

Proposal for Membership Fees 2017

In this document, the LYMEC Bureau proposes the membership fees for 2017. The membership fees of LYMEC have not been adjusted since 2008. While the average yearly inflation since 2008 has been 1 to 2 percent (cumulatively: approx.. 10%) and – therefore – our costs have risen, LYMEC has not increased fees.

This year, however, the Bureau proposes a simplification and – with that – a minor increase of the full membership fees. For individual members and associate members, the fees remain the same.

Full membership fees

Since at least 2008, we've had a model with four levels of Full membership fees. That model looked as follows.

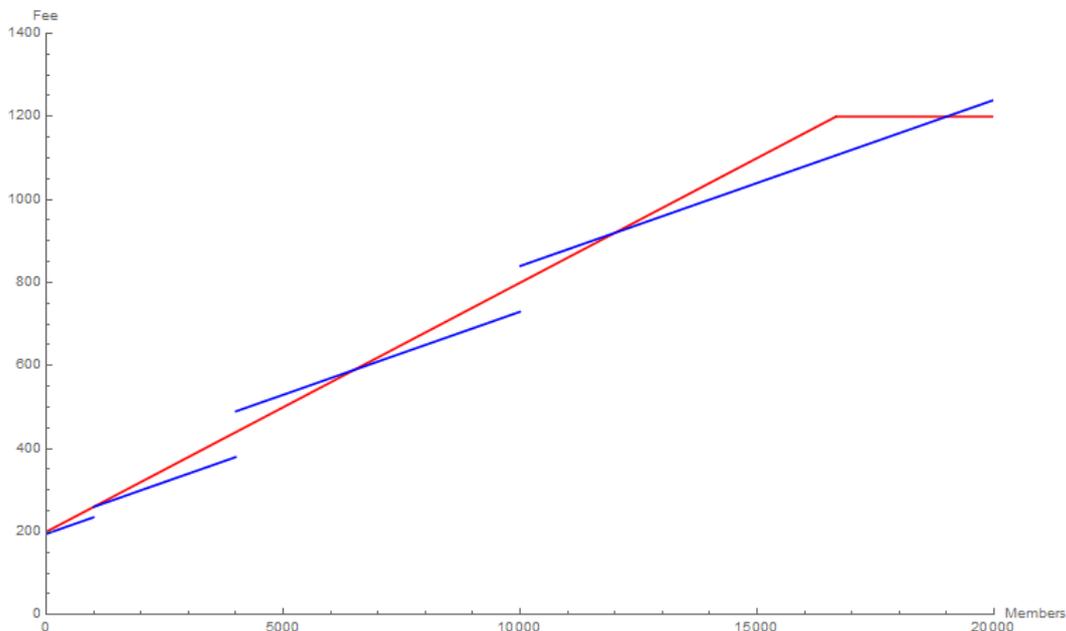
Current calculation of fees for Full Member Organisations (MO's)

MO with less than 1.000 members	€ 195,- + €0,04 per member
MO with 1.000 to 3.999 members	€ 220,- + €0,04 per member
MO with 4.000 than 9.999 members	€ 330,- + €0,04 per member
MO with 10.000 or more members	€ 440,- + €0,04 per member

Because of the several levels, the calculation of the fee is more complicated than it should be. It can be very easily simplified without major financial implications. The bureau proposes the following.

Proposed Full Member fee: €200,- + €0,06 per member, maximum €1200,-

Shown in a graph, it is easily seen that this model represents a simplification of the current model. The blue line reflects the current system, while the red line represents the new system.



The bureau proposes a €1200,- cap, which would be in place from approximately 16.700 members onwards. Only one of our organisations currently has more than 16.700 members. If the cap would not be added, the fee of that organisation would skyrocket. As is visible in the graph, some organisations will profit from the new calculation, while others will need to pay higher fees. The average fee increase is only 17 euros.

One of the major advantages in the new system, however, is the fact that an organisation that grows from – for example – 3.999 to 4.000, does not suddenly face a huge membership fee increase.

Associate Membership Fees

LYMEC has several Associate Members. According to our statutes, those organisations have mostly the same rights as full member organisations, but they cannot vote and they cannot propose candidates for Bureau. Since Associate Members don't have any voting rights, the fee is not based on membership, but fixed. The bureau proposes to keep the existing fee.

Proposed Associate Member fee:	€175,-
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Individual Membership Fees

The fees for becoming a member of the Individual Membership Section (IMS) of LYMEC will also remain the same.

Proposed annual IMS fee:	€10,-
Proposed 5-year IMS fee:	€35,-
Proposed lifetime membership: (valid until 35 years)	€90,-

Reduced membership fee

Ofcourse, this new proposal for membership fees does not change the options for fee reduction. Should a LYMEC Member Organisation have insufficient funds to pay for the membership fee, the organisation can apply for fee reduction. The application has to be approved by a majority of Congress.

The bureau calls upon all MO's that are unable to find the necessary funds, to apply for reduced membership fee. The deadline for a reduced membership fee application is four weeks ahead of Congress.