



## Resolution: The establishment of INSA National Networks

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### Background:

The work of INSA includes advocating on behalf of the field of school attendance and absenteeism, and constituents of such fields to ensure their voices shape practices, policies, and research. To further this work, the INSA Executive Committee proposes the establishment of INSA National Networks (INNs). These groups will represent their local INSA members, contribute to furthering the work of INSA and report to the Executive Committee. This will also formalise the relationship between the INSA Executive and work being undertaken in different countries.

### Requirements to establish an INSA National Network

To establish a INSA National Network (INN), the entity must:

- 1) Nominate to establish an INN by completing an expression of interest
- 2) Submit the expression of interest at any time for consideration to the Executive Committee
- 3) Attend an Executive Committee meeting to discuss

Once the expression of interest has been approved:

- 4) Establish the INSA National Network
- 5) Provide a list of members to the Executive Committee. All members must be financial members of INSA.

### Benefits of creating an INSA National Network

It is expected that INNs will benefit from their ability to utilise INSA's networks and resources including but not limited to:

- Access to International Resources:** Being part of INSA's wider international network allows INNs to access global research, innovative solutions, and proven models that can enhance local efforts in improving attendance.
- Improved Visibility and Knowledge Sharing:** INNs can share their activities, resources and knowledge with both local and international audiences via the INSA website and newsletter thereby improving their reach and visibility.
- Improved Collaboration:** Establishing a national network encourages collaboration among schools, educational bodies, and local authorities, helping to share best practices, resources, and strategies for improving attendance.

- Localised Solutions:** INNs can address specific attendance issues relevant to the local context, ensuring that solutions are tailored to the unique needs of schools, communities, and students in that county.
- Advocacy and Policy Influence:** INNs can use and leverage INSA’s brand and logo to advance their work in advocating for changes in school attendance policies at the local and national levels, based on evidence and shared challenges.
- Capacity Building:** INNs can link with INSA to provide training, workshops, and resources to local educators and administrators, empowering them with knowledge and skills to address attendance challenges more effectively.
- Enhanced Community Engagement:** By using INSA’s brand, INNs can foster stronger partnerships with local organizations, parents, and students, raising awareness of the importance of school attendance and building a community-focused approach.
- Cultural Exchange:** Being part of INSA’s wider international network encourages cultural exchange, offering insights into how different regions tackle attendance issues, which can inspire innovative approaches at the county level.
- Funding Opportunities:** Being linked to INSA’s international network can create visibility for funding opportunities, both local and international, which can be used to support attendance programs within the county.
- Sustainability of Efforts:** A formal INN structure helps to sustain school attendance initiatives by building long-term relationships, creating institutional knowledge, and ensuring that efforts continue beyond short-term projects.

### **Expectations of an INSA National Network**

Member countries can establish one national network of INSA in each country. These entities are referred to INSA National Networks (INNs). As an entity of INSA the INNs and its members are expected to:

- Conduct business ethically, in alignment with INSA’s mission statement and for the best interest of the country and members
- Maintain membership of at least five (5) regular members
- Elect or select at least one member to serve as the leader of the INN, who will serve on the INN sub committee
- Elect or select at least one member to serve as archivist/secretary/ notetaker
- Attend and showcase the work of the INN at INSA bi-annual international conferences
- Be willing to host at least one INSA conference in their country
- Encourage members to carry out local activities and awareness related to INSA mission and goals

- Submit regular updates for inclusion in the INStAnt Newsletter and the 'My Country' Space on the INSA website
- Submit an annual report of the INN's activities and future plans in advance of the INSA Annual General Meeting.