nations, and Sectors Represented by ISDS Membership List

Current Paid Membership: 277 (+3)
Current Free Membership (low- and lower-middle-income): 178 (+16)
Current Total Membership: 455 (+19)

Changes are since 6/3/2014

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