

**WCTRS/WCTR  
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### **9.1 Individual Membership**

#### **9.1.1 Eligibility of Individual Membership**

- Membership of the society is for a maximum of three years and runs from one WCTR to immediately before the next.
- Members can renew directly with the WCTRS Secretariat at any time between conferences, or by registering to attend the next conference.
- The Secretariat will send renewal reminders to past members who have not renewed by 30 September in the conference year.
- Membership will lapse for those members who have not renewed by 30 November in that year.
- Membership can be offered for shorter periods, with reduced fees determined at the discretion of the STC, but all memberships end on the same date. The current policy on such reductions is set out under Individual Membership Fees below.

#### **9.1.2 Benefits of Individual Membership**

All members are entitled to have their details included in the Society's on-line membership database and to have access to that database. In addition, membership offers the following benefits.

- A truly international network of transport academics and practitioners, which is the only such worldwide network, with more than 1350 experts interested in transport research, representing over 80 countries.
- A wide variety of SIGs, each dedicated to a specific research topic; from mode specific policy and modelling, to solutions for climate change and disaster resilience. See Chapter 3 for details on SIGs and for full list of SIGs visit; <http://www.wctrs-society.com/special-interest-groups/>
- A free on-line subscription to the Society's two Journals: TP and CSTP. For details see Chapter 7.
- On-line access to the proceedings of past conferences.
- Liaison with some 30 partner journals, which publish the best conference papers of WCTR.

- Access to a WCTRS Elsevier Book Series publishing partnership for Society led research. For details see Chapter 7.
- Outreach to activities jointly with international organisations such as the ITF, WB and UNFCCC conferences.
- Joining WCTRS-Y; including the WCTR-Y organised totally by young members (Y-I), the Ph.D. Students' Grants (Y-II) awarded to young researchers, and the dedicated WCTRS Young Online Facility (Y-III) with newsletters and job vacancies information. See Chapter 8 for details.
- Opportunities to contribute to the planning of the WCTRs through participation in SIGs and other Society activities.

### **9.1.3 Individual Membership Fees**

- Individual Membership subscriptions are fixed for each three year period and can be changed only by the approval of General Assembly in the Conference preceding the period in question on the recommendation of the STC.
- For the period 2016 to 2019, the full membership fee is \$150, with reduced fees of \$90 for members from developing countries and \$60 for registered students. For avoidance of doubt the members who will be eligible for the \$90 fee are those coming from low and middle "GNI per capita" countries according to the most up-to-date "World Bank list of economies".
- Fees will be reduced by one third for those joining on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following a WCTR, and by two thirds for those joining on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January in the second year following a WCTR.
- At its meeting in July 2016, the GA gave the STC the power to raise the fees for 2019 to 2022 by at most 20% above these values.
- Fees are administered through the CMS. The service provider of the CMS will make a payment to the WCTRS Secretariat within a week of the start of each month for all membership fees received in the previous month, and will provide an updated set of membership information in the format specified by the Secretariat and will make a final payment of all fees paid at, or immediately before, the conference within one month of the end of the conference. The Secretariat will then audit all membership fee

payments received through the CMS by the end of the September following the conference. For other details about CMS utilisation refer to Chapter 5.

## **9.2 Organisation Members**

Currently there are three classes of Organisation Members; namely Research Organisation Members (ROMs), Supporting Organisation Members (SOMs) and Partner Organisation Members (POMs). Rights to attend the GA and voting rights are covered in Chapter 3 (Section 3.1). Eligibility, subscription fees and benefits of each class are given below.

### **9.2.1 Research Organisation Members (ROMs); eligibility, subscription fees and benefits**

#### Eligibility:

Research Organisations and Universities (not for profit organisations).

#### Subscription Fees:

Equal to 8 individual memberships; at developed or developing country rate. To avoid complication of coupling payment of ROMs registration fees during registration through the CMS of each WCTR, the WCTRS Secretariat would invite appropriate organisations to become ROMs after the WCTR, and charge them the difference between the fee and the individual memberships already paid.

#### Benefits:

Name to be listed under 'Organisational Members' on WCTRS website and opportunity for the ROM to nominate up to 10 persons as ROM individual members. Nominated persons will enjoy same privileges as regular individual members.

### **9.2.2 Supporting Organisational Members (SOMs); eligibility, subscription fees and benefits**

#### Eligibility:

All institutions and organisations.

#### Subscription Fees:

SOMs can choose to pay \$3000 at once for three year subscription or \$1000 for a one year subscription for three consecutive years.

#### Benefits:

- SOM name to be listed under ‘Supporting Organisational Members’ on the WCTRS website.
- SOMs are invited to nominate up to 2 persons as “SOM individual members”, each of whom will enjoy the same privileges as regular individual members.
- SOMs will have the option of displaying their logos at the bottom of the WCTRS Website and on WCTR material.
- Society will invite an SOM individual member as speaker/panelist or any other role player in the sessions. The costs of the attendance are to be covered by WCTRS general expenditure and not the CDT.
- SOMs will be eligible for a free booth at the WCTR with the costs borne by the CDT finding a sponsor.
- In addition, SOMs taking a three year subscription are entitled to sponsor Named Bursaries at \$1000 per bursary for each WCTR.

### **9.2.3 Partner Organisational Members (POMs); eligibility, subscription fees and benefits**

#### Eligibility:

Not for profit organisations. A case needs to be submitted through the WCTRS President to the Secretary General for STC’s approval. The case should clearly state the rationale, the opportunities to exchange, the extent of any exchange of attendance/subscription etc., and the limits to the WCTRS contribution.

### Subscription Fees:

POM is open on a reciprocal basis where joint fee waivers are agreed. This is subject to a combined limit of financial contribution agreed by STC (for the period 2016-2019 this is \$10000).

### Benefits:

The POM will be eligible for up to two paid places at the WCTR. The costs of the attendance are to be covered by WCTRS general expenditure and not the CDT. POMs are invited, in addition, to nominate up to 2 persons as POM individual members, each of whom will enjoy the same privileges as regular individual members.

### **9.3 Application for Membership**

Application Forms for WCTRS Individual and Organisation SOM membership and further details and updates can be obtained from the WCTRS Secretariat.

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- Payments should be made by electronic transfer to the bank account shown on the application form wherever possible.
- Confirmation of membership will be sent as soon as payment has been received.