

Changes to your membership

Dear colleague,

Thank you for your membership and contributions to the Australasian Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AusACPDM). We now have a strong network of clinical and research professionals and high quality scientific education through our biennial conference.

The AusACPDM is growing. We have significantly increased our activities - including active and paying membership to the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities (IAACD), a new and improved website - www.ausacpdm.org.au - increased professional development opportunities, scholarships and awards to support members and administrative support to make these activities possible. Because of our increased activity, the Board has decided that for the first time since the Academy's inception in 2000, our membership fees must increase.

Feedback obtained from our recent member survey indicated that 67% of members would support an increased membership fee and that on average members indicated they would be willing to pay \$100 per year. Using this feedback and our estimated cost projections, the following membership categories and fee structure have been determined by the Board:

- i) Ordinary member AUD \$99 (GST incl.)
- ii) Student member AUD \$50 (GST incl.)
- iii) Honorary member \$0 per annum
- iv) Lifetime member \$0

Our new fee structure will be implemented as of June 2018, at which time membership fees will be disconnected from conference registration fees. From June 2018, all membership fees will be paid via our on-line portal on an annual basis. Future conferences and other AusACPDM supported activities will include a discount for members.

This change in fee structure will apply to all current and new members. Current members will receive an automated prompt to renew their membership in June this year. When you receive this, please follow the prompts to make your payment.

Please see the attached Membership Categories document which outlines the eligibility for each category in further detail. If you have any questions about this change in membership please contact Simon Paget, Director and Chair of the Membership and Finance Committee on simon.paget@health.nsw.gov.au, or Christine Imms, President, at Christine.imms@acu.edu.au.

We encourage you to continue to support the activity of your Academy by remaining a member. The Board remains committed to AusACPDM being the preeminent body providing education in the Asia Pacific Region for clinical and research professionals working in the field of cerebral palsy and child onset disability. We can only do this with your support.

Yours sincerely



Professor Christine Imms, President

1. Ordinary Membership

Eligibility: Persons shall be eligible for Membership of the Academy as Ordinary Members if they have a minimum of a Bachelors' degree in a relevant health science or related field and are working in a defined speciality.

Privileges: Include but are not limited to discounted registration for conference and other educational events; unrestricted access to AusACPDM website including educational material and podcasts.

Term of membership: 1 year.

Fees: As of June 2018, annual fees will be AUD\$99.00 (incl. GST).

2. Student membership

Eligibility: Persons shall be eligible for Membership of the Academy as Student Members if they are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course in a Specialty and can provide documentation to the Board of their admission and status in the course.

Privileges: Include but are not limited to discounted registration for conference and other educational events; Unrestricted access to AusACPDM website;

Term of membership: 1 year.

Fees: As of June 2018, annual fees will be AUD\$50.00 (incl. GST).

3. Honorary membership

Eligibility: Persons shall be eligible for Membership of the Academy as Honorary Members if they have been recognised for special accomplishment, contribution to, or pre-eminence, in work or study in a Specialty or otherwise related to the study or knowledge of a Field. Honorary memberships can be awarded at the Board's discretion for specific activities or time periods. Honorary membership cannot be transferred.

Privileges: Include but are not limited to discounted registration for conference and other educational events; Unrestricted access to AusACPDM website;

Term of membership: minimum of 1 year to an initial maximum period of 3 years. Membership may be renewed.

Fees: \$0.00

4. Lifetime membership

Eligible: Persons shall be eligible for Lifetime Membership if they have been recognised for special accomplishment, contribution to, or pre-eminence, in support of the Academy's activities. Lifetime membership can be awarded at the Board's discretion to members who have made considerable and extensive contributions to the ongoing development of the Academy. Lifetime memberships are awarded at the Conference.

Privileges: Recipients will receive continuous membership for the duration of their life. Lifetime membership cannot be transferred.

Term of membership: Ongoing for life.

Fees: \$0.00.

5. Community membership

Establishment of this category received positive support from 63% of members surveyed in 2017, and is under further consideration.

Supporting information

The following information is extracted from the AusACPDM Constitution.

6. Current constitutional statements

AusACPDM (CONSTITUTION)	
<i>Constitution 2.3.(a) (page 4) and 2.4.(a-d) (page 5)</i>	
1. Ordinary membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Persons who work in a Speciality (<i>see note below</i>);- Persons who ordinarily live in Australia, South East Asia, South Pacific or NZ and are involved in any aspect of the care or treatment of persons with the Field (<i>see note below</i>); and- Persons who ordinarily live in Australia, South East Asia, South Pacific or New Zealand and who show an interest in a Field.
2. Trainee membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Persons who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course in a Specialty and can provide documentation to the Board of their admission and status in the course.
3. Honorary membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Persons who have been recognised for a special accomplishment, contribution to, or pre-eminence, in work or study in a Specialty or otherwise related to the study or knowledge of a Field.
4. Foreign membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Persons who are involved in any aspect of the care or treatment of persons with a diagnosed disorder within the Field living outside Australia or New Zealand.

7. Definitions

Speciality includes such areas as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, special education, early childhood intervention, paediatrics, rehabilitation medicine, orthotics and prosthetics, orthopaedics, neurology, psychology, social work, nutrition/dietetics and are involved in the treatment in, study of, contribution to or development of a Field and any other specialities whereby persons are working in or contributing to a Field.

Field means the fields to which the objects and purposes of the Academy are directed under rule 1.2(a).

8. Objects of the Academy

The Academy is to pursue charitable purposes and to apply its income in promoting those purposes. The objectives and purposes of the Academy include the following:

- (a) Advancing knowledge and awareness of the fields of cerebral palsy, neurodevelopmental disabilities and developmental disorders (each a **Field**) and any work or study in a Specialty which promotes knowledge, treatment and awareness in a Field.

9. Constitutional powers

The Board may remove or add to the Categories of Membership by passing an ordinary resolution to that effect in accordance with these rules. Any ordinary resolution by which there is an addition to the Categories of Membership must include:

- i. a definition of the Members to be included in the Category, including for example, the qualifications, experience or other characteristics required to be held by Members of that Category;
- ii. the eligibility requirements for that Category;
- iii. any privileges to be provided to Members of that Category;
- iv. the term of Membership for Members of that Category; and
- v. the initial Fees to be paid by Members of that Category for the remaining period of the annual year in which the resolution is passed.