



ISSCD Stats and Facts Sheet for Media Requests

Basic overview of the ISSCD

The ISSCD was founded in Oslo, Norway on 21 **June 2011** at an informal meeting of delegates attending the 14th International Celiac Disease Symposium (ICDS 2011), who saw the need for a global voice to advance the research in celiac disease and gluten mediated disease research worldwide.

Since 2022, under the leadership of the newly elected Board and continued by the current Board elected in 2024, with President Dr Bob Anderson and the Executive Team Fabiana Zingone, Elena Verdu, Heidi Urwin and President Elect Iris Jonkers, the ISSCD has gone from strength to strength and now has over 850 members.

2026 promises to be a year of exciting change as Iris Jonkers steps into the role of President for the next 2 years and the ISSCD continues to grow as the globally unified voice for celiac disease and gluten mediated disease research, with Dr Bob Anderson retaining his role as Past President.

The ISSCD Currently operates 7 Specialist Committees and 2 Regional Groups in Latin America and Asia Pacific.

Three Basic Rules to abide by

1. Declare any conflicts of interest within the interview
2. Be aware of your audience and how they may perceive any information you share.
3. Although we see challenges with other organisations outside of the ISSCD you should never reference any personal thoughts on how those organisations operate in the public domain.

Two Key Statements to include in all interviews or speaking engagements.

1. The next Global ICDS Congress will be in November in Melbourne, Australia and we are excited to see our colleagues in person to share the advances in the science of celiac disease research. Information is available on the ISSCD website.
2. Membership to the ISSCD is and remains free to all those working in the field of celiac disease and gluten mediated disease research. Details can be found on the ISSCD website.



Overview of Committees and Regional Groups for Information

ISSCD | ICDS

International Celiac Disease Symposium

Chair – Riccardo Troccone

Plans and oversees the society's major global scientific/clinical meeting, the global biennial Congress. Past congresses have been held in Sheffield in the UK, Sorrento in Italy, Paris in France, New Delhi in India and Prague in the Czech Republic.

ISSCD | DIRECTIONS

Dietary contaminations – REmfractory ComplicaTIons – ONgoing Symptoms

Chair – Fabiana Zingone

The Directions Comitee is focused on non-responsive and complicated Celiac disease, highlighting challenges that persist despite a gluten-free diet. Addressing ongoing symptoms, refractory disease, and issues from accidental gluten exposure, complicating diagnosis and management. With an emphasis on long-term consequences, including effects on quality of life, nutrition, and the need for specialised assessment and continuous monitoring.

ISSCD | GSS

Gluten Safety and Standards Committee

co-Chairs – Jason Tye Din and Katharina Scherf

The GSS Committee aims to develop global standards and guidance for gluten safety through analytical methods, safe gluten thresholds, understanding the implications of diet, diagnostics, food regulation and the advancement of clinical trials.

ISSCD | YI

Young Investigators Committee

co-Chairs – Joram Mooiweer and Oliva Moscatelli

The Young Investigators Committee supports early career- researchers/clinicians through mentorship and network building to promote global collaboration and visibility of young scientists and researchers within the Celiac field.

ISSCD | B4CeD

Before Celiac Disease Diagnosis



Co-Chairs – Joseph Murray and Renata Auricchio

This committee is focused on early/pre-diagnosis phases: population studies, birth/incidence cohorts; improving understanding of disease onset, risk factors, early detection, prevention and translational research.

ISSCD | S2C

Science to Clinic Committee

Co-Chairs – Valerie Abadie, Ainara Castellanos-Rubio, Kati Juuti-Uusitalo

This committee aims to speed progress toward a celiac disease cure by enhancing knowledge sharing, strengthening global collaboration, and connecting researchers, clinicians, and industry partners. To build a dynamic network that fuels scientific learning, idea exchange, and translational projects that move discoveries quickly into clinical impact.

ISSCD | DandD

Diagnosis and Definitions Committee

Co-Chairs – Edwin Liu, Govind Makharia, Jernej Dolinsek

This committee aims to shape the future of global celiac disease diagnostics through a multidisciplinary, evidence-driven approach. It seeks to modernise and standardise disease definitions, improve diagnostic accuracy worldwide, and establish clear pathways for resolving uncertain or complex cases.

ISSCD | Latin American

Latin America Regional Group

Chair – Fernando Chirido

This Regional Group for Latin America promotes Celiac disease awareness, diagnostics & treatment capacity, research and care standards, tailored for Latin America with a focus on education in Spanish/Portuguese.

ISSCD | Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific Regional Group

Chair – Govind Makharia

This Regional Group promotes awareness, clinical and research capacity, regional networks and care standards tailored to Asia Pacific's needs.

