# Eight reasons to be a member of ISP

1. You will belong to this international Shintaido community and have access to mutual support and exchange via ISP companionship. You will have access to ISP communication tools such as a website, newsletters, and more.

2. You will participate in a learning community of collaborating instructors, mutually emulating in keiko and daily life, learning from each other,  to develop their abilities to the fullest.

3. You will contribute to making the ISP a robust and diverse organization in promotion of disciplines that can transmit to future generations their deep substance, knowledge and credibility.

4. You will support the International Technical and Examination Committee (ITEC) in its critical purpose to maintain the substance of Shintaido, to conduct R&D for the evolution of practice, curricula and qualifications, to set a model of collegiality, to keep international balance of diversity, and to inspire teachers and exam jury members toward highest accomplishment.

5. You will have access to documents related to specific Shintaido practices, philosophy, history, culture, organisation, management methods, and community life.

6. You will support collegial meetings and events organised by or on behalf of ISP. You will have access to such events,  including an International Gasshuku every four years. You will be able to challenge advanced exams organised by ISP and have access to advanced keikos.

7. You will have the right to participate in ISP governance through the General Membership Meeting (GMM) and, by doing so, help influence the future of Shintaido in the world. You can also run for election to the ISP Board. You can participate in ISP committee work. You can propose agenda and discussion items. Your vote will make a difference.

8. You will reinforce the external credibility of Shintaido by being a member and supporting a worldwide well-structured pluralistic organization operating in accordance with its deep principles of democracy, spirituality, and peace.