

Bureau decision on Membership fees for new Member Organisations and Member Organisations that change membership status

The Bureau of 2018-2020 concluded that there is a need to create a principle on how to calculate a fair Membership fee for new Member Organisations to LYMEC for their first year of membership. Especially, organisations joining LYMEC at the end of the year, the Autumn Congress is very late in terms of value for paying a full-year membership fee.

Therefore, the new Member Organisations joining LYMEC at the Spring Congress will pay a full year's fee for Associate Member Organisations (175 euros in 2019) minus the months of the year before the Spring Congress. In practice, as most Spring Congresses take place in April, this would mean 175 euros minus three months (14,58 euros x 9 months = 131,25 euros). In terms of the Autumn Congress, that most often take place in October, this would mean 175 euros minus nine months (14,58 euros x 3 months = 43,75 euros).

Organisations that change membership status from Associate Member Organisation to Full Member Organisation would not be obliged to pay the fee for the Full Organisations during the initial year of Full Membership if changing status during the Autumn Congress. But if changing status during the Spring Congress, the organization would be obliged to pay an additional 25 euros (base fee for Full Member Organisations) plus the 0,06 euros per own member.

Organisations applying for a membership fee reduction for the present year (Spring Congress, most probably), are asked to pay the sum they are asked the membership fee to be reduced to before the opening of congress in order to have speaking and voting rights at the congress. If the reduction is approved by congress, no further membership fees are to be paid that year. If the reduction is not approved by congress, the member organization will pay the outstanding sum of the total membership fee after the congress or before the next congress or end of the financial year.

This decision forms a precedent and rule for future invoicing, unless otherwise decided or formalized in the LYMEC Statutes.

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