

# Vanguard Committee

**Leadership:** chair, vice-chair, past-chair (1-year terms)

**Affiliated Council member:** president-elect

**Number of members:** 18 members; 1 Affiliated Councilor; up to 3 trainee members

*Membership of the Vanguard Committee is restricted to our younger liver transplant professional members (must be within five years of training\* or 42 years or younger at the time of application submission).*

*\*based on initial training, excluding subsequent on-the-job training*

**Key aims:** Promote the engagement of younger liver transplant professionals and trainees in all ILTS activities and advocate on their behalf.

## Key tasks and dates:

1. Meet at the annual congress (May-July) to review recent activities and member feedback, discuss council input from the most recent council meeting, and develop an agenda for the following year.
2. Organize five multidisciplinary Vanguard sessions at the Annual Congress: Vanguard Moderated Poster Discussion, Vanguard Grand Round Case Presentations, Vanguard Featured Symposium, Vanguard Debate Session, Vanguard Surgical Video Session.
3. Host a Vanguard Reception at the annual congress.
4. Highlight younger members' contributions by selecting the best published clinical and basic science research papers during the calendar year for the Vanguard Awards and Vanguard Research Grant.
5. Publish the Vanguard Reports, highlights of the ILTS annual congress, in the ILTS official journal.
6. Contribute to the Scientific Content in the monthly ILTS Newsletter and assist in social media profile management.
7. Lead monthly Vanguard ILTS Webinars on Complex Cases in Liver Transplantation.
8. Ascertain the educational and professional needs of younger members through informal discussion, and work with the ILTS leadership to address these needs.
9. Review online applications for committee membership annually and nominate replacements for members expiring in that year. Process as per ILTS Committees Policy.
10. Report twice yearly to ILTS Council: January-February written report for the winter council meeting, May-June written report for the annual congress council meeting and chair to present in person.

## Key performance metrics:

1. Satisfactory reports to ILTS Council
2. Participant numbers and feedback regarding congress events organized by the committee