

Membership



Whether you're a **professional** seeking educational programs that will help advance your career, an **institution** looking for tools to assist in the education of your employees, or a **corporation** interested in increasing your involvement prole within this community, NSH membership has a benefits package that will help you meet your goals.

**Maximizing
Your NSH
Membership!**

INFORMATION RESOURCES

- **NSH Web site**—As our informational hub, the NSH Web site offers you a centralized portal for critical information in the field. Members receive special complimentary access to the Members' only area through which you can access information on Continuing Education, committees, the membership directory, and more.
- **Regular communications**—Members receive free of charge a:
 - **Quarterly newsletter** that includes timely reports from around the regions and committees detailing what's new within the committees, society and with other members.
 - **Quarterly peer reviewed journal** with scientific, technical and administrative papers related to the field of histology.
- **Publications**—NSH publishes high-quality materials on quality assurance, task analysis, competency assessment along with assessment tools to help you prepare for certification exams. Substantial discounts on publications and products are available to NSH members.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Annual Symposium**—With close to 2,000 attendees, the NSH Annual Symposium continues to focus on delivering high-level educational experiences for attendees and offers continuing education credits for your continuing certification maintenance program. Members receive a deep discount on meeting registration fees and are eligible to register before the general public.
- **Summer Symposium**—The Summer Symposium offers attendees a chance to learn in a more focused and interactive environment. Conferences continue to receive high marks from attendees and members receive discounts on their registration.
- **Teleconferences and Distance Learning Modules**—NSH teleconferences and Distance Learning modules afford histology professionals the opportunity to obtain timely information from recognized experts in the field without leaving their facilities. Keeping individuals and institutions up-to-date on current standards, medical and scientific advances, as well as administrative and management practices is paramount to NSH's educational mission.
- **Live Learning Center**—NSH has made it even easier to accomplish your training needs and earn contact hours. Convenient and accessible anytime, the NSH Live Learning Center offers quick access to essential Teleconference content, year-round.

Now the valuable benefits of NSH educational events and professional development are just a click away—and at a discount for members.

For more than 30 years, NSH has committed to the advancement of histotechnology, its practitioners and quality standards of practice through leadership, education and advocacy. Today, the society advances the histology professional and the science by: offering professional development opportunities; producing state-of-the-art publications, products and services. Please take some time to review all your NSH benefits to understand how you can get the most out of your membership.



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Discover the Benefits of NSH Membership

NSH believes lifelong education is the key to a satisfying career and continued professional advancement. Through a number of educational events offered by NSH and our constituent societies, you'll have the opportunity to participate in innovative educational programs targeted to your area of interest.

See for yourself by joining over 4,000 of your colleagues how NSH can empower you. NSH Membership will provide you with a wealth of information, resources, and opportunities for professional development and networking, including:

- A subscription to the Journal of Histotechnology, published by NSH, provides students, bench techs, supervisors, managers and pathologists with education and information about new techniques in the histology profession.
- Registration discounts to the NSH Annual Symposium/Convention, a premier educational experience for histology practitioners at every level, with over 100 educational sessions covering required education from beginners to advanced.
- Cutting edge educational opportunities conveniently delivered through workshops and seminars at the state and regional level or right to your lab through the NSH Teleconference Series. Earn contact hours by participating in these events all of which qualify for the ASCP Certification Maintenance Program.
- Access to the NSH members only portion of the website, which contains information on career resources, the NSH job board, searchable articles from the Journal of Histotechnology a membership directory, exclusive membership to the IHC Resource Group, VIR Committee and much more.
- NSH provides a number of complimentary resources to members related to competency assessment, quality assurance, task analysis, health and safety material and much more.

NSH membership is one of the best investments you make in your career.



"I joined NSH because it provided great networking opportunities, valuable insight into our profession and ongoing education. I have formed numerous personal and professional relationships because of NSH. I continue to renew my membership each year because of NSH's ongoing commitment to its members."

*Jennifer Hofecker, HT(ASCP)
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN*

JOIN TODAY!

