

INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION

Affiliate membership of ICA

The role of affiliate members within the International Cartographic Association is vital for the progress and development of the discipline of cartography worldwide. National members and the affiliate members make an important contribution to ensuring that cartography and geographic information science has high profile.

ICA Statutes

Article 3. National representation and membership of the Association

Any nation which pursues a cartographic or GI science activity can be accepted as a **member nation** of the ICA provided that it agrees to participate financially in supporting the Association and in collaborating actively in its scientific and technical activities. Each nation can only be represented by one single organisation, which should preferably be the national society or committee for cartography or GI science or a national mapping agency/authority. Thus, a member nation is represented by a national member organisation such as one of these.

Furthermore, the ICA can accept requests for **affiliated membership** from international or national scientific, technical or other organisations made for the purpose of collaborating in its activities, and without compromising the principle of single representation of each nation in the official functioning of the Association or affecting the methods of voting as described in Articles 4, 26 and By-Law 5.

Application to become a member nation or affiliate member shall be made by letter to the Secretary General and Treasurer and may be approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification at the next General Assembly of Delegates. Such new member may exercise their rights of membership, except voting, upon the approval from the Executive Committee in the interim period.

Article 20. Payment of subscriptions

Each national member organisation and affiliate member is responsible for paying the annual subscription.

By-law 1

- e) The subscription for Affiliate members, as defined in By-law 5(a), is set as a minimum of one subscription unit for categories (1) and (2), a minimum for two subscription units for category (3) and (4) and a minimum of ten subscription units for category (5). There is no subscription fee payable for category (6) Affiliate members.
- f) If a subscription is in arrears for three consecutive years the Executive Committee can recommend to the General Assembly to cancel the membership.

By-law 2

The annual subscription is determined to be € 250 per unit until further notice.

Summary table

Category	Subscription (minimum)	Organization
1	250 €	(International) Educational establishments
2	250 €	National cartographic or GI science societies other than the national member organisation
3	500 €	National scientific organisations and technical organisations
3	500 €	Nationally operating private firms/companies
5	2500 €	Internationally operating private firms/companies

The process of being an affiliate member of ICA

1. Send the application form, requesting consideration to become an Affiliate Member of ICA. This should be sent to to the ICA Secretary General and Treasurer (SG). This can be done by surface mail, or via email, with the application attached as a digital file (Word or PDF). The Secretary-General's email address as well as the ICA official mail address are noted on the website: www.icaci.org.
2. The Executive Committee will make a decision based on the information provided on the 'Request for Affiliate membership' form. Upon receiving the application the Executive Committee will consult the National Member Organisation – in the case that the country from which an application for Affiliate Membership has a national member – seeking their endorsement of the application for Affiliate Membership from its country in accordance with By-law 5). It is recommended that the organisation applying for Affiliate membership should inform the National Member, should it exist, of their intention to submit an application to join ICA as an Affiliate member.
3. The Executive Committee defines the subscription for the new Affiliate Member, as defined in By-law 5(a). This is set as a minimum of one subscription unit for categories (1) and (2), a minimum for two subscription units for category (3) and (4) and a minimum of ten subscription units for category (5).
4. The Secretary-General will inform the applicant for Affiliate Member of the outcome of the Executive Committee's deliberations on the application. In case where membership is accepted the Secretary-General will send an invoice for the first year's subscription (this is irrespective of the application date and the applicant will pay a full year membership for the year in which thet organisation joins the ICA as an Affiliate Member).
5. Once the Affiliate Member pays the membership subscription for the first year, it then has the same rights in ICA affairs as other Affiliate Members.
6. The final ratification of Affiliate Membership is made at the following General Assembly of Delegates of the Association.