

Membership Subscriptions 2012

Decision of the 2011 EUA General Assembly

- 1. The first decade:** EUA has grown rapidly since its creation in 2001, increasing membership by over 30%, from 578 universities in 2001 to just over 850 in early 2011. Over this period the association has greatly increased its offer of services in response to the needs of a broader and more diverse membership. The charter of membership benefits, as well as the overview of events and projects 2011/2012 (both available on the EUA website), demonstrate our commitment to constantly improving our service to Europe's university community. EUA fees have only been increased once in the association's history, over six years ago, in 2005.
- 2. EUA Strategic Review:** Members present at the 2011 General Assembly discussed the achievements of the first decade and ways to improve added value to members in the years to come. There was a broad consensus that increasing the financial independence of the association was crucial to future development, and that this requires increasing core revenue from members. The importance of maintaining the present level of competitive funding generated from different EC programmes was also underlined.
- 3. A more equitable fee structure:** The General Assembly agreed to introduce a fee structure for individual members as of 2012 that reflects a more equitable and fair contribution from members in different countries, by basing subscriptions to a greater degree than at present on GNP per capita income by country and on the size of institutions (based on student numbers). Until now there have been three categories for student numbers as follows: (1) less than 7,500 students; (2) from 7,500 students to under 25,000 students with a weighting of 1.05; (3) 25,000 students or more with a weighting of 1.10, and very little differentiation between richer and poorer countries (only three categories: lowest 1, medium 1.20 and high 1.35).
- 4. Fee levels and categories for 2012:** The General Assembly decided to:
 - introduce an additional category of student numbers for universities with 50,000 students or more (weighting of 1.15);
 - maintain the present baseline fee per year of €2,316 (before adjustments for student numbers);
 - apply this baseline fee to all countries with a GNP per capita of less than \$10,000, according to the latest (2009) World Bank figures;
 - update these figures on a regular basis;
 - include following five categories of countries in future in terms of GNP/capita:
 1. GNP/capita less than \$10,000: no increase to the present fee
 2. GNP/capita between \$10,000 and \$19,999: weighting of 1.25 – Slovenia, Portugal, Czech Republic, Malta, Slovakia, Russia, Croatia, Estonia: means an annual increase of €120
 3. GNP/capita between \$20,000 and \$29,999: weighting of 1.50 – Germany, Iceland, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Greece: means an annual increase of €347 - €367
 4. GNP/capita between \$30,000 and \$39,999: weighting of 1.75 – Ireland, Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Belgium, Sweden, France: means an annual increase of €927 - €972
 5. GNP/capita \$40,000 and over: weighting of 2.00 – Luxembourg, Norway, Denmark and Switzerland: means an annual increase of €1,580 - €1,656.