Complete the membership application at the end of this brochure, or for more information, visit www.nsh.org or call 443.535.4060



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Professional Development Opportunities Available through NSH

Education offered through NSH meets all the requirements for ASCP certification as an HT or HTL as well as requirements for continuing education for a Qualification in IHC.

FACE TO FACE EDUCATION

Annual Symposium/Convention – over 100 educational opportunities under one roof.; access to emerging technologies through the vendor showcase.

Summer Symposium – concentrated Hot Topics in the field offered over 2 days in June.

Topic Forums and small meetings – the Society hosts several 1 day and ½ day events through the year around the regions in an effort to bring education to the local level. Topics range from specialties in OHC or VIR to HT Readiness courses.

ONLINE EDUCATION

Live Learning Center – this portal was established to bring the best of our events and tools to an online format to assist you with your continuing education.

Teleconferences – we provide 1 hour sessions at a reasonable price to assist you in your continuing education and certification endeavors.

Events Topics – selected workshops from our live events are captured and maintained for those of you unable to join us face to face.

Courseware – our self Assessment Series has been in existence for over 15 years and helps to refresh your skills and theory in various subject matters as well as prepare for your readiness to sit for the HT or HTL Exam or HTL.

PUBLICATIONS

Over a variety of ways to continue learning. . . hours are awarded for the following :

- Authorship of a scientific article for Journal of Histotechnology
- First Time Presentation of a Poster at Symposium/Convention
- Presentation of a workshop or seminar at State/Regional/National Meetings
- Earn Contact Hours for Reading Select Journal of Histotechnology Articles
- Earn Contact Hours for Quick Quizzes included in NSH in Action

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: TIME WELL SPENT... GUARANTEED!

By volunteering you have the ability to network with the profession's leaders and gain important mentor relationships. This results in enhanced career opportunities. Additionally, the society offers 2 contact hours per year for those in service to the Society through the committee level.

Through active involvement in a leadership role (as a committee member or committee chair), you can gain great acumen in how to lead and manage people.

Involved members have the ability to champion a cause they believe in and influence change in the profession through leadership positions.

Volunteers can gain additional knowledge in the more intimate environment that volunteer roles provide. This opportunity to interact with a small group of peers is not normally found in a formal meeting atmosphere.

By holding a leadership position, you as a member become more knowledgeable about the value you bring to the profession.



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Committees and Resources

HARD TISSUE

In 1989, the Hard Tissue Committee (HTC) was founded to help alleviate the frustrations encountered by research technicians. Our specimens are unique because of the large size, odd shape, and a broad variety of different materials. Some of the problems we encounter are, inconsistency and confusion in the literature, and difficulties in purchasing supplies. The HTC has formed a network that circles the globe. Communication and help is now possible among the technicians who process bones and biomaterials. The main objective of the HTC is to help educate and provide information on lab protocols and safety to technicians around the world who have entered the realm of hard tissue histology. The Hard Tissue Committee is primarily comprised of individuals who are involved in the preparation of plastic embedded sections with and without implants.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health and Safety - composed of NSH members who serve the Society by providing information to histologists on safety related issues. Committee projects include development of a health and safety information packet, a new safety self-assessment guide and assignment of resource specialists which will act as contacts for safety information. Committee members write safety articles for state newsletters, lab magazines and journals. Many committee members present lectures/workshops at both the state and national levels.

IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY

The NSH sponsored Immunohistochemistry Resource Group (IHCRG) is a special committee for those working in IHC. We are a network of over 400 from all over the world working in IHC. NSH members have at no cost the privilege of joining the IHC Resource Group online at www.ihcrg.org. Members of the IHCRG can access many resources including an email list serve similar to HISTONET but focused just on IHC issues (it is a lot easier to monitor than HISTONET as we do not even get messages everyday). Members can send and receive IHC related messages to the list serve at ihcrg@googlegroups.com. The IHCRG maintains a control tissue bank for IHC and special stains. The IHCRG website at www.ihcrg.org offers a reference list, advice for preparing for the ASCP QIHC exam, links to other IHC resources and the list of those registered with the IHCRG with their expertise and contact information. You can easily network thru our list serve for tissues not found at the control bank. The IHCRG network of members includes those working in IHC in clinical, research, biotech, industry, and veterinary sciences.

