

Conditions for membership of IRG

A. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP OF IRG

Rationale

Regular Members are scientists and technologists who meet the qualifying requirements for membership of IRG by virtue of their being active in research relating to the durability and protection of wood and wood-based products or being practitioners in the science and technology of wood protection and being qualified there-in by education, training, or experience.

Conditions for approval of Regular Members

1. Regular Membership is open to any person with appropriate qualifications or experience who is active in, or maintains an active involvement in, research and development relating to wood protection or to the technology and practice of wood protection in accordance with the Statutes of IRG.
2. Regular Membership is available only to suitably qualified individuals.
3. Regular Membership is on a personal basis and is not transferable.
4. Applications for Regular Membership must be made on the appropriate form sponsored by at least two current IRG members and submitted to the IRG Secretariat. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and the applicant may be required to demonstrate qualifications in accordance with clause 1.
5. Applications for Regular Membership will be decided by the IRG Executive Council taking into account the recommendations of the Membership Committee. Exceptionally, the Executive Council of IRG may invite applications for Regular Membership when this is considered to be for the benefit of the growth and development of IRG.
6. All applications accepted for Regular Membership shall be announced to the Plenary Meeting.
7. Regular Membership is awarded in perpetuity so long as the member continues to pay the appropriate IRG annual fees as set by the IRG Plenary Meeting.
8. The IRG will not sponsor attendance by Regular Members at the Annual Meeting of IRG other than under the terms of a Ron Cockcroft Award.

B. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP OF IRG

Rationale

Student Members are full-time students at universities or technical institutions who are studying subjects related to any aspect of wood protection. The purpose of Student Membership is to encourage participation by students early in their careers, and to encourage their continued participation in the field and in the IRG following graduation and entering into employment.

Conditions for approval of Student Members

1. Student Membership is open to any student studying or conducting research into any aspect of science which relates to the durability and protection of wood and wood-based products in accordance with the Statutes of IRG.
2. Applications for Student Membership must be made on the appropriate form sponsored by one current IRG member, endorsed by a member of their supervising/tutorial staff at the School of study, and submitted to the IRG Secretariat. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and the applicant must demonstrate continuing qualification as described in clauses 5 and 6 below.
3. There is no limit to the number of Student Memberships that are permitted from any relevant university or technical institution.
4. Student Membership is awarded by Executive Council taking into account the recommendations of the Membership Committee. Normally it is valid for a maximum of three years, but it is subject to an annual renewal process. At the end of their Student Membership the Student Member will be offered Regular Membership.
5. All applications accepted for Student Membership shall be announced to the Plenary Meeting.
6. Membership renewal is contingent upon the submission of an annual certification from the Institution using the form available from the IRG Secretariat, that the Student Member is continuing in full-time study at that institution.
7. Student Members enjoy the same benefits as Regular Members but at a specially reduced membership fee.
8. IRG will not sponsor attendance by Student Members at the Annual Meeting of IRG, other than under the terms of a Ron Cockcroft Award.
9. IRG reserves the right to limit the number of Student Memberships at any time.
10. The Executive Council of IRG will not renew the Student Membership where there has been a failure to fulfil the obligation to provide the annual certification of continuing study in wood protection. In such cases the Student Member will be notified in writing by the Secretariat not more than one month after the date of renewal.

C. CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP OF IRG

Rationale

Corresponding Members are scientists who meet the qualifying requirements for membership of IRG and whose participation in IRG is sponsored by IRG, for a limited time period. The purpose of Corresponding Membership is to encourage and facilitate participation by scientists from countries not otherwise represented in IRG, and who are unable through national economic circumstances to secure adequate funding for regular membership. It is also intended to permit membership for scientists from Institutions active in wood protection research who are temporarily unable to maintain their regular membership.

Corresponding Members are required to provide an Annual Report on the current status of wood protection research and developments in wood protection technology in their country not later than 2 months before the Annual Meeting of IRG.

Conditions for approval of Corresponding Members

1. Applicants for Corresponding Membership must qualify for membership of IRG in accordance with clause 1 of the Conditions for Approval of Regular Members.
2. Only one corresponding member will be supported from any Institution and normally IRG will not sponsor more than one Corresponding Member from any one country. In special cases, for example where communications in a country are restricted but more than a single research Institution is active, two Corresponding Members from different Institutions may be sponsored.
3. Applications for Corresponding Membership must be made on the appropriate form sponsored by at least two current IRG members and submitted to the IRG Secretariat. Applications will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and the applicant must demonstrate qualification in accordance with the rationale and conditions for membership.
4. Corresponding Membership will not be awarded to a scientist at any Institution which already has a regular member.
5. Preference will be given to scientists from research institutions such as Universities, and Forest Products Research Institutes.
6. Applications for Corresponding Membership will be decided by the IRG Executive Council taking into account the recommendations of the Membership Committee. Exceptionally, the Executive Council of IRG may invite applications for Corresponding Membership when it benefits the IRG and its membership.
7. All applications for Corresponding Membership shall be announced to the Plenary Meeting.
8. Corresponding Membership is awarded for three years subject to annual review by the Membership Committee. After three years the Corresponding Member may apply for a second three year term, the awarding of which is at the discretion of the Executive Council of IRG.
9. Corresponding Membership will only be renewed providing the member has complied with the requirement to submit an Annual Report of wood protection research and/or industrial activity in that member's country.
10. Corresponding Members enjoy the same benefits as subscribing members but their membership, inc of one set of documents, is sponsored by IRG.
11. Documents supplied to the Corresponding Member by IRG are to be made accessible upon request to all other researchers in wood protection in the country of the Corresponding Member. To facilitate access they are to be housed in a suitable library, preferably at the Corresponding Member's Institution/Organisation.
12. IRG will not sponsor attendance by Corresponding Members at the Annual Meeting of IRG other than under the terms of a Ron Cockcroft Award.
13. IRG reserves the right to limit the number of Corresponding Memberships at any time.
14. The Executive Council of IRG will not renew the Corresponding Membership where there has been a failure to fulfil the obligation to provide an Annual Report, or if the financial status of IRG does not allow renewal. In such cases the Corresponding Member will be notified in writing by the Secretariat not more than one month after the date of renewal.

