



International Society of Pharmacovigilance

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Call for Nominations for the new ISO P MENA Chapter Executive Committee 2026

Dear ISO P Members of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region*,

After the ISO P Annual Meeting in Egypt there was a decision taken by the ISO P Executive Committee to create a new MENA chapter and to hold elections for leadership positions within the new chapter.

On behalf of the International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISO P) Chapters Nominations Committee, nominations are now invited for the 2026 election of the ISO P MENA Chapter Executive Committee.

This call aims to support an election process that is transparent, fair and consistent with ISO P chapter election principles and procedures.

**22 Arab countries across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, including Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen*

ISO P Chapters Nominations Committee Members

- Chair of the Chapter Nominations Committee: Felipe Villalobos (ISO P Secretary General)
- North Africa representative from the MENA Chapter: Christina Saad
- Middle East Representative from the MENA Chapter: Samer Al-Mohammed
- Advisory Board Representative: Katarina Ilic (SIG coordinator)
- Sophie Spence (ISO P Executive Secretary)

Positions to be filled

Members are invited to stand for election to the [ISO P MENA Chapter](#) Executive Committee. A total of four members will be elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Following the election, the elected members will agree among themselves the allocation of roles and responsibilities. These roles may include *Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or other activity-based functions*, depending on the needs of the Chapter.

Eligibility

Nominations are open to ISO P paid-up active members in good standing who are living and working in the MENA region and who meet the eligibility criteria established for Chapter elections.

Candidates should have at least two years of active ISoP membership at the relevant eligibility cut-off date.

For participation in the MENA chapter elections, all new applications and renewals should be received and processed by **1 July 2026**. New members may join after this time but would not be eligible to vote in the 2026 MENA chapter election.

Candidate profile and selection principles

Self-nominations are welcome, and members may also nominate another eligible member, subject to that person's agreement to stand for the elections.

In reviewing nominations, the Nominations Committee may consider the overall balance of the future Executive Committee, including gender balance, geographical representation across the region, diversity on languages, and diversity of professional expertise and background. To ensure true regional representation, no more than two elected Executive Committee members may be from the same country.

The objective is to support an inclusive and representative leadership group that reflects the breadth of the MENA Chapter membership while maintaining an open and non-discriminatory process.

Nomination package

Members wishing to nominate themselves, or to nominate another eligible member, are invited to submit the nomination by email to administration@isoponline.org, copying support@isoponline.org, with the subject line: **MENA Chapter Candidate**.

Each nomination should include:

- Full name of the nominee.
- Affiliation and country.
- Contact details.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee to confirm eligibility before the final list of candidates is established.

Deadline: 1st of July 2026.

Election process

The election will be organized online by ISoP using an electronic voting process administered by ISoP Administration and overseen by the Nominations Committee.

The final list of eligible candidates, together with their biographies and personal statements, will be shared with eligible MENA Chapter members before the opening of the voting period through the members' section of the ISoP website.

Eligible members will be invited to vote for up to four candidates. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes will form the new MENA Chapter Executive Committee.

The new Executive Committee will serve a three-year term, renewable once consecutively, in line with standard Chapter arrangements.

Timeline

The proposed election timeline is as follows:

Period	Activity
Mid-June - 1 July 2026	Call for nominations
2-3 July 2026	Preparation of the list of potential nominees by the Nominations Committee.
6 July 2026	Invitations to apply sent to potential nominees.
16 July 2026	Deadline for receipt of applications and nomination materials.
16-17 July 2026	Set-up of the electronic voting process.
20 July 2026	General information on the election, including candidate information and voting instructions, published in the members' section of the ISoP website and shared with all eligible members.
24 July - 3 August 2026	Online voting period
5-6 August 2026	Official notification letters sent to all candidates with election outcome
15 August 2026	Announcement results website
15 September 2026	Official handover of the new MENA Chapter Executive Committee

Closing statement

ISoP strongly encourages nominations from across the MENA region to support broad regional engagement and the continued development of pharmacovigilance collaboration within the Chapter.

Participation in this election process will help shape the next phase of the ISoP MENA Chapter's leadership and activities.