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Dear valued DOHaD member,

Keeping with our responsibilities as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, our Society has recently made some important changes to its governance and charitable status structures. As part of this restructure, previously existing Regional Chapters and Regional Affiliate Groups have successfully transitioned to their new status as Regional Societies with the International DOHaD Society.

Our Society's primary goal is to coordinate research and advocacy efforts across different countries, aiming to ensure a healthy start to life for all. The mission and values of our nine Regional Societies closely align with those of the International DOHaD Society. These Regional Societies additionally benefit from targeted advocacy, education and research efforts tailored to the specific needs and challenges of each Society's region and its members. We highly value and support these Regional Societies, as they play a crucial role in promoting international research collaboration and fostering research

interests in DOHaD on a global scale. Additionally, they contribute to the growth of the Society membership and facilitate a sense of collegiality within the international research community. You can learn more about the nine DOHaD Regional Societies [here](#).

With this new status, each Regional Society aims to improve communication and engagement among its members by centralizing administrative processes. **Moving forward, membership for each Regional Society will be exclusively managed during the purchase or renewal of a membership with the International Society.** When someone joins or renews with the International Society, they have the option of registering with their local Regional Society at no additional cost. One of the significant benefits of this consolidation process is that the International Society will reimburse each Regional Society with 50% of all members fees for individuals who select that group as their main Regional Society. This additional revenue is essential for each Regional Society to support its many activities, including hosting events, developing educational and advocacy programs, and supporting trainees through travel and research awards.

It's important to note that the International DOHaD Society has introduced a new membership tier called Associate Membership, which costs £20 per year for individuals in high income countries, £10 for individuals in upper middle income countries, and is free for those in lower and lower middle income countries. This new Associate Membership offers several benefits including discounts to DOHaD short courses, access to education content such as recorded members and presentations from the 2022 World Congress in Vancouver, and entry to the Members Area of their website – it does not include access to the Society's journal, JDOHaD, or reduced registration at the upcoming World Congress in 2025.

**To continue an affiliation with a Regional Society, all members are now required to renew with the International Society (when their membership is up for renewal) and select their local Regional Society during the checkout process.** This change is a requirement for our Charitable Status, and ensures continued affiliation with a member's Regional Society and access to the valuable benefits offered by both organizations. For more information about

membership types with the International DOHaD Society, you can find details [here](#) on our website.

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