



International Society of City and Regional Planners
ISOCARP
Knowledge for Better Cities

How to become a member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

ISOCARP is a society of professional city and regional planners working in all countries of the world.

Join us by going to www.isocarp.org/join and filling in the online form.

ISOCARP also has highly-valued institutional members – cities, universities, planning institutes, planning consultancies, NGOs – which support the Society and connect with the global city and regional planning community.

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Our new Membership Regulation 2019/01 explains what it means to be a member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

Image: Portland, Oregon, host city for the 53rd ISOCARP/OAPA Congress, 2017 (source: unsplash.com)

Membership Regulation 2019/01

of the International Society of City and Regional Planners

Part 1: Individual Membership

1. Individual members

Individual members make up the society

- Individual members can stand for election and can vote at general meetings, in person or online.
- Each member pays the same membership fee.
- If there are variations they are based on a single flat membership fee.

Everyone professionally involved in city and regional planning is encouraged to join the society.

- The society offers every city and regional planner an opportunity to join with the city and regional planners of the world in a membership association, to communicate with and support each other, and to promote the practice of city and regional planning.
- The society offers recognition of professional status, and opportunities for career advancement and networking through conferences, publications, planning practice and service to the society.
- Through their society, the members may contribute to and participate in international institutions and initiatives.
- Through their society, the members develop open networks, resources and digital platforms to create and share knowledge for better cities.

2. Individual membership admission policy

The standard for acceptance as a member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners is that the applicant has the education and/or experience to practice city and regional planning and housing as a professional planner, administrator, policy maker, urban advocate, developer, teacher, or researcher.

- An applicant for membership of the society must show, through evidence and/or recommendation, that they have the education and/or experience to practice city and regional planning.
- For the purposes of this regulation, city and regional planning requires comprehensive, integrated, strategic action for the future, whether practiced at scales from single sites to multinational regions, whether relating to immediate intervention through to long term policies, and whether focused on physical, organisational, social, economic or environmental outcomes.
- An applicant meets the standard for membership if they can show that they are eligible for membership of the association or institute for professional planners in the applicant's country of residence or in the country where the applicant practices planning.
- The decision on an application for membership is made by the Board.
- Without diminishing its power to determine membership applications, the Board may assign this power to the Executive Committee and/or a member of the Board.

3. Individual membership fees

The fee for individual membership of the International Society of City and Regional Planners is €60 per annum. Alternatively, the fee for three years is €155, the fee for five years is €250, and the fee for life membership is €850.

- The Board is authorised to adjust these fees for any following year, provided that any increase is limited to an increase in the fee of ten per cent.
- Members are encouraged to authorise a continuing automatic direct debit from their credit card, to be paid on the anniversary of their joining.

- Members who are four months in arrears are non-financial and will be ineligible to participate in general meetings and other membership activities of the society, and ineligible to vote in elections.
- The Board has the discretion to determine that in special circumstances a varied membership fee shall apply to certain individuals or certain groups of individual members.

Part 2: Institutional Membership

1. A World of Planning Organisations

The International Society of City and Regional Planners welcomes planning and housing agencies, cities, universities, organisations and corporations as institutional members.

City and regional plans, and housing policies and programs, are developed in organisations which employ most of the world's city and regional planners. These organisations include multilateral agencies; national, regional and local governments and their agencies; educational and research institutions; professional and academic institutes and associations; non-government policy and advocacy organisations; and technical, research and consulting corporations.

The International Society of City and Regional Planners seeks to work with these organisations, to strengthen its role as the global community connecting professional city and regional planners, and to create and share knowledge for better cities. The Society encourages these organisations to become institutional members of the Society, as the most effective way to maintain contact and collaboration.

2. Many reasons for joining ISOCARP

By joining the International Society of City and Regional Planners, institutional members are connected to the global city and regional planning community.

- Institutional members support the International Society of City and Regional Planners and enrich the global city and regional planning community.
- Organisations, by becoming institutional members, can connect with resources, partners and collaborators addressing common issues and problems.
- Institutional members, through the Society, reach a global audience, a global marketplace, and a global employment market.
- Institutional Members may participate in, contribute to and benefit from the activities of the ISOCARP Institute.
- Institutional members are able to offer the Society's members resources, information and opportunities for networking and professional development.
- Institutional members are encouraged to be actively and visibly involved in the World Planning Congress, ISOCARP's website and publications, and core activities including UPATs and the Awards.

3. Full participation

Through representatives and nominated members, institutional members participate fully in the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

- An institutional member's *representative* will be the primary contact and representative of their organisation, and the Society will normally communicate with the organisation through that person. The representative will be an individual member of the Society with the same rights of participation and voting as all other individual members.
- An institutional member may nominate a number of other persons chosen by them, including staff, members, associates, students and clients, to become individual members of the Society with the same rights of participation and voting as all other individual members.
- The representative of an institutional member and persons nominated to become ISOCARP members must complete membership applications and provide evidence that they have the education and/or experience to practice city and regional planning as defined in the Society's membership regulations. These applications will be determined in the same manner as applications for individual membership.

4. Three levels of institutional membership

Applications for institutional membership are determined by the Board.

- **Platinum** institutional members may maintain their own page on Planetary, organise a session at the World Planning Congress, receive support for active involvement in the activities and programs of the Society, and pay a reduced entry fee for the Awards of Excellence. Included in the membership fee are ten memberships of the Society and three delegates to the Congress. The annual fee for Platinum institutional membership is €1500.

- **Gold** institutional members may maintain their own page on Planetary, receive support for active involvement in the activities and programs of the Society and pay a reduced entry fee for the Awards of Excellence. Included in the membership fee are six memberships of the Society, and two delegates to the Congress. The annual fee for Gold institutional membership is €1000.
- **Silver** institutional members may maintain their own page on Planetary, receive support for active involvement in the activities and programs of the Society and pay a reduced entry fee for the Awards of Excellence. Included in the membership fee are two memberships of the Society and one delegate to the Congress. The annual fee for Silver institutional membership is €500.

The Board is authorised to adjust institutional membership fees for any following year, provided that any increase is limited to an increase in the fee of ten per cent.

The Board is authorised to vary the benefits of Platinum, Gold and Silver institutional members to meet the specific needs of particular institutional members, provided that the benefits remain generally equivalent to the above packages.

The Board is authorised to grant honorary Bronze institutional membership to organisations that are associates, supporters and friends of the Society, and to accept a representative as a member.

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