

# INTERNATIONAL CARTILAGE REPAIR SOCIETY (ICRS)

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Dear Dr. Gebhardt

We are very glad to welcome you as a new member of the ICRS society.

The target of our newly founded society is promoting advances in cartilage research and development by encouraging cooperative educational programs, clinical applications and professional standards in the field of cartilage repair.

The ICRS founders seek to bring together researchers, scientists and physicians who work both with the basic science and the clinical applications of various cartilage repair techniques to facilitate communication among professional orthopaedics groups all over the world.

The Society holds annual meetings, disposes of an Internet web site for on-line information and publishes an open forum Newsletter.

Our Newsletters are going to be published 3 times a year and mailed to all our members to inform and to give them the chance of exchanging their own experiences, knowledge and information. In this respect, we will welcome articles concerning our specific field in order to publish them in our Newsletters. We also wish to give our members the opportunity of advertising in the Newsletter upcoming meetings on cartilage in which they are involved. If you wish, our Society is ready to endorse your meetings officially.

We are also planning in a near future to make a rubric for advertising open positions in the field of cartilage repair.

Thank you very much for your interest in the ICRS.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary ICRS