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Membership arrangements and fee structure 2012

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Document for:

- Explanation of membership arrangements and fee structure (from 2012 onwards) to the individual members, IALE International and European national chapters
- Website IALE-Europe

The membership arrangements and fee structure were discussed during the EC meeting of 10 February 2012 (Ghent). Starting points were:

- The relation between IALE International and IALE-Europe;
- The relation between IALE-Europe and the national chapters;
- The relation with the individual members, to harbour them within the international association of IALE.

These points are similar to what is included in the 'Setting the scene paper' and the position and plans for 2012-2013, both published in the Bulletin, and with the statutes of IALE-Europe (published on the website). This document was updated in October 2017 on the occasion of the newly elected EC (update of national chapters and contact details).

We set up some basic rules for joining IALE-Europe:

- Everyone must belong to IALE International;
- The membership and fee must be democratic and as transparent as possible;
- The existing national chapters may not have negative effects in their number of members due to the existence of the European chapter;
- A member of IALE will join the association at the lowest possible level (a national chapter when existing before the IALE-Europe; IALE-Europe instead of only the international level).

This means that:

- A membership of IALE-Europe means automatically joining of IALE International;
- The basic attitude is that neither the national and European nor the international levels are competitors. On the contrary, IALE-Europe supports the national chapters – we are in favour of the national chapter;
- When new members are addressing IALE-Europe to become a member, we will redirect them to the most appropriate level: when someone asks the international level, they will forward the request to a national if existing or to the European chapter if no national chapter exists; when someone asks the European chapter, we will forward it to the national chapter if existing. In any cases, the new member will be suggested and encouraged to join that national chapter.

We set up 4 cases of members in the European situation:

- **No national chapter:** no national chapter exists in the country of the member. In this case, we recommend new members to become a member of IALE-Europe and so they will be a member of international too. In case people contact the IALE International, they will send new members also to the European level.
 - o Examples: Austria, Belgium, Finland, Greece, Norway, Switzerland ...
- **A national chapter + no collective European option:** the national chapter does exist, but did not choose for a collective chapter membership of IALE-Europe. When new members are addressing IALE-Europe to become a member, we will forward the question to the national chapter and suggest the member to join that national chapter. In case members of a national chapter without collective membership want to become member of IALE-Europe, they can pay an additional fee (so not including any fee for national chapter nor IALE International).
 - o Example: Czech Republic, Germany, Poland ...
- **National chapter + collective European option:** the national chapter did choose for a collective membership of IALE-Europe. They collect the entire membership fee and pay a part to IALE-Europe.
 - o Example: Denmark, Italy, Portugal, Slovak Republic, United Kingdom
- **National chapter + only individual European option:** someone who has a national chapter but does not want to subscribe to this national chapter and only want to be a member of the European level. When new members are addressing IALE-Europe to become a member, we will forward the question to the national chapter and suggest the member to join that national chapter. In case the member only wants to become a member of IALE-Europe, this will be discussed with the national chapter.
 - o Example: individual cases

We agreed to set the following fees for 2012 onwards (changes can be discussed on a EC meeting when necessary):

- For an individual membership:
 - o 15€ for students (10€ for IALE International, 5€ for IALE-Europe)
 - o 30€ for regular (20€ for IALE International +10€ for IALE-Europe)
- The collective membership fee is depending on the number of members of the national chapter:
 - o >150 members = 500€; >100 member = 373€; >51 members = 250€; ≤ 50 members = 5€ per member
 - o No distinction is made between regular and student memberships, because students gets the reduction from the national chapters

In addition, people can subscribe for the journal of Landscape Ecology (with the same conditions as IALE International) and the **ESP** membership (Ecosystem Services Partnership).

The announcement for renewing the membership will be send to the members, who are invited to fill in the form on the website. This announcement will be communicated as wide as possible to encourage more people to join IALE-Europe. After registering via the digital form, they will be contacted by the treasure (Andrzej Affek, a.affek@twarda.pan.pl) with the payment details.

National chapters will be invited for a collective membership by the president (Veerle Van Eetvelde, veerle.vaneetvelde@ugent.be).