

# International Painful Bladder Foundation (IPBF)

## Status and Mission

*The International Painful Bladder Foundation is a non-profit voluntary foundation with fiscal charitable status registered at the Chamber of Commerce, Rotterdam, the Netherlands under number: 24382693.*

*The International Painful Bladder Foundation does not engage in the practice of medicine. It is not a medical authority nor does it claim to have medical knowledge. The IPBF advises patients to consult their own physician before undergoing any course of treatment or medication.*

### **Board of the IPBF:**

Jane Meijlink (Chairman)  
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### **Medical Advisory Board**

The International Painful Bladder Foundation has a panel of international medical advisors who provide the IPBF with advice and assistance in relation to medical issues.

### **Activities**

The International Painful Bladder Foundation (IPBF) is a non-profit voluntary umbrella organization, active worldwide, which promotes knowledge and awareness of interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome (also known as painful bladder syndrome), Hunner lesion, hypersensitive bladder, chronic pelvic pain and associated disorders among patients, patient support groups, health professionals, government authorities, industry and the general public worldwide.

The International Painful Bladder Foundation provides high quality, up-to-date information on the latest developments in the field of diagnosis and treatment of IC/BPS and associated disorders, through its website, free e-newsletter, research update, publications and presentations around the world.

The IPBF promotes the interests of IC/BPS patients worldwide and endeavours to ensure that the viewpoints, needs and concerns of patients and patient organizations are taken into account at medical, scientific and political levels.

The IPBF stimulates and participates in research projects and in standardization and guideline projects.

The mission of the International Painful Bladder Foundation is:

- To promote the interests of patients with interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome, hypersensitive bladder, chronic pelvic pain and associated disorders;
- To increase awareness and knowledge of interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome, Hunner lesion, hypersensitive bladder, chronic pelvic pain and associated disorders among patients, doctors and other healthcare providers, health institutions, industry and the general public worldwide by gathering and disseminating, by any means and in any form, the most up-to-date knowledge and information about these disorders;
- To stimulate and participate in international scientific research;
- To promote international cooperation between all parties involved in interstitial cystitis/bladder pain syndrome, hypersensitive bladder, chronic pelvic pain and associated disorders;
- To enter into joint ventures in any form and any place with organizations working to promote similar medical or patient interests;
- To raise funds for the purpose of carrying out these activities. The IPBF entirely depends on sponsoring and donations to fund its activities.

#### **Newsletter and Research Update**

If you would like to receive our free email newsletter and our research update, please send your email address to [info@painful-bladder.org](mailto:info@painful-bladder.org).

#### **Member of:**

The IPBF is a member of IAPO, EURORDIS, Pain Alliance Europe, World Patients Alliance, International Association for the Study of Pain, European Association of Urology, International Continence Society and ESSIC.