

## Protocol to be used when accepting membership of new IACM Affiliated Association

## IACM CONSTITUTION:

## "2. National and Regional Organizations

IACM will operate basically as a Confederation of National and Regional Associations. Each National or Regional Association with similar objectives as IACM may ask to be affiliated to IACM. Admission request proposals must be presented to and approved by the Executive Council."

An Association that wishes to become an affiliated member of IACM will present its admission request to the President of IACM. This admission will detail objectives, current activities, and interests of the association. As annexes to the admission request there must be the Association's by-laws, current officers and a list of its members.

Upon submission of the request to the President, the IACM Secretary General will notify the members of the IACM Executive Council (EC) that will make a tentative decision via e-mail, subject to the ratification at the following IACM Executive Council meeting. This decision is final and does not require the approval of the IACM General Council (GC) which will nevertheless be notified.

Once the Association has been officially notified of the final decision of the EC by the IACM Secretary General, it will pay the annual due fee to the IACM Secretariat.

The Association's President automatically becomes member of the GC. In addition, the new Association also has the right to one more member in the GC. Once it has paid the full annual regular fees during three consecutive years, the EC will make a decision on the number of new Association's members to be incorporated in the GC, based upon the average number of its members in the past three years.

New applications received between January 1 and August 15 of given year will automatically be processed for half-year membership ending December 31 of the current year. Only half-year due rates will be charged. An exception is made when the applicant specifically requests that their application be processed for the full year. However, IACM cannot guarantee availability of back issues of all publications for the first half of the calendar year.

New applications received between August 16 and December 31 will be processed for membership of the following year. Full year due rates will be applied for the following year. However, services begin immediately.