The IOF University Network
IOF and its Committees
VISION
Our vision is a world without fragility fractures, in which healthy mobility is a reality for all.

MISSION
To promote bone and musculoskeletal health as a worldwide priority.
The IOF Committees

An extensive network of key stakeholders

The IOF Committee of National Societies

A comprehensive network of patients’ and scientific organizations showing interest in advocating on bone health, promoting patient empowerment, and supporting research and education of health professionals worldwide.

The IOF Committee of Scientific Advisors

The medical and scientific community of IOF. It's comprised of 162 global experts in the field of osteoporosis and musculoskeletal health. The CSA mission entails advising the Board in all scientific matters related to IOF’s work, further the clinical and research objectives of IOF, support national policy changes and provide recommendations for Best Practice in the fields.

The IOF Committee of Corporate Advisors

A unique forum composed of a wide and diversified range of companies committed to promoting bone health and improving osteoporosis and fracture prevention and care. Members of the Committee include leading companies in pharmaceuticals, orthopaedic/medical devices, and the food and nutrition industries.
IOF Committee of National Societies

An extensive network of organisations, with **300 members in 148 countries** representing **94%** of the global population.
The IOF University Network
Multidisciplinary collaboration worldwide
Scope and Objectives

Expand the IOF Network by integrating renowned Universities worldwide

Universities will be Allied Members of the IOF Committee of National Societies

Support the next generation of KOLs of in the field of osteoporosis and musculoskeletal diseases

Share knowledge on the latest developments and challenges in the bone field

Develop research projects to encourage young scientists and young HCPs to pursue studies in the field of osteoporosis and musculoskeletal diseases

Elaborate programmes for young scientists and health professionals collectively
Membership Benefits

- Access to educational and scientific resources & materials
- Access to a global network of experts
- Opportunity for collaboration on research projects
- Endorsement of musculoskeletal and bone health meetings and publications
- Access to advocacy resources to support organization of osteoporosis awareness activities
- Free registrations to WCO-IOF-ESCEO Congress and IOF Regional Events
How to join

• By joining your University will **actively take part in the global voice dedicated to osteoporosis, fragility fractures and musculoskeletal disorders** around the world.

• Your institution will be an **Allied Member** of the Committee of National Societies

• **Members in the IOF network** represent a broad range of related interests.

• **Free membership**

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Fill out the [IOF University Network Application Form](#)

Send it to [lorelei.demullier@osteoporosis.foundatio](#)
IOF resources and flagship operations
IOF Scientific & Education Activities and Resources
IOF Scientific Journals

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF
John A Kanis
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IF
3.591 in 2016
3.856 in 2017
3.819 in 2018
3.864 in 2019
3.917 in 5-year

EDITORS-IN-CHIEF
René Rizzoli
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IF
3.124 in 2016
3.293 in 2017
3.265 in 2018
3.423 in 2019
3.437 in 5-year

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IF
1.960 in 2016
2.382 in 2017
2.469 in 2018
2.017 in 2019
2.311 in 5-year

OI ranked 44th of 143 journals in the category Endocrinology & Metabolism, CTI 59th, AO 115th
AO ranked 38th of 82 journals in the category Orthopedics
BoneCast webinar

HOSTED BY IOF CSA MEMBERS
Key experts in the field

A LARGE VARIETY OF TOPICS
Ca & VitD supplementation, hypoparathyroidism, GIOP, FLS, nutrition...

René Rizzoli  Cyrus Cooper  Peter Ebeling  Nicholas Harvey  Serge Ferrari  Kassim Javaid
Thierry Thomas  Nancy Lane  Gustavo Duque  Aliya Khan
Osteoporosis Essentials Course

What is the Osteoporosis Essentials Course?
• A joint course proposed by the International Society for Clinical Densitometry and IOF
• The course provides for a comprehensive training on the clinical management of osteoporosis as well as a separate track for technicians.
• A certificate of achievement is delivered upon success at the final examination.

Who can benefit from an Osteoporosis Essentials Course?
• Members of the IOF Network are entitled to be the organizer of an Osteoporosis Essentials Course

More information on the Osteoporosis Essentials Course can be found here
Scientific Resources and events

IOF Skeletal Rare Diseases Activities

• IOF Skeletal Rare Diseases Academy
  • Launched in August 2020
  • Mission to advance and disseminate much needed knowledge, and communicate the importance of diagnosis, management and support for rare bone diseases.
  • Areas of activity included scientific publications, development of educational programmes and training courses, and dissemination of informational resources for patients and healthcare professionals.
  • IOF Skeletal Rare Diseases Awards which recognize research excellence among young scientists in the field.

• Activities
  • Development of the Skeletal Rare Disorders Atlas in 2015
  • E-learning through webinars and podcasts on various topics related to skeletal rare disorders
  • Communication campaign during Rare Diseases Day (February 28th)
IOF Advocacy Activities and Resources
Enhancing the University’s visibility with promotion of events organised for WOD on the WOD Map of Events
World Osteoporosis Day

Resources and materials provided by IOF

"Having grown up with disability when there was little support available, I would like to ensure that the silent voices of all people suffering from osteoporosis or physical disabilities are heard.

Ms. Jane Ngaevia Miano was born in Central Kenya in 1949. At eight years of age she suffered a bout of polio, and as of then she had to use a wooden pole to help her walk in life.

At the age of 19 years, she fell and sustained fractures in the wrist and shoulder. Although the fractures healed, she was not able to drive due to pain and fatigue.

"In 1998, osteoporosis was not known in Africa as a bone debilitating disease. As years passed by, my arm developed problems. I was not able to use crutches. My foreign friend who is a doctor, told me I was possibly suffering from osteoporosis. It was the first time I had heard about this type of a disease," she recalls.

It was not until the year 2000, when an osteoporosis awareness campaign started in Kenya that Ms. Miano sought the help of a local physician, and was diagnosed with osteoporosis.

"The doctor told me that I had low bone mass, which makes my bones thin and fragile."

Patient Gallery with stories and posters

Infographics & Factsheets

Posters

Patient brochure
RISK CHECK

MAIN GOALS:

• Raise awareness about the osteoporosis risk factors
• Access more patients at risk
• Drive traffic to the IOF and WOD website

RESOURCES PRODUCED:

• Online Risk Check version
• Printable Risk Check version
• Infographic with a summary of the risk factors
  All translated into 36 languages

Link: Could you be at risk of broken bones due to osteoporosis? | International Osteoporosis Foundation
Global Patient Charter which calls for 4 key patient rights

- Right to be diagnosed
- Right to adequate care
- Right to support for the patient’s family
- Raise the patient’s voice
WOD is an ideal occasion to draw attention to the burden of osteoporosis through the IOF Global Patient Charter

✓ Circulate petition at your event

Use tablets and computers at your event to invite the public to:

✓ Sign the Charter online
✓ Take the Osteoporosis Risk Check online

Online resources (website: http://globalpatientcharter.iofbonehealth.org/)

✓ GPC Factsheet
✓ GPC Infographics
Thematic reports
Regional Audits
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