QUALITY CONTROL

The Quality Control Committee formulates and maintains quality control guidelines which pertain specifically to the histology laboratory. **This committee maintains a tissue control bank.** NSH members can receive the name of someone able to provide a needed control, or members are encouraged to list themselves as a source of control tissue.

VIR

V.I.R. (Veterinary, Industry, and Research) maintains and provides current information concerning laboratory requirements as established by government regulatory agencies such as; OSHA, FDA, EPA, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It interacts and exchanges expertise between other groups involved in continuing education related to the committee's responsibility such as veterinary, marine, aquatic, botanical, and non-clinical laboratories. This committee also has a very active e-mail group, listing everyone interested in receiving information on questions related to veterinary, industry, or research practice areas.



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NSH Now Online! E-Learning Opportunities

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Time-starved, but still face the challenges of improving the quality and effectiveness of your techniques? Leverage the flexibility of NSH's online programs to catch up on the latest education...at your convenience. Get the best educational content (and contact hour credit) from NSH's events through NSH's Live Learning Center.

The NSH Lecture Series: C.F.A. Culling Memorial Lecture & International Lecture

Microwave Technology: What Is It Good For? Absolutely Everything

How To Start An Accredited Histotech Program In A Hospital Or College/University

Standardization & Quality Control Of Immunohistochemistry

Developing Measurement Standards And Workload Recording In Histology

Basic Dynamics Of Fixation & Processing

Immunohistochemistry For Beginners

Competency Assessment Program

Dermatopathology: A Guide For The Histologist

Expect The Unexpected: How To Prepare For The Unannounced Cap Inspection

What Stains For What Tumors!!

Timely Topics In Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry

Tissue & You!

Fixation & Processing

Immunohistochemical Staining & Its Use In Hematopathology

All Aglow With Immunofluorescence

How To Apply Lean Principles In The Histology Lab

Chemical And Hazardous Waste Handling In The Histology Lab

Preparing for the HT/HTL Exam



It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, It is because we do not dare that they are difficult!

—Unknown



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Public Relations and Outreach

Career Initiatives

NSH has worked to begin addressing vacancies in the profession from the ground level. In 2006, NSH launched its first career day in Phoenix, AZ in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Over 100 high school students were able to visit a hands-on laboratory. It is through this experience, that youths, grades 9-12 are shown how to prepare and stain tissue to identify bacteria, fungus, cancer, tissue structure abnormalities, enzymes, antigens or DNA for diagnosis by pathologists.

In 2009, NSH formed a group of scientists and educators to create a teachers module whereby a workshop is created that a biology teacher can take back to the classroom and expose their students to the world of histology.

Career Video

NSH is filming and producing a career video for Histotechnology. We hope to be able to release this in early Spring 2010.

Partnerships

Health Professions Network - The Health Professions Network embodies the value of collaboration and cooperation among the allied health professions and other groups with shared purposes of advocacy, outreach, awareness and consensus building to increase recognition of the value of the allied health workforce. Members of the HPN have been asked to participate on a variety of federal boards and committees, as well as funding agencies and licensure, certification and registration authorities, to provide advice and counsel on building a high-quality workforce. As of September 2005 the HPN participant list represents 192 organizations and agencies, each willing to donate time and resources to move the HPN agenda forward. Although projections of health care workforce shortage are overwhelming, with many issues to be overcome, the HPN is working towards solutions to ensure the continued availability of quality healthcare for all Americas.

Healthworkforceinfo.org - The Health Workforce Information Center (HWIC) provides free access to the most recent resources on the nation's health workforce in one easy-to-use online location. Resources available through HWIC's Web site will help health providers, educators, researchers and policymakers around the nation develop strategies to meet future workforce demands.

Through HWIC, you can stay up-to-date with the latest health workforce news and events, and connect with experts and organizations across the country.



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