

Affiliate Membership Program and IUPAC Fellows Program

Council at Geneva requested that the Secretariat report to Council at Berlin on the operation of the Affiliate Membership Program and the Fellows Program. The situation for the AMP is summarized in the Table below (costs and income in USD).

Number of Paid AMP Members	4 269
Number of Sponsored AMP Members	403
Total Number of AMP Members	4 672
Cost of Printing & Distributing <i>CI</i>	7.20
Total Cost of <i>CI</i> for AMP Members	33 638
Cost of Membership Materials	2 700
Secretariat Costs	2 000
Income from AMP Members	68 779
Net Income (cost)	30 441

The cost estimate for *CI* includes all printing and distribution costs, but excludes editorial costs, since these are fixed as long as *CI* is produced for distribution to members of IUPAC bodies. The cost of maintaining the AMP by the Secretariat are minimal. The major cost is the maintenance of mailing lists and the majority of these are maintained by the various chemical societies. Of the total of 4 672 AMP members, the Secretariat maintains a mailing list of less than 400. This is incremental to the mailing list of over 1 500 other recipients of *CI* (members of IUPAC bodies, NAOs, other organizations, and Fellows). To this can be added the cost of invoicing the chemical societies. The other significant cost is that for printing the membership cards and letters. It should be noted that the Secretariat costs for the AMP would not be eliminated if the AMP were discontinued, since they represent less than 10% of the time of our Administrative Assistant. Income from AMP members is USD 16 for members who join through their chemical society and USD 35 for individual AMP members.

The benefits of the Affiliate Membership Program were thoroughly discussed in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the AMP presented to Council to Geneva. The only uncertainty was if the benefits of the program were worth its cost. The combination of a simplified administrative operation at the Secretariat and lower production costs due to the change in publishing arrangements has led to the program producing a small net income.

Based on these results, it is recommended that the Council approve the continuation of the Affiliate Membership program, subject to a report by the Secretary General each biennium.

The IUPAC Fellows program was approved by the Council at Geneva and initiated in 1998. There are currently 197 Fellows. The only significant cost of the program is that of a complimentary subscription to *CI*. This is USD 1 418 per year for the current number of Fellows. The Executive Committee at its meeting in April 1999 authorized the continuation of the free subscription to all Fellows as long as they wish to receive it.

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