

## MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

### I. All Membership categories – see relevant section in the [Constitution](#).

### II. Membership acceptance procedure.

Candidates for 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 memberships is the Renal Science Chair.

### III. Membership fees for members living in developing countries.

The Council approved the proposal to reduce the membership fee for members living in developing countries.

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 was valid for the membership fees for three years (2013-2014-2015). After this period the situation will be re-evaluated and up-dated accordingly every three years.

### IV. Membership status.

Members 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).

#### **V. Payment of outstanding membership fees.**

It is not necessary to pay for outstanding membership fees 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 wishes to receive all the hardcopy back issues of the NDT Journal and the Discounted Fee will be owed (approx. 50% of the Regular Fee) for outstanding fees without the hardcopy back issues of the NDT Journal.

Members who normally pay lower discounted fees are allowed to pay these lower fees also for their outstanding membership fees, however, in this case they will not receive the hardcopy back issues of NDT.

The outstanding membership fees can be paid for maximum 2 previous years: in fact after this time period the member is automatically cancelled from the membership database and must re-apply as a new member (his/her membership starting date will be the new one and not the original previous one).

#### **VI. Uninterrupted membership.**

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 IV 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").

#### **VII. NDT Online only Members.**

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 hardcopies 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.

#### **VIII. Junior Members.**

The Council approved a new paying category of ERA-EDTA members. Those members 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.

#### **IX. Members who do not receive NDT.**

The Council approved a new paying category of ERA-EDTA members. Those members who do not wish to receive the NDT Journal 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.

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