

Annex 1: Membership Fee Regulations

(according to § 6 No. 1 Articles of Association)

1 Principles

These Membership Fee Regulations set out the membership fees and according rules for the Association “Confederation of Open Access Repositories” (COAR). They are not part of the Articles of the Association. Changes to the regulations are subject to decisions of the General Assembly.

2 Decisions

The rate of the respective membership fees shall be set by the General Assembly (§6 No. 1 Articles of Association).

3 Annual Fees

1. **Single Members:** The annual fee for a single Full Member is 2.500 €.

2. **Group Fees:** The annual fee for Groups depends on the size of the Group; the minimum fee equals a single full membership fee, that is 2.500 €, with a maximum of a double single full membership fee, that is 5.000 € per annum.

Group Fees

| Group Size | Basic Fee | Fee per Group Member | Total Group Fee |
|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 1.500 € | 500 € | 2.500 € |
| 3 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 2.750 € |
| 4 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 3.250 € |
| 5 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 3.750 € |
| 6 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 4.250 € |
| 7 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 4.750 € |
| 8 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 5.000 € |
| 9 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 5.000 € |
| 10 | 1.250 € | 500 € | 5.000 € |

3. **Group Consortium Fees:** According to § 3 No. 2.2 f), the Executive Board can decide on a discount or cap for payments in the case of large-scale consortia from one country.

Group Consortia, i.e. groups with more than 10 members, pay a fee according to their size with a minimum of 5.000 € and a maximum of 25.000 € per annum.

Group Consortium Fees

| Consortium Type | Group Consortium Size | Group Consortium Fee | Number of Votes |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Type 1 | 11 to 29 | 10.000 € | 2 |
| Type 2 | 30 to 59 | 15.000 € | 3 |
| Type 3 | 60 to 89 | 20.000 € | 4 |
| Type 4 | 90 and more | 25.000 € | 5 |

4. **Due Date:** Membership fees must be paid immediately after receipt of the membership fee invoice.

5. **Responsibilities for Payments:** Single Full Members are responsible for payments themselves. According to § 3 No. 2.2 c) Articles of Association), a Group nominates a Coordinating Partner who is entitled to enter into a contract with COAR and act on behalf of the participants, having appropriately established relations with the said participants in order to define its role and the payments due from each. The Coordinating Partner undertakes responsibility for full payment of the Group's combined COAR membership fee.

6. **Tax:** The Association exclusively pursues not-for-profit common public interest objectives in terms of the clause "Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke" (Purposes with Tax Benefits), under the German Tax Code (§ 2 No. 2 Articles of Association). Based on this, COAR will request tax exemption by the Göttingen tax office.

4 Account of the Association

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5 Termination of Membership

Termination of membership is only possibly according to § 5 of the Articles of the Association.

6 Entry into Force

The rate and the principles of the Membership Fees set out in these regulations have been decided by the General Assembly on March 2, 2010, and come into force with immediate effect.

EXAMPLES: DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS WITHIN GROUPS

Groups decide on the distribution of costs within the Group. The following tables provide a few examples.

Groups

| Group Size | Total Group Fee | Option 1: One member pays basic fee | Option 1: All other members equally split the rest | Option 2: All members equally split the total fee |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| 2 | 2.500 € | 1.500 € | 500 € | 1.250 € |
| 3 | 2.750 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 916,67 € |
| 4 | 3.250 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 812,50 € |
| 5 | 3.750 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 750 € |
| 6 | 4.250 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 708,33 € |
| 7 | 4.750 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 678,57 € |
| 8 | 5.000 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 625 € |
| 9 | 5.000 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 555,56 € |
| 10 | 5.000 € | 1.250 € | 500 € | 500 € |

Group Consortia

| Consortium Type | Group Consortium Size | Group Consortium Fee | Maximum Fee per member (equally split) | Minimum Fee per member (equally split) |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Type 1 | 11 to 29 | 10.000 € | 909,91 € | 345 € |
| Type 2 | 30 to 59 | 15.000 € | 500 € | 254 € |
| Type 3 | 60 to 89 | 20.000 € | 300 € | 225 € |
| Type 4 | 90 and more | 25.000 € | 277,78 € | |