

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The European Physical Society was founded in Geneva on 26 September, 1968 "to contribute to and promote the advancement of physics in Europe, by all suitable means and in particular:

- a) by providing a forum for discussion of subjects of common interest;
- b) by providing means whereby action can be taken on those matters which it appears desirable to handle on an international level.

More than seventy thousand physicists in 36 countries support the Society in achieving these goals through the membership of their national societies. Three thousand five hundred have become individual members of EPS and members of national societies participate as National Society Members. The Society's Constitution recognises that there are many organisations which contribute to the advancement of physics, and thus may wish to subscribe to the goals of the Society. They are the Associate Members.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF EPS

The list of Associate Members is published annually in the Directory Issue of the Society's bi-monthly magazine Europhysics News. At present, the Society has about 50 Associate Members. About half represent industrial corporations, and the other half research establishments.

The EPS recognises the importance of its Associate Members, and is campaigning actively to increase not only the number of Associate Members, but also their participation in EPS activities.

The Associates are represented in the EPS Council, which as a rule meets once a year.

BENEFITS

EPS offers its Associate Members a number of special benefits and services, including consultation, information on European union and international programmes in science and technology, topical meetings and workshops, access to divisional activities, and publications.

CONSULTATION

EPS operates a two-tier consultation scheme whereby Associates may request information on direct, first level contacts in specified topics and areas of expertise. More detailed analyses and surveys may be conducted on a contract basis.

INFORMATION

EPS reports regularly on the status of European Union and international programmes in science and technology of interest to the physics community.

MEETINGS

The Associate Members are entitled to have their staff participate, on the same terms as national Society Members, in scientific meetings that are organised by, or in co-operation with, the EPS. A major task of the Society is to harmonise the larger physics meetings in Europe in order to avoid overlap, and encourage communication. Sponsorship is awarded, upon

application, to meetings that have an international standing. Lists of meetings of interest to European physicists are published twice each year in Europhysics News and maintained in an on line data base accessible to members.

EPS organises conferences of its Divisions and Interdivisional Groups as well as Europhysics Study Conferences (ESC), European Research Conferences (ERC) in physics (in collaboration with the European Science Foundation) and workshops (e.g. electronic publishing) of its action committees.

The Executive Committee of EPS invites Associate Members to an annual meeting. this is usually an occasion to discuss recent developments in physics to profit more directly from the advice of the Associates.

APPLIED PHYSICS

Several of the Associate Members are in the forefront of physics research. In fact, in some EPS Divisions they are the leading European laboratories. However, the majority of Associates are mainly applying physics to the solution of various problems of national, commercial and scientific importance.

Such applications are reflected in many of the meetings organise or sponsored by the Society, notably in the General Conferences of its Condensed Matter and Quantum Optics and Electronics Divisions, and in specialised ESC's and ERC's.

To help ensure that sufficient emphasis is given to applications and other issues important to Associate members, the Interdivisional Group on Applied Physics and Physics in Industry (IGAPPI) is composed of representatives of national societies, EPS Divisions, and a number of Associate Members. Discussions in IGAPPI have led to a new type of meeting, the Europhysics Industrial Workshop. The subjects of these workshops are new technologies such as pyroelectrics and magneto optic recording where the emphasis is to create an interface between industry and research in newly emerging areas. Participation is limited, with Associate Members being given priority for their staff and a reduced conference fee.

PUBLICATIONS

Associate Members receive an agreed number of copies of Europhysics News, either at one address or sent directly to designated staff members. Membership directories and publications reports of EPS bodies such as Action Committees, Divisions etc. are also sent. Associates may take one subscription to the either of EPS periodicals, the European Journal of Physics or Europhysics Letters at the same rates as individual members.

Associates who are interested in publishing an article in Europhysics News on scientific or other topics related to their industry are encouraged to do so.

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