

IMS Membership Rules revised

IMS Membership Fee revised :

Life Membership Fee	Rs 5000
Annual Membership Fee	Rs 1000
Corporate Life Membership	Rs 5Lakhs
Corporate Annual Membership Fee	Rs 50,000
NRI Life Membership Fee~	\$ 250

All Chapters to initiate account in the Bank to deposit the Membership Fee. For the Bank please use the IMS Registration Number - MS/BOM/GBBSD/640/1995 Dtd 23.6.1995 to initiate the account.

Membership Forms to carry the name of the Chapter account so that members can give cheques in that name to the Chapter Secretary.

The Chapter Executive Council to approve the membership.

Database of Members to be maintained at the Chapter Level and is to be handed over every time there is change in Executive Council.

Chapters to retain 40% of the Membership Fee at their level and send 60% to IMS Head office in the form of a DD along with a copy of the Registration Forms.

Life Membership number and Certificate will be issued by the IMS Administrative office at Hyd. Executive Secretary, B210, Green Mansion, NMDC Rd, Behind Crescent Hospital, Hyderabad- 28

Please go through the Membership Rules given below and circulate the same to the members of your Chapter:

ELIGIBILITY

(a) The following shall be eligible for admission as members of the Society namely, Gynaecologists, Endocrinologists, Rheumatologists, Orthopedicians, Cardiologists, Surgeons, Psychiatrists, Urologists, Medical Practitioners, Radiologists, Oncologists, Scientists, Social workers, Educators, Community workers, Journalists, women and those persons as are interested in the teaching, research and development activities of all aspects of menopause.

(b) Emeritus Membership: Emeritus membership may be bestowed upon an individual who in the opinion of the Society is one deserving of this special recognition by virtue of exceptional contribution on the

subjects within the objects of the Society. They shall pay no dues, hold no office under the Society but shall be entitled to a free copy of the Society's official publications.

(c) Life Members: Any person who is otherwise eligible to be admitted as a member and having sufficient professional competence in the field of menopause and/or who has shown interest in the activities of the Society, may apply for life membership fee.

(d) Annual Members: Annual membership shall be on yearly basis. Any person having interest in research, teaching or development activities in the area of menopause may apply to the Society for an ordinary membership with the prescribed fee.

(e) Corporate Members: Corporate membership will be open to those persons who represent interested companies, firms or other forms of organizations interested in the activities and objects of the Society. They may become members on an annual or life membership basis.

(f) Non-Resident Life Members: Any person not residing in India, irrespective of nationality and who is otherwise eligible to be admitted as a member and having sufficient professional competence in the field of menopause and/or who has shown interest in the activities of the Society may apply for non-resident life membership to the Society by paying the life membership fee.

If their residence status changes to becoming resident in India they may convert to life membership by paying a nominal sum of Rs.500/- for administrative expenses. However, no refund will be made.

However, as they are non-residents in India they will have no voting rights and will be unable to contest for any posts to the Executive and Governing Council.

(g) Founder members of the IMS are those members who founded the main Society in its inception. **i.e. upto LM number 15.**

Founder members of specified chapter are considered as those on the list who have been enrolled up to the day of inauguration of the chapter.

(h) Patrons of the IMS: **Past Presidents of IMS India and the first 6 Founder Chapter Secretaries of Chapters first formed in India will be called Patrons of the IMS Society and remain as Permanent members of the National Executive Council and of the Executive Councils of their respective chapters.**

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

(i) Any person or organization who is eligible to be a member of the Society and who has applied for the membership of the Society in the prescribed form with the prescribed fee may be admitted as a life member, annual member or non-resident life member or Corporate member as the case may be, **by the Chapter secretary / Chapter Executive Committee member or any Governing Council Member.** The Council may refuse to admit any person or other organization as aforesaid as a member of Society at its discretion.

(j) All applications must be proposed and duly signed by a life member before being put up to the **the approving authority as mentioned above**. If for some reason a member is refused admission, the membership fee will be returned and the application fee of Rs.50 will be retained for administrative expenses. The membership numbers will only be allotted after the cheques have been cleared.

(k) Annual membership fee shall become payable on **or before 01 Jan of the year for which it is due**. If annual membership fees are not paid within **thirty** days of the expiry of the annual membership (which is 31 December of that year) the membership of such a member shall automatically cease. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Secretaries that Annual Membership fees are collected from the annual members & if members do not pay within 30 days of the due date, i.e. by 31 Jan their membership would automatically cease. The chapter secretaries should inform the Treasurer General by end of January, so that updated list is available at time of Annual conference.

(l) TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP : If a member wishes to transfer their membership from one chapter to another, they may do so, by sending this information to both the chapter secretaries concerned and the National Treasurer and Secretary General. There will be no transfer of membership fees.

RIGHTS & DUTIES OF MEMBERS

(a) All members shall have a right to attend and participate in the general body meetings of the Society and in all conferences and scientific meetings, be entitled to receive circulars, journals, periodicals or newsletters issued by the Society on payment of prescribed fee, if any.

(b) Life members who are doctors shall be eligible to contest for the post in the Chapter Council as per conditions in 15 A and B and National Council as per 12 d, e and f and shall be entitled to vote at the meetings. Refer Rules and Regulations of IMS.

(c) Any individual and other publications and statements not officially approved and issued by the Executive and Governing Council at a formal meeting should not be made on behalf of the IMS. All the literature and articles should specify that "the views expressed are those of the individual and not those of IMS". Failure to do so could lead to cessation of membership on unethical grounds. Any publication that is taken up under the umbrella of the society should specify that copy rights belong to the IMS and not to the editors or the individual contributors.

(d) All notices may be put up on the IMS website. It would be the responsibility of all the members to check the website for notifications on at least monthly intervals by the last day of the month, and the notice will be deemed rendered to all its members. No individual notices will be necessarily required to be sent. This will prevent lapses from lack of communication as well as it will spare the Society unnecessary expenditure.

Only vital communications will be in postal form.

For any clarifications please call – Executive Secretary, IMS - 9246105361