

## **MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS**

### **I. Membership acceptance procedure (categories A and B).**

Candidates for categories A and B membership must be submitted through the dedicated online application form. Membership benefits will begin as soon as the annual membership fee is received. The Council member who is in charge of membership is the Renal Science Chair/Chair of Administrative Offices. In case of problems related to membership issues he/she will be in charge of resolving the matter.

### **II. Membership fees for members (categories A and B) living in developing countries.**

The Council approved the proposal to reduce the membership fee for members (categories A and B) living in developing countries all over the world.

The selection of the countries will be based on their official annual income (GDP - Gross Domestic Product per Capita) according to the World Bank database. All those countries that have an official annual average income below USD 10,000 will be included. The calculation was done, for the first time, in 2012 taking into account the GDP of 2011 and will be valid for the membership fees for three years (2013-2014-2015). After this, and then every three years, the situation will be re-evaluated and up-dated accordingly.

The members (categories A and B) living in these countries will pay a membership fee equivalent to the cost of production of the NDT journal (or less). The Council will decide on the actual amount. This amount will cover all the benefits of being a member (categories A and B), including a free on-line subscription to NDT.

The members (category A) living in these countries who wish to also receive the print issues of the NDT Journal must pay a higher, but still discounted fee (i.e. lower than the cost of production of NDT) – Special Discounted Regular Fee: also in this case it will be the Council that will decide on the actual amount.

### **III. Membership status (categories A and B).**

Members (categories A and B) must pay their annual membership fee to receive the membership benefits (i.e. voting for the ordinary council member elections; voting during the General Assembly; access to the members' restricted area; discounted congress membership fee; etc.). Members who do not pay their annual membership fees and who are therefore not "active", will remain in the data-base of ERA-EDTA members and will continue to receive regular information regarding ERA-EDTA for at least two years but will not be able to receive the membership benefits. If they pay their membership fee within the said two years their membership will be re-activated, after this time, if they wish to pay their membership fee, they might have to re-apply as a new member. Membership is however considered to be uninterrupted only if the annual membership fee is paid regularly (i.e. every year with no interruptions).

### **IV. Payment of outstanding membership fees (category A and B).**

It is not necessary to pay for outstanding membership fees (category A and B) to pay for the current annual membership fee. However, if a member wishes to do this (i.e. to receive past hard copies of NDT and/or make sure that his/her membership is uninterrupted), the Regular Fee will be owed if the member (category A) wishes to receive all the hardcopy back issues of the NDT Journal and Discounted Fee will be owed (approx. 50% of the Regular Fee) for outstanding fees without the hardcopy back issues of the NDT Journal (category B). Members (categories A and B) who normally would pay the Special Discounted Fees (see point 1 above) and the Junior fee are allowed to pay these fees also for their outstanding membership fees: with regard to the Special Discounted Fees this is however only valid for the Special Discounted Online fee (category B), if they wish instead to receive all the hardcopy back issues of NDT, they must pay the Regular Fee (category A). The outstanding membership fees can be paid for a maximum of 2 years: after this time the member is automatically cancelled from the membership database and must re-apply, as a new member, should he/she wish to become an ERA-EDTA member again; this also means that the membership will start only from the new application and NOT from the original one.

### **V. Uninterrupted membership (category A and B).**

Benefits for active members with uninterrupted membership, to be considered at the time of request of the benefit: apply for senior membership (15 consecutive years), apply to be part of specific ERA-EDTA committees (i.e. Ethics Committee – 5 consecutive years), apply for Council (ex-officio positions – 5 consecutive years), apply for FERA (5 consecutive years), etc. If an active member has not paid a membership fee for a year and wishes to

apply for uninterrupted membership, he/she must settle the pending past year/s, provided that this is however done within a 2-year period (see point 4 of this regulation).

Members on maternity leave will be allowed to suspend their membership for the year that they are on maternity leave (1 year only). They will remain a member without any interruption and will not be asked to pay an annual membership fee, but they will not be able to benefit from membership benefits ("frozen membership").

#### **VI. NDT Online only Members (category B).**

The Council approved a new paying category of ERA-EDTA members (category B). Those members (category B) who wish to receive only the NDT Journal Online, and not the paper version of NDT, are entitled to pay a lower annual ERA-EDTA membership fee. The Council will decide on the actual amount (Online Fee). All the other membership benefits will remain the same.

#### **VII. Junior Members (category B).**

The Council approved a new paying category of ERA-EDTA members (category B). Those members (category B) who are 40 years old or younger and wish to receive only the NDT Journal Online are entitled to pay a lower annual ERA-EDTA membership fee. The Council will decide on the actual amount (Junior Fee). All the other membership benefits will remain the same.

#### **VIII. Members who do not receive NDT (category B).**

The Council approved a new paying category of ERA-EDTA members (category B). Those members (category B) who do not wish to receive the NDT Journal (nor the print version, nor the online version) are entitled to a discount on the annual ERA-EDTA membership fee.

The Council will decide on the actual amount (Reduced Fee). All the other membership benefits will remain the same.

#### **IX. All Membership categories.**

1. Congress members – category C;
2. Online/Reduced members – category B;

### 3. Regular members – category A.

With these categories of members, the sub-groups (honorary members, full/associate members, junior members, senior members) will remain only for the categories A and B.

The category specific benefits are listed below:

<b>ERA-EDTA:</b>	<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B</b>	<b>Category C</b>
Who are they?	Regular members	Online/Reduced member	Congress member
<b>What are they entitled to?</b>			
Reduced congress registration fee	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
NDT online	Yes	Yes*	<b>No</b>
NDT hardcopy	Yes*	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Access to ERA-EDTA Member Directory	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
Discount OUP books	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peer review online on congress highlights	Yes	Yes	Yes
CME Materials online	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
Eligibility to be a candidate for ERA-EDTA committees (Full members only)	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
Access to ERA-EDTA research and fellowship programme	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
E-materials (ENP)	Yes**#	Yes** #	Yes**
ERA-EDTA Dialogue	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
Being able to be a speaker for the Society	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
* not available for category B members who pay the reduced fee			
**For detailed information please visit the Congress E-materials page on ENP			

#Can access 20 presentations only if they did not attend the congress

### **X. Bulk Membership (category B).**

ERA-EDTA is very keen on closely collaborating with National Societies: there are now a number of established activities that are very successful and that confirm how important and fruitful this collaboration is. On the other hand ERA-EDTA needs the full support of the National Societies to enlarge its membership: more members means having more voice and weight in many activities, from EU legislation, EU funding, industry support for ERA-EDTA initiatives, many of which are now focused towards National Societies. In view of this the Council has decided to create a new rule regarding bulk membership (category B) ([http://www.era-edta.org/2019\\_01\\_03\\_Membership\\_bulk.pdf](http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_03_Membership_bulk.pdf))

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