JOIN THE UNION

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Since our founding as a global scientific organisation in 1920, The Union has drawn from the best evidence and the skills, expertise and reach of our members, staff and consultants in order to advance solutions to the most pressing public health challenges affecting people living in poverty around the world.

We work with stakeholders across the globe from every sector, including governments, international agencies, civil society and the private sector.

**KNOW.**
We conduct research to provide evidence for public health policy and practice.

**SHARE.**
We disseminate scientific knowledge to strengthen public health programmes.

**ACT.**
We deliver services and conduct advocacy to safeguard people’s health.

“As academics and clinicians, we constantly seek people on an international platform that work in the same area, to discuss current developments, to collaborate. There is no substitute for this. For me, The Union is such a place — a place of friends and colleagues with mutual interests and common goals.”

PROFESSOR SIMON SCHAFF
Dept of Paediatrics and Child Health, Stellenbosch University and Tygerberg Hospital, South Africa and Honorary Member, The Union
OUR IMPACT

Union members in more than 140 countries work to fulfil our common vision of health solutions for the poor. The Union’s team of over 900 staff and consultants offer technical assistance, conduct research and provided training in more than 80 countries.

In a single year, The Union conducted 120 research studies in 37 countries and published 147 research and opinion papers in peer reviewed journals.

The Union’s Project Axshya in India has reached 15 million people with TB information and tested 940,000 people for TB.

Union studies in Francophone Africa have led to the reduction of TB treatment times from 24 to 9 months and increased treatment success rates to 82 percent from below 55 percent.

34,846 HIV patients started receiving antiretroviral therapy through The Union Office in Myanmar.

3.33 billion people in 35 countries protected by the smokefree laws supported and implemented through The Union’s work.

DETECT Child TB project in Uganda cured nearly 1,200 children.

In one year, 1,317 participants from over 60 countries attended 67 Union courses held in 31 countries. Topics covered TB, MDR-TB, TB-HIV, tobacco control, management and development, and operational research.
The Union is a global scientific organisation with the mission to improve health among people living in poverty. In one year, The Union provided technical assistance to 47 countries, hosted courses and conferences in 36 countries and conducted research in 37 countries.

“With the Union membership as a global platform, we are mobilising more scientists, advocates, campaigners, and policy makers to work together to bring our shared vision of tobacco endgame a little closer.”

DR KAMRAN SIDDIQI
Clinical Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology and Public Health, University of York, UK and Long-term Member of The Union
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OPPORTUNITIES
A wide variety of organisations and individuals join The Union to become involved in its activities on behalf of global health and take advantage of the professional opportunities that membership offers. Individual membership is also open to any interested person who supports our mission.

UNITING BY EXPERTISE
Union members with common professional interests conduct research, develop publications, offer training and plan other joint activities through The Union’s scientific sections and working groups. These define their own projects but also play an integral role in developing the scientific programme for each year’s Union World Conference on Lung Health.

UNITING BY REGION
The Union members also collaborate by region to address lung disease and related challenges by organising region conferences and other activities, such as advocacy events, workshops and newsletters. The Union region conferences highlight local research and successful solutions, and play an important role in building regional networks and expertise. Regional perspectives also contribute to The Union’s deep understanding of local issues.

RECENT MEMBER PROJECTS
• TB in prisons: analysis and recommendations
• TB and migration: analysis and recommendations
• Oxygen therapy resource kit
• Toolkit for preventing tobacco industry interference
• Tobacco, TB & HIV syndemic: research and recommendations
• Tobacco control sustainability

“Joining The Union is about joining a movement that inspires and motivates you to carry on making a difference for people who are largely neglected.”

PROFESSOR BERTIE SQUIRE BSC, MB CHIR, MD (RESEARCH), FRCP
Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK and Former President and Benefactor Member, The Union
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

The support of organisations and individuals plays a critical role in funding the core activities for which The Union has been widely known for nearly 100 years: conferences, courses, research and publications. The benefits to members include a wide variety of professional resources and opportunities.

Membership fees for both organisations and individuals are offered on a sliding scale. Details are available at theunion.org

ORGANISATIONS

• HERITAGE MEMBER (HRM)
  The title heritage member recognises the contribution of long-standing member organisations. The organisations participate in The Union’s strategic planning and governance through the General Assembly. From 2017, no new organisations will be granted this title.

The Union’s heritage members can pride themselves in the years of help and support they have provided to make vital services and resources available. Also, heritage members have the honour and responsibility of representing their nation in shaping the direction of The Union and the global agenda for public health.

• ORGANISATIONAL MEMBER (OM)
  Any not-for-profit organisation that shares the goals of The Union may apply to become an organisational member.

Members in this category also play an active role in shaping Union priorities and contribute significant support to The Union’s technical assistance, education and research activities.

• ASSOCIATE MEMBER (AM)
  Associate members are organisations that wish to be members, but are not able to pay the organisational membership fee or were not able to identify a sponsor to pay. This category is open to new organisations joining The Union for the first time. They do not have voting rights.

INDIVIDUALS

Any individual working in or interested in public health may join The Union. Those who engage in Union scientific and regional activities find the networking and collaboration provide significant opportunities for personal professional growth. Others may join simply to be part of a movement that has had a vital impact on public health for nearly a century.

• INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: PRINT/ONLINE (ID)
  Receive the print version of International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IJTLD) and the online IJTLD and Public Health Action (PHA).

• INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: ONLINE (MO)
  Receive the online IJTLD and PHA.

• STUDENT MEMBER (ST)
  New Union members who are in training and under the age of 35.

• 15-YEAR MEMBER (FY)
  Members who make a long-term commitment by joining for 15 years.

• BENEFACCTOR MEMBER (BM)
  Members who make a donation beyond their membership fee (tax-deductible in some countries).

MEMBER BENEFIT

Online access to IJTLD
Print copies of IJTLD
Discounts on world conference registration fees
Discounts on regional conference registration fees*
Connection to members via Union e-mail groups
Access to documentation and resources via the ‘Members Only’ Space online
Participation and leadership opportunities
Voting rights in Scientific Sections, Regional Elections and General Assembly
Discount on selected INIDP and Union technical courses (excluding world conference)
Complimentary individual membership
Invitation to President’s Centennial Dinner and priority seating (limited)
Photo with President of The Union (limited)
Reserved seating at WCLH opening ceremony and plenaries
Discount on exhibition space at world conference
Participation in Christmas Seals competition
Representation/recognition on The Union website

PLEASE NOTE: All Union memberships are valid for a calendar year from 1 January to 31 December.

"I am always inspired by knowing that each day, as I do my research, care for my patients and teach my students, other Union members committed to the same mission are at work around the world.”

DR E JANE CARTER
Brown University, USA and former President of The Union
“I strongly believe the only way to make real impact is by collective effort, with everyone working for and with each other towards a common goal. The Union’s success, and the impact our work has had on millions of people, has only been possible thanks to our members.”

DR JEREMIAH CHAKAYA MUHWA
President, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease