

**IFEES****INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION SOCIETIES**

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## IFEES MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND BENEFITS

### VALUE

IFEES is a network designed to enhance global engineering education through collaboration between educational, corporate and other organizations interested in engineering education and committed to positively impact global development and socio-economic growth. Through the collaboration of its member societies, IFEES works to establish effective engineering education processes of high quality to assure a global supply of well-prepared engineering graduates, enhances the participation of underrepresented groups in the engineering education community, and promotes the value of the engineering profession to society around the world. Through its annual international events, IFEES also provides a unique forum for representatives of IFEES member societies and other key engineering education stakeholders to discuss and move forward pertinent issues in engineering education.

Currently, over 50 engineering education societies and corporate partners take advantage of the IFEES membership benefits. As the number of active IFEES members grows, so do the occasions for global engineering education collaboration, the diversity of ideas brought to the IFEES discussion, and the accompanying benefit IFEES confers to its membership. IFEES provides members with significant exposure through globally-recognized initiatives, such as the Indo-US Collaboration on Engineering Education and the Global Engineering Deans Council. Such international collaborative efforts allow IFEES members to be informed of the latest developments in global engineering education, network with cutting edge thinkers and practitioners, create corporate-university partnerships, and make a positive contribution to promoting excellence in engineering education around the world.

Even though academia and corporate environment represent different institutional cultures and dynamics, both seek the same goals: knowledge creation and human development. Corporates particularly are interested in an engineer/technology professional that will effectively integrate and contribute to corporate goals and to establish research/innovation collaborations to advance science and technology. Meanwhile, engineering educators rely on corporate input to shape curriculum trends as well as to develop important research projects. Interaction with corporates helps educators better understand the requirements and technology trends and enable them to prepare their students to meet these needs. IFEES provides the platform and venue for corporate members and engineering education organizations and leaders around the world to develop *corporate – university* collaborations across a wide spectrum of activities and to contribute to every institutional and leadership capacity building.

In addition, IFEES strengthens member organizations and their capacity to support students and provides a valuable conduit by which students can channel their feedback on educational trends and conditions to relevant stakeholders. Through IFEES, student organizations have the chance to work in partnership with policymakers, discussing urgent local and global educational, socio-political and economical issues and giving voice to central players in the learning process. Thus, innovative collaboration channels offered through IFEES can help push the development of engineering education in a direction amenable to all of the areas stakeholders – corporate, academia, and the student body.

## IFEES MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### **Observers**

**US\$0**

- Membership is offered to organizations that are interested in becoming more familiar with IFEES. Observer membership may be for a maximum of one year. After one year Observers will either become regular IFEES members (i.e., one of the categories below) or their Observer membership will be terminated.
- Observers receive limited amount of benefits.
- Observers do not have the right to vote or run/hold IFEES leadership position, and cannot participate in IFEES working groups and committees unless a written intention of becoming a paying member of IFEES is made (IFEES Secretariat will make its decision on a case-by-case basis).
- Observers are notified of IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events and may attend upon payment of the set registration fee.
- Observers receive *IFEES quarterly bulletin*.
- Observers are featured in the list of members on IFEES website.

### **Bronze**

**US\$500 Annually**

- Membership is offered to Engineering Education Organizations (EEOs), Special Interest Organizations, Professional Engineering Organizations, and Government Entities, across the world.
- Each Bronze member, represented at IFEES by its designated representative, has one (1) right to vote.
- Designated representatives of IFEES bronze members have a right to run for, be elected and hold IFEES leadership position.
- Bronze members have a right to form and participate in IFEES working groups and committees.
- Bronze members receive *IFEES quarterly bulletin*.
- Bronze members, when appropriate, are entitled to administrative and logistical assistance and support from IFEES Secretariat.
- If under exceptional circumstances Bronze members are unable to pay membership fees, they may for one year replace membership payments for "relevant" pro-bono service.

### **Silver**

**US\$1,000 Annually**

- Membership is offered to Engineering Education Organizations (EEOs), Special Interest Organizations, Professional Engineering Organizations, and Government Entities across the world.
- Each Silver member, represented at IFEES by its designated representative, has one (1) right to vote.
- Designated representatives of IFEES Silver members have a right to run for, be elected and hold IFEES leadership position.
- Silver members have a right to form and participate in IFEES working groups and committees.
- Silver members receive *IFEES bulletin*.
- Silver members, when appropriate, are entitled to administrative and logistical assistance and support from IFEES Secretariat.

### **PLUS**

- Silver members receive invitations to attend and shape agendas of IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- Silver members are granted 25% registration discounts for one (1) representative on any and all IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- Silver members have a right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.

### **Gold**

**US\$2,000 Annually**

- Membership is offered to Engineering Education Organizations (EEOs), Special Interest Organizations, Professional Engineering Organizations, and Government Entities across the world.
- Each Gold member, represented at IFEES by its designated representative, has one (1) right to vote.
- Designated representatives of IFEES Gold members have a right to run for, be elected and hold IFEES leadership position.

- Gold members have a right to form and participate in IFEES working groups and committees.
- Gold members receive *IFEES bulletin*.
- Gold members, when appropriate, are entitled to administrative and logistical assistance and support from IFEES Secretariat.

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- Gold members receive invitations to attend and shape agendas of IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- Gold members are granted 50% registration discounts for two (2) representatives on any and all IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- Gold members have a right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- Gold members may request IFEES Secretariat's assistance in identifying and contacting corporate / industrial partners for collaborative purposes and joint activities.

**Corporate Partners (CP)**

**US\$6,000 Annually**

- Corporate Partners membership is offered to members of IFEES who represent corporations and industry (both public and private) across the world.
- Each CP member, represented at IFEES by its designated representative, has one (1) right to vote.
- Designated representatives of IFEES corporate members have a right to run for, be elected and hold IFEES leadership position.
- CP members have a right to form and participation in IFEES working groups and committees.
- CP members are granted 100% registration fee discounts for one (1) representative on any and all IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- CP members receive invitations to attend and shape agendas of IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events.
- CP members have a right to either host or participate in relevant panels, training sessions, leadership sessions, and/or presentations included in IFEES meetings, conferences and/or IFEES member-sponsored events (e.g. industry-led workshops).
- CP members are identified as such and acknowledged on all IFEES communications, marketing and promotions, in print and on the website.
- CP members receive *IFEES bulletin*.
- CP members may request IFEES Secretariat's assistance in identifying and contacting academic, associate and institutional (e.g. World Bank Institute) partners for collaborative purposes and joint activities.
- CP members are entitled, when appropriate, to administrative and logistical assistance and support from IFEES Secretariat.

## **PAYING MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

IFEES paying members are expected to promote the objectives of IFEES and to act as overall spokespersons for the work of IFEES. The members should demonstrate their commitment to the vision and mission of IFEES, and display integrity, high level of professionalism and engagement in both national and global engineering education activities.

IFEES paying members should attend at least one IFEES and/or IFEES member-sponsored event per year and have capacity to pay for all associated travel costs. When necessary, IFEES paying members should be available and actively participate in IFEES working groups, event planning and other strategic activities critical to the objectives of IFEES. Other more specific member responsibilities, as outlined in IFEES bylaws, include:

- Encourage membership and active participation in IFEES of eligible organizations;
- Participate in the election of Executive Committee members;
- Pay their membership fees in a timely fashion;
- Accept assignments in ad - hoc committees and special interest groups of IFEES;
- Utilize the communication channels of IFEES;
- Support IFEES' publications by contributing articles;
- Contribute to the dissemination of information regarding engineering education worldwide;
- Engage in other activities to further the purposes of the Association.