

Resolution 2. "Associate Territorial Member in the pre-stage to Membership"

The General Assembly requests the Executive Council to make proposal for a change of the articles to include a new membership category: Associate Territorial Member to include the possibility of allowing representatives of relatively small national physics communities from developing territories to participate in IUPAP General Assemblies. This is a first step towards full membership that will permit a stronger participation of these communities in the Union.. The proposal shall be discussed and decided upon at the next General Assembly. The guiding principles to the Executive Council are:

1. To further improve its inclusiveness, IUPAP members are committed to define a new category of territorial membership, Associate Territorial Member. The new membership category is intended for territories that are not able to join IUPAP as regular Territory Members. In return, the territory must commit to growing its physics activities and community. IUPAP will monitor this progress over a three-year period, renewable for however long it takes to bring the territory to a level where it can realistically join IUPAP as a regular Territory Member.
2. IUPAP should permit at any time to not have more than 10% Associate Territorial members, so max 6 for now.
3. Not any territory can be successfully elected a Associate Territorial member. Prior to be proposed for membership, there must be a process that is mutually beneficial to both IUPAP and the potential Associate Territorial member.
4. From IUPAP's point of view, the development of physics in the world is of strategic importance. So, the Associate Territorial member must commit to a verifiable plan of development of physics, using opportunities afforded by IUPAP, but also by reaching out to regional, neighbouring physical societies, and other international organizations and partnering with them.
5. Matters related to gender representation in physics must be given attention, but also minority group representation.
6. The membership is awarded on a 3-year cycle, renewable as often as IUPAP EC&CC deems necessary. Each new cycle must be initiated by a report of the state of physics in the territory.
7. The benefits for the Associate Territorial member are considered to be slightly below those of a full member, e.g. without voting rights at the General Assembly, no commission chairs.
8. The ultimate goal of this process is to support the development and growth of physics in the territory until such time that it is able to become a fully-fledged paid up member. In this way, this new category of territorial membership should be seen to be a pre-stage to membership, and an investment in the future of the IUPAP. The AT member also then becomes an important ambassador for the IUPAP in its geographic sphere of influence.
9. Associate Territorial members will contribute with reduced dues—the minimum is set to 10% of a regular unit.

Any new associate territorial member would have to be approved by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly takes note of the thorough process that has been initiated to include Nepal in IUPAP. This work shall continue. Until the new membership category is formally approved, Nepal will take part in the activities of the union as a designate associate territorial member.