

Annual Report 1st August 2024- 31st July 2025

Background

The International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections (IUSTI) was founded in 1923 and it is organized on both a global and regional basis. It is the oldest international organisation with the objective of fostering international cooperation in the control of sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS.

Mission statement

IUSTI is concerned with the medical, scientific, social and epidemiological aspects of sexually transmitted infections and their control.

IUSTI is on the Roster of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It is an Official Non-Government Organisation in Consultative Status with the World Health Organisation. IUSTI organizes frequent international and regional conferences on sexually transmitted infections and, in collaboration with the International Journal of STD and AIDS, publishes expert clinical guidelines for their management.

IUSTI is registered as a charity in the UK, Charity Commission Number 111323.

Membership

Membership of IUSTI is open to individuals or organisations with a professional interest in the control of sexually transmitted infections. A medical qualification is not necessary to join IUSTI.

Executive Committee

Role	Name
President	Prof. Christopher Fairley
President -Elect	Prof. Patricia Garcia
Secretary General	Dr. Jackie Sherrard
Treasurer	Dr. Andrew Winter
Newsletter editor	Prof. Jonathan Ross
Membership Secretary	Dr. Jason Ong
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Web master co-opted	Dr. Phyu Mon Latt

Regional Directors	Name
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Membership

In July 2025 there were 1200 members broken down as follows:

Associate members	631
Full members	
• North America	310
• Europe	135
• Asia -Pacific	87
• Africa-MENA	30
• Latin America and the Caribbean	7

Activity

In the last 12 months the Wisdom Project has updated and streamlined IUSTI's document archives, reviewed statutes and values, refined job descriptions, and developed standardised guidelines for meeting bids. The Scholarship committee has created terms of reference, developed a scholarship fund, and aims to assist LMIC delegates to attend scientific meetings. The Communications committee have revitalized IUSTI's digital presence and is working with a web designer to update the IUSTI website and membership systems.

The role of Senior Counsellors has been reviewed and It has been agreed to change the name to Strategic Advisors, with a term of 4 years, extendable to a second term. The Responsibilities of the Strategic Advisors will be to provide strategic advice as needed and to attend a minimum of one Executive Committee meeting in person in each 4-years' term.

Global Newsletters

Four editions of STI Global Update were published incorporating letters from the IUSTI President to members, updates from each region and a listing of upcoming meetings and conferences related to STIs. The newsletters were sent to all IUSTI members via email and made available on the IUSTI website.

IUSTI Conferences

One of the main functions of IUSTI is to organise the major global annual scientific meeting devoted to prevention and treatment of STIs and HIV.

- September 2024, 25th IUSTI World Congress, Sydney Australia
Jointly held with the Australasian HIV&AIDS conference, organized by Professor Eric Chow, University of Melbourne, and co-chaired by Professor Jo-Anne Dillon. A total of 903 delegates attended of whom 332 of whom travelled from outside Australia. 356 scientific abstracts were accepted from 39 countries. Scholarships for attendance were awarded to 29 delegates from 13 countries of which 23 were

supported by IUSTI. The total scholarship sum awarded was AU\$49,800 including a generous AU\$22,000 donation from the Burnet Institute to support Aboriginal and Torres Islander attendance. IUSTI awarded prizes for best oral and poster presentations. The congress was well evaluated with 92% of respondents reporting they will apply the lessons learned in their work or practice. Financially the congress generated a surplus of which the share due to IUSTI was AU\$57,577.17: a net return of GBP£11,549.08 after accounting for the GBP£15,000 seed money advanced in 2023/24.

- July 2025, 26th IUSTI World Congress in Montreal, Canada jointly with ISSTD
Jointly chaired by Professors Marc Steben and Jo-Anne Dillon a full congress report and budget reconciliation will be presented in the 2025/26 annual report as this meeting straddled the end of our reporting year.

