



## **IGS Handbook – Benefits to IGS Members**

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### **I. BENEFITS TO IGS MEMBERS**

#### **PREAMBLE**

Below is a list of benefits that IGS members are invited to enjoy. However, it should be remembered that the main benefit, above all others enjoyed by IGS members, is to belong to, and be heard by, a professional group that works for proper organization of the discipline (of geosynthetics).

#### **1. BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS**

1.1. Membership acknowledgment: Each member should receive a membership acknowledgment letter or a receipt and be thanked for their support and participation in the organization.

1.2. Membership Directory Listing: A directory of IGS members, should be published IGS website for members only access. These directories should include contact information as applicable and available: physical addresses telephone, email addresses and company, chapter, and committee affiliations. It includes:

- (a) a directory of all members
- (b) a directory of all corporate members
- (c) a directory of all honorary members
- (d) a directory of all council members, officers, committee chairmen, etc.
- (e) a directory of all chapters and the names of their officers

1.3. Access to IGS Journals

Free digital access to the electronic publications of the two Official IGS Journals “Geotextiles and Geomembranes” and “Geosynthetics International”

1.4. Information on IGS

Each member can request and receive digital copies of IGS bylaws, minutes of general assemblies and council meetings, guidelines regarding conferences and chapters, rules for candidacies and votes, pamphlets, publications and etc.

1.5. Newsletter

All members should receive the IGS newsletter in digital format or notification of its presence on the internet. Where digital transmission is not possible hard copies can be distributed unless this is cost prohibitive. The newsletter may also be distributed

at no charge to selected nonmembers if it can help promote the IGS.

#### 1.6. Literature and literature discounts

The IGS publishes (in addition to the IGS News) selected publications, which are available through the IGS secretariat. A price reduction is offered to all IGS members for purchases of any documents, and publications issued by the IGS. The price paid by IGS members should be less than 80% of the price paid by nonmembers. It is also possible that other publications may be offered through the IGS at a discounted price.

### 2. BENEFITS SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, the individual members of the IGS receive the following benefits.

#### 2.1. Priority at Conferences

Membership in the IGS is taken into consideration in the selection process of papers for conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The IGS reserves the right to decide that at a given conference, the percentage of papers which have at least one author who is an IGS member be higher than a minimum percentage, to be fixed case by case, up to 66%. The minimum percentage, if any, shall be publicized in the call for papers of the relevant conferences.

Membership in the IGS is taken into consideration in the selection process of session chairmen and general reporters of conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The IGS reserves the right to decide that, at a given conference, the percentage of session chairmen and general reporters who are IGS members be higher than a minimum percentage, to be fixed case-by-case, up to 66%.

#### 2.2. Discounts at Conferences

A reduced registration fee is offered to IGS individual members at all international, regional, or national conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The price reduction offered to IGS individual members is expected to be at least 50% of the annual individual IGS membership fee.

#### 2.3. IGS Award

Every four years, awards may be granted by the IGS to IGS individual members for special achievements. See description below. Only IGS members should receive IGS awards.

### 3. BENEFITS SPECIFIC TO CORPORATE MEMBERS

In addition to the benefits available to all members as listed in Section 1, the corporate members of the IGS receive the following benefits.

### 3.1. IGS Directory

Corporate members are listed twice in the IGS Directory:

- (a) by country, like individual members; and
- (b) in a list reserved for corporate members. The list of corporate members has high visibility in the Directory.

Please note that when a company withdraws its company membership it is excised from the list. Accordingly, the corporate membership list presents and recognizes continuous membership.

### 3.2. Newsletter

One corporate member is profiled in every IGS newsletter.

### 3.3. Priority at Exhibits

At all exhibitions organized by the IGS or related to conferences organized by the IGS, the Corporate Members will be given priority for booth site selection over other exhibitors in each category of booth size. However, if a conference is sponsored by an organization, which already gives priority to certain categories of exhibitors, these exhibitors may be given the same priority as IGS corporate members. The priority among corporate members will be according to seniority. See Events Section of Handbook for details of procedure.

### 3.4. Discounts at Exhibitions

At all exhibitions organized by the IGS or related to conferences organized by the IGS, the IGS Corporate Members will be offered a reduced price. This reduction may also be negotiated on conferences and exhibitions organized by other bodies and endorsed by the IGS. See "Events Section" of Handbook for details of specific discounts.

### 3.5. Discount on Advertising Rates

The IGS negotiates reduced advertising rates for its corporate members in magazines and technical journals which wish to be approved as "An Official Journal of the IGS".

### 3.6. Discounts at Conferences

A reduced registration fee is offered to five members of the personnel of each IGS Corporate Member at all conferences organized by the IGS. This reduction may also be negotiated at conferences organized by other bodies and endorsed by the IGS. This reduced registration fee is the same as the reduced registration fee for individual members. See "Events Section" of Handbook for details.

### 3.7. Discounted Subscriptions

IGS Corporate Members pay a reduced fee for a maximum of one subscription to magazines and technical journals with which the IGS signs an agreement. This reduced subscription fee is the same as the reduced subscription fee for individual members.

### 3.8. IGS Logo

All Corporate Members receive a logo, which they can use at exhibits. In addition, they are authorized to use the IGS logo and announce their corporate membership status in promotional literature with the following two conditions:

- (c) the logo appropriately sized
- (d) if an initial date for corporate membership date is indicated (e.g., "corporate member since 19.."), the date shall agree with the year of the beginning of continuous corporate membership, as indicated in the IGS records.

Artwork for logos is available on request from the secretary of the IGS.

### 3.9. Certificate

Every year, corporate members receive a formal certificate suitable for display depicting the IGS logo, recognizing their corporate status for that year.