

## **Policy 5: Affiliate Associations**

### **Background.**

In July 2007, the Board adopted a policy for Regional Council and Affiliate Health Economics Associations. This established the Regional Council and provided for delegates from affiliate health Economics Associations to be members. The part of the policy relevant to affiliation states:

" **iHEA** invites interested regional health economics associations and other groups to become official affiliates of **iHEA**. Affiliation is open to any group that holds objectives in common with **iHEA** and agrees to meet the high standards of professional health economics associations, including:

- Objective academic peer review.
- Openness of participation and collegiality.
- Standards of scientific, managerial and financial integrity.
- Annual reports to **iHEA** on the activities, members and officers of the association.

A written application for affiliation must be sent to **iHEA**, including a description of activities, list of officers and members, and other relevant supporting documentation. "Group" may include formally established associations, recognised informal groupings, and emerging networks, with some evidence of activity such as regular newsletter, discussions, or conferences. The principle is that the group should include a number of **iHEA** members and be able to identify one or two delegates who are members of **iHEA** and can represent that group at a meeting of the Council."

### **Purpose**

This resolution expands the policy to describe the process and benefits of affiliation.

### **Resolution**

The iHEA Board resolves that:

1. regional groups may apply for affiliation with iHEA by writing to the Chief Executive and providing:
  - List of current officers
  - Copy of or access to membership list, with e-mail
  - List of upcoming events/conferences
2. applications will be considered initially by the Executive Committee which will make a recommendation to the Board
3. benefits provided by affiliation will be determined by the Board from time to time, and include representation at the Regional Council
4. for 2008 until further consideration, these are
  - inclusion of the name on the iHEA web site in the (upcoming) affiliates sidebar

- A profile page comprising a description, logo, link to an existing webpage or or host web page if none exists, with provision to join the Association

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**iHEA** through approval of the Board may designate national and regional conferences as regional **iHEA** conferences. Such conferences will be required to meet **iHEA** standards of independence and peer review.

**iHEA** may provide services/benefits to regional/national associations, such as promotion of local conferences, membership registers, and assistance with conferences. Advertising of appropriate conferences is already carried out via the newsletter and website and this should continue. Other services will be provided on a cost recovery basis.