D. HONORARY LIFE-LONG MEMBERSHIP OF IRG

Rationale

Honorary Life-Long Members are scientists who have made outstanding contributions to the aims, functions, organisation or standing of IRG whilst in Regular Membership which is of a quality demanding extraordinary recognition. The purpose of the Honorary Life-Long Membership is to acknowledge such outstanding service to IRG through Life-Long Membership sponsored by the IRG.

Conditions for approval of Life-Long Members

1. Honorary Life-Long Memberships will be awarded by the Executive Council of IRG following consultation with the Scientific Programme Committee and subject to endorsement of Plenary Meeting.
2. Recommendations for Honorary Life-Long Membership may be made in writing to the Executive Council, by any Regular Member or Honorary Life-Long Member of IRG. Written support for such a recommendation must be made by at least two other Regular Members of IRG who have been in continuous membership of IRG for each of the last 5 years.
3. Honorary Life-Long Members have the same benefits as fully paid up Regular Members but their membership, inc of one set of documents, is sponsored by IRG.
4. IRG reserves the right to limit the number of Honorary Life-Long Memberships at any time.

**THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH
GROUP ON WOOD PRESERVATION**

APPLICATION FORM
Membership

**Application for Membership of The International Research Group on
Wood Preservation (IRG)**

Read Document IRG/WP 03-60176, the instructions and the Statutes of the IRG before you fill out this form *in block letters*, please.

My application concerns **regular** **student** **corresponding** membership

Personal

Family name _____ Forename _____ male female

Title or occupation _____

Nationality _____ Date of birth (year, month, day) _____

Address of work or study including name of organisation, university, firm etc

Telephone _____ Telefax _____ E-mail _____

Permanent home address _____

Telephone _____ Telefax _____ E-mail _____

Qualifications, see Appendix no _____

Research experience, see Appendix no _____

Publications, see Appendix no _____

Current fields of interest, see instructions _____

Participation in previous IRG meetings (year) _____

Statement of purpose (Why do you want to become a Member? What contribution do you intend to make to the activities of IRG and what benefits do you expect to gain?)

I have read Statutes and, if accepted as a Member, I agree to abide by these and to support and promote the objectives of the IRG.

I understand that I am required to pay an annual membership fee (NB. Applicable to regular and student members only).

I understand that I am required to submit annually a report of wood preservation research and/or industrial activity in my country (NB. Applicable to corresponding members only).

Signature _____ Date _____

For Student membership applicants only:

Endorsement by Professor/Supervisor/Tutor _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send the application form to:

IRG Secretariat
SE-100 44 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Telefax: Int + 46 8 10 80 81
E-mail: irg@sp.se

For use by IRG Secretariat

Date received _____ Date acknowledged _____

Instructions

Who can apply?

Any person, also students, with appropriate qualifications or research experience in wood protection.

Qualifications

Specify degrees, diplomas etc. Enclose certified copies or transcripts of relevant documents.

Research experience

Specify in detail!

Publications

Give the total number of publications to date and provide a list of those published in the last 3 years.

Current field of interest

Specify your interests in one or more of the following numbers:

1. Biological problems (flora)
2. Biological problems (fauna)
3. Biological problems (marine organisms)
4. Test methodology and assessment (inc quality control, approval of preservatives)
5. Wood protecting chemicals
6. Processes for wood treatment, engineering
7. Environmental aspects, health and safety
8. Administration or co-ordination of research involving wood protection
9. Advisory work, information activities
10. Education, lecturing, training

References

Two present IRG members shall send (for students: one present IRG member), who are not colleagues of the same institute etc of the applicant, must sponsor the application. Letters of reference shall be sent directly to the IRG Secretariat. Supporting letters need be no longer than a single page. Information which the Membership Committee and Executive Council normally wish to have includes, how long the applicant has been known to the sponsor, the type of work and field of study in which the applicant has been engaged, an opinion on the expertise and types of contributions the applicant will bring to IRG activities.

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CONFIRMATION

IRG Students Membership – Annual Confirmation of Eligibility

Name of Student Member _____

Name of Educational/Research Institution _____

Address _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

This is to confirm that _____

is engaged in a continuing course of study/research at this Institution, in the area of

Name of Professor/Supervisor/Tutor _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For use by IRG Secretariat

Date received _____ Date acknowledged _____