

LOCAL CHAPTER GUIDELINES

(A) Initiation of Chapter

When there are more than 30 members of the IMS in a city, a local chapter of the IMS may be formed in that city. Initiating a formal chapter in any city is to pioneer and consolidate interest and care of menopausal women in that city under the auspices of the Indian Menopause Society. At least 30 like-minded people should have enrolled as life members of the Society from that city. 10 of these would need to be gynaecologists, 10 medical doctors but non-gynaecologists and 10 either medical or non-medical individuals with an interest in menopause, who are IMS life members. Once 30 registered life members are there in the city and a formal inauguration has taken place, the chapter is officially recognized. If there are fewer than 30 members in the city or any number of IMS life members there, they may encourage others to become life members. All the registration forms and cheques could be collected and posted in bulk by the person initiating the local chapter to the Treasurer of the IMS and inform the President and the Secretary General. The chapter would then need to have an inaugural meeting which a member of the National Executive Council should attend and inaugurate and officially declare as a formal chapter of the IMS.

The IMS member who initiates the chapter and enrolls the other remaining members would have the prerogative of being the first Secretary of the local chapter of the IMS for the first term, ordinarily up to 2 years. The Secretary would also be the representative of the chapter to the IMS in the Governing Council as a Governing Council member.

A Joint Secretary and a Treasurer would need to be nominated by the chapter Secretary to enable the chapter to run the local account. A local chapter account of the chapter would then be opened to run the local chapter activities.

This account will be operated jointly by at least 3 members who may be either the local chapter Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer or any member of the national IMS Executive Council or Governing Council who belongs to that chapter.