IUSTI Medals

An IUSTI silver medal was awarded to Professor Marc Steben for his work in delivering the Congress in Montreal and an IUSTI gold medal to Professor Jo-Anne Dillon for her services on EXCO and in last 2 years as President

Future World IUSTI Meetings

October 2026, Prague, Czechia, jointly with IUSTI Europe

Collaboration between IUSTI and the WHO:

The WHO Executive Committee continues official relations with IUSTI. The official relations are governed by the Framework of Engagement with non-State actors, according to which the basis of official relations is a plan for collaboration between WHO and the non-State actor with agreed objectives and outlining activities for the coming three-year period structured in accordance with the General Programme of Work and Programme Budget and consistent with the Framework. A collaboration plan for 2024-2026 was ratified by WHO at their triennial review meeting in January 2024.

Summary of finances:

Accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis as the income received is below GBP£250,000.

FY 2024/25 HSBC	Opening 01/08/2024	Closing 31/07/2025
Charitable account xx-8967	£243,018.45	£260,594.93
Business account [aka scholarship]	£35,582.07	£35,540.07
TOTAL	£278,600.52	£296,135.00
Gain in funds		£17,534.48

As at 31 July 2025 the charity held a total of **£296,135.00** in cash, of which £5,935.01 is restricted (the Elwyn Hopkin Scholarship fund).

Of note:

- While a surplus was shared from the IUSTI 2024 Sydney meeting, future congress organisers did not request any seed money in 2024/25. We expect to pay out £30,000 for future congress support in 2025/26.
- Subscription income was reduced by around a third in 2024/25 compared to 2023/24 due to configuration error affecting autorenewals on our membership website. This led to around 250 members receiving certificates stating they had full membership, and the membership system reporting they were full members, but in fact their accounts were never debited a membership fee. This error has now been corrected.
- The Trustees have agreed significant capital investment of around £10k in our website and membership system, which has been awarded after a competitive tender. Just under £5k was spent in 2024/25.
- No direct award for scholarships were made in 2024/25 although scholarships were awarded through the IUSTI 2024 congress budget. In the light of the surpluses shared from Sydney and expected from the Montreal meeting, the Trustees have agreed to fund £20,000 p.a. from 2025/26 onwards for the next three years for meeting attendance from low and middle income countries.

**INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED
INFECTIONS**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FINAL APPROVED 1st August 2024 - 31st July 2025**

	2024-25 Scholarship	2024-25 Main	Notes	2023-24 Scholarship	2023-24 Main
Income					
Congress Income					
Share of income from IUSTI 2024 (Sydney) Congress (2024/25); Chicago 2023 (2023/24)		£26,549.08	1		£61,273.19
Subscriptions (including ASTDA contribution and voluntary donations)		£3,594.02	2		£5,228.37
Sponsor Donations					
Early Career support (Roche)		£1,803.10			
IUSTI World scholarships- Ellwyn Hopkins fund	£1,095.82		3		
Support for Educational Videos IUSTI 2025 Conference - IUSTI Canada / Canadian Public Health		£1,579.43	4		
Charges levied					
Additional persons payment for 2025 ExCo dinner		£217.77	5		
Total income	£1,095.82	£33,743.40		£0.00	£66,501.66
Expenditure					
Administration					
Accountancy Fees		£942.00			£894.00
Bank charges including international payments	£42.00	£191.00	6	£98.00	£133.18
WooCommerce fees		£140.34			
Use of Ormerod Rutter Accountants as registered address		£156.00			£150.00
Postage and packing		£16.70	7		
Subscription charges					£747.57
Awards- Medals					£72.00
Scholarships and prizes		£0.00	8		£7,157.25
Medals		£167.00	9		
Communication & business					
Website provider - existing (Melbourne)		£2,793.97	10		£1,594.53
Website - capital costs for new design (Enthusiast)		£4,822.35	11		
IUSTI Regions Subscription Shares					
Repayment to IUSTI -Europe - covers 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 - see note		£6,191.25	12		
Professional Activity					
World IUSTI Conference Montreal 2025 - ExCo Dinner deposit		£1,642.13	13		
Conference seeding funds - STIHIV2025 Montreal					£15,000.00
ASTDA expenses for Chicago 2023					£519.30
Professional Memberships					
International League of Dermatological Societies membership fee		£200.00			£196.00
Total Expenditure	£42.00	£17,262.74		£98.00	£26,463.83
Increase/ (Decrease in Funds)	£ 1,053.82	£16,480.66		-£98.00	£40,037.73
Balance of Bank Accounts at start of period	£35,582.07	£243,018.45		£35,680.07	£202,980.72
Increase/decrease in bank funds	-£42.00	£16,480.66		-£98.00	£40,037.73
Correction for Scholarship funds to be moved moved in 2025/26		£1,095.82	14		
Balance of bank accounts at the end of the period	£35,540.07	£260,594.93		£35,582.07	£243,018.45
Of which restricted	£5,935.01		15	£4,839.19	
Represented by:					
Current Acc HSBC 'Charitable'		£260,594.93			£243,018.45
Current Acc HSBC 'Business' (aka scholarship)	£35,540.07			£35,582.07	

