

Membership Fee letter

Dear IFFA member

At our Annual Meeting in March, delegates adopted a new membership fee policy.

IFFA's 20 members are united by a passion to promote the important benefits of family forestry, and to work together to overcome the challenges we face. There are also some differences among us in the structures and functions of our organizations, and in particular, the numbers of employees and the size of administrative budget that each of us has.

Since IFFA was founded in 2002, we have maintained a firm policy of complete equality among our members in rights to participate in IFFA affairs and in membership fees. In some cases, members have withdrawn because they could not afford the fees. As we seek new members in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, we have found that our fees are a barrier. At the same time, the fees you pay are our only source of independent financing and we could do much more work with more funds.

So, we have three considerations that we must try to balance:

- Equal participation of members in IFFA's affairs
- Big differences in the size of operating budgets among existing and potential members
- Many opportunities to do more work with more revenue

The Annual Meeting adopted the following policy for 2018:

member organisations with:

small operating budgets/economic capability: 250 Euros

medium-sized budgets/economic capability: 500 Euros

large budgets/economic capability organizations: 1.500 Euros

Fees for Associate members are also divided into two classes:

Small budgets: 250 Euros

Large budgets: 500 Euros

Members are asked to determine what fee level fits best with your current operating budget. Of course, we hope you will choose the highest level it is feasible for your organization to pay. Each of us will be on the "honour system" to make the best choice we can. You are invited to discuss this with a member of the IFFA Board if there are any questions. When you have decided the fee level you will pay this year, please let me know and an invoice will be sent to you.

On behalf of the Board, may I express our gratitude for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Peter deMarsh

IFFA Chair

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