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International Network for Cross-Linguistic
Research on Brain Health

Membership Guidelines



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1. Rationale

This document outlines **Include**'s guidelines on membership. Our network aims to champion cross-linguistic research on persons with brain diseases. We are allies to clinicians and scientists who strive to promote linguistic inclusiveness and diversity through scientific discovery and clinical care.

2. Application

2.1. Applicants' profiles

Include welcomes individuals at every career level who are interested in cross-linguistic neurocognitive research. Applications are welcome if submitted by:

- teams or individuals with clinical and/or research expertise in the assessment of speech and/or language functions in brain aging and/or neurological diseases; OR
- teams or individuals with clinical and/or research expertise in other areas, with access to cohorts of research participants for speech and/or language testing; OR
- teams or individuals with a relevant publication record in cross-linguistic or neurocognitive research; OR
- students enrolled in a Ph.D., Masters, or undergraduate program relevant to the network's goals.

2.2. Required contributions

Membership requires the capacity to contribute at least one of the following resources:

- pre-existing speech and/or language datasets (based on a minimal quota ensure fairness), to be integrated with similar datasets in other languages for cross-linguistic analysis; OR
- speech and/or language data (based on a minimal quota to ensure fairness) obtained through new protocols developed collaboratively within Include; OR
- expertise in task harmonization and validation across languages and/or dialects; OR
- expertise in relevant data analysis techniques, such as inferential statistics, natural language processing, machine learning, deep learning, and brain-behavior associations.

2.3. Application and evaluation

To apply for membership, please complete the following [form](#).

All applications will be evaluated by the Coordinating Committee. Applications that do not match the above descriptions will be reviewed based on their alignment with the mission of **Include**.



3. Membership conditions

3.1. General considerations

- **Include** membership requires no fees and entails the explicit commitment to comply with the network's [Data Management Guidelines](#) and [Publication Guidelines](#).
- Membership will be maintained indefinitely once obtained (provided professional conduct is duly observed), and it may be interrupted by the member by formal request at any moment, through an e-mail to the Coordinating Committee at include-network@gbhi.org.
- Membership is considered officially terminated once the Coordinating Committee sends an official termination e-mail.
- Note that membership information will be documented internally and may be updated or changed per members' request but not more than once per year.

3.2. Effectiveness and interpretation

Any and all legal interpretations derived from these guidelines shall be set in accordance to the interpretation of **Include**'s Coordinating Committee. Unless otherwise stated, these guidelines are not inclusive of any oral or written agreements by individual parties. Any modifications or changes to these guidelines must be approved by the Coordinating Committee and shared in written form.