Restricted Funds
FY 2024/25

Elwyn Hopkin Fund	Opening balance	£4,839.19
	Donations for Scholarships - see note 3	<u>£1,095.82</u>
	Closing balance	<u>£5,935.01</u>

The **Elwyn Hopkin Scholarship Fund** was established in memory of Elwyn Hopkin, a lay supporter of IUSTI and the husband of Jo-Anne Dillon who has been a long time IUSTI member. This fund was established by Jo-Anne Dillon and David Lewis. This fund was created to support participants from low income countries to attend IUSTI conferences. It was also created as a vehicle for IUSTI members to provide a charitable donation to IUSTI to support emerging scientists, clinicians and health researchers working in the area of STIs. The fund will be held in the general IUSTI account but reported under a separate budget line.

Notes

1 Profit sharing from IUSTI 2024 Sydney meeting	£26,549.08
Net profit is £11,549.08 as £15,000 of this sum is returned seed money.	
2 Subscriptions	£3,594.02
IUSTI World Website via WooCommerce (shown gross before transaction fee)	£2,936.43
IUSTI - North America - paid via ASTDA on 24/02/2025	£657.59
3 Sponsorship for Scholarships	£2,898.92
Sponsorship for Scholarships - Binx Health Inc - allocated to Elwyn Hopkin Fund	£395.82
Sponsorship for Scholarships - Zults- allocated to Elwyn Hopkin Fund	£700.00
Sponsorship for Scholarships - Roche via American STD Association - for ECR activity	£1,803.10
4 Support from IUSTI Canada received for educational videos	£1,579.43
5 Charges for ExCo dinner - non-member partners attending	£217.77
From J Sherrard - CA\$100	£54.00
From A Winter on behalf of 3 other attendees- CA\$300	£163.77
6 Banking fees	£233.00
Account fees - Charitable account	£60.00
Account fees - Business account (note fee debited 18/08/2024 for activity in 23/24 included in 23/24 accounts)	£42.00
Account fees - International Payments	£131.00
7 Postage	
IUSTI Medal postage to Australia (reimbursed to J Ross) 4/11/2024	£16.70
8 Scholarships: no direct awards were made by IUSTI in 2024/25.	
9 Awards	£167.00
IUSTI Medal Engraving costs - reimbursed to J Ross 23/10/2024; invoice to Cupitt Jewellers, Bror	£65.00
Bigbury Mint - costs for new medals for STIHIV2025	£102.00
10 Website fees - existing provider	£2,793.97
IUSTI Website fees (Alfred Health in Melbourne)	£1,585.62
IUSTI Website fees (Alfred Health in Melbourne) - additional fees	£1,208.35
11 Website - new contractor	
Enthusiast Inc - website development fees (US\$5950 plus fees)	£4,822.35
12 IUSTI Subscription Shares	£6,191.25
IUSTI Europe - payment 1	£3,960.00
IUSTI Europe - payment 2	£420.00
IUSTI Europe - payment 3 - all calculations based on gross subscriptions due, not those paid	£1,811.25
<i>Note that we did not make repayments to IUSTI Asia-Pacific, Latin America or MENA/Africa in 2024/25. These should be considered designated funds but the cumulative position as at 31/07/2025 was not fully calculated</i>	
13 Professional Activity	
Seed money for the Prague 2026 Congress not required until the 2025/26 financial year	
14 Scholarship funding for Elwyn Hopkin was received into main account and not transferred in 24/25	
15 Restricted funds	
Elwyn Hopkin Scholarship fund as at 31/07/2025	£5,935.01



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

International Union Against Sexually Transmitted Infections

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 July 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1113234

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Matthew Vercoe

Date:

20/05/2026

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.