

**WICC MEMBERS  
DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

**Definition**

A conflict of interest is a situation in which financial or other personal-institutional considerations have the potential to compromise or bias professional judgement and objectivity. It involves the abuse- actual, apparent or potential- of the trust that people have in professionals.

In practice, a conflict of interest is a set of circumstances that creates a risk that professional judgement or actions regarding a primary interest will be unduly influenced by a secondary interest. Should be disclosed any interest as proprietary and patents interests, share of bonds in a related commercial entity, employment or consultancies, paid work or research, and grants or fellowships from a commercial entity that has an interest in the subject-matter or work of the WICC.

The interest is regarded as specific when it is related to the matters and products being considered at WICC, and non-specific when it is unrelated to the matter under consideration. For example, specific, being an employee of a computer company that deal with electronic medical records and the use of health classifications. For example, non-specific, being a member of an university department that makes research on the field of the use of health information technology.

WICC recognises that scientific expertise underpins the fulfilment of its mission and tasks and that the quality of such expertise is inherently based on prior experience. It is also to be highlighted that an “interest” declared is not automatically considered a conflict of interest. It is well understood that, in general, individuals who are involved in WICC development inherently have a professional interest in the subject and in being involved in the process as such.

The declaration of conflicts of interests aims to improve transparency, credibility and accountability.

**TITLE:**

**FIRST NAME:**

**SURNAME:**

**PROFESSIONAL POSITION:**

**WICC MEMBERSHIP:**

**Hereby I declare to have the following interests relating to WICC activities:**