

Changes in National Scientific Members annual fees.

As was announced in a letter sent to the contact persons of the IAG national members in April 2006, the Executive Committee will propose a review of the annual membership fees in the Council Meeting that will be celebrated at the next International Conference, to be held in Melbourne in July 2009. Unfortunately, the progressive decline in the IAG's finances has a substantial detrimental effect on our capability to support young geomorphologists from less-favoured countries, to nourish our growing number of working groups and to support the general activities of the IAG. The IAG Committee has sought with some success to raise income from publications, and has reduced its number of meetings to just once a year, but in spite of this, our expenditure exceeds our income. The main reason for this situation is that the annual dues have not been reviewed since the creation of our association some two decades ago. Additionally, our fees are much lower than those of comparable bodies. For example, the categories of the annual dues for national subscriptions of INQUA are 10240, 5120, 3580, 2560, 1530 and 510 euros, whereas those of the IAG are 1000, 500, 250 and 100 euros.

In the last meeting of the Executive Committee (Brasov, Romania, September 2008), we took the decision of submitting to approval in the next Council Meeting three types of changes in the annual dues:

- (A) Raising the subscription fee to a higher band
- (B) Increasing the current rate by 20%
- (C) Assigning the lower fee to a few of the national members that have until now the only commitment to send annual reports.

The review of the annual fees (indicated below) has been based on the economic situation of the countries according to the World Bank ranking and the estimated number of geomorphologists.

(A) Raise in band

Country	Current fee	Proposed fee
Argentina	100	250
Austria	100	250
Belgium	250	500
Brazil	100	250
Czech Republic	100	250
Denmark	100	250
Finland	100	250
France	500	1000

Country	Current fee	Proposed fee
Hungary	100	250
India	100	250
Israel	100	250
Mexico	100	250
The Netherlands	250	500
Poland	100	250
South Korea	100	250
Russia	100	250
United States	500	1000

(B) Increase by 20%

Country	Current fee	Proposed fee
Australia	250	300
Canada	500	600
China	500	600
Colombia	100	120
Croatia	100	120
Estonia	100	120
Germany	1000	1200
Greece	250	300
Italy	1000	1200
Jamaica	100	120
Japan	1000	1200
Lithuania	100	120
Malta	100	120
New Zealand	250	300
Norway	250	300
Portugal	250	300
Romania	100	120
Singapore	100	120
Slovakia	100	120
Slovenia	100	120
South Africa	100	120
Spain	1000	1200
Switzerland	500	600
Taiwan	100	120

Country	Current fee	Proposed fee
Ukraine	100	120
United Kingdom	1000	1200

(C) New countries in the lower band (120 euros)

Egypt

Serbia-Montenegro

Macedonia

Venezuela

Please, consider that the review of the annual dues is indispensable to maintain the degree of activity of the IAG keeping its finances in a sustainable situation.