



IRPA - Differential Fees Policy

Background

Using tables of National GDP per Capita issued by the World Bank it is possible to derive a sound basis for differential fees for IRPA membership which reflect the ability to pay for different countries.

The countries will be placed in three categories:

- Tier 1: GDP per Caput above USD 8000
- Tier 2: USD 2000 – USD 8000
- Tier 3:less than USD 2000

Rules

1. Associate Societies are assigned to one of three fee categories on the basis of World Bank GDP data as available six months before the General Assembly. That fee category will apply for the next four consecutive years.
2. Tier 2 receives a discount of 1 USD per year per member. Tier 3 receives a discount of 2 USD per year per member.
3. New Associate Societies joining IRPA will not pay any fees during the first IRPA term in which they join (IRPA terms run for a four year period between International Congresses). Thereafter they will pay at the rate according to the World Bank data current as above.
4. The GDP threshold(s) between the fee categories shall be reviewed and determined by the IRPA Executive approximately one year before each General Assembly.

Agreed in principle by the IRPA Executive Council, May 2012.

Formally endorsed by the IRPA Executive Council July 2018

Appendix: Illustrative Impact as at 2011

Using the tables from the IRPA EC Guidebook this corresponds to the following IRPA profile (as at 2011):

Category	No. of Societies	No. of Members	Countries
Tier 1	32 (69.6%)	15,201 (94.6%)	All except below
Tier 2	11 (23.9%)	815 (5.0%)	Argentina China Colombia Cuba Egypt Malaysia Morocco Peru Philippines Serbia South Africa
Tier 3	3 (6.5%)	64 (0.4%)	East Africa India Madagascar

Applying discounts as in Rule 2 reduces the current IRPA fees income by approximately USD 1200 per annum (approximately 2% overall reduction).