

Proposed
Restructure
of
Membership
Fees

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GROUP



Current structure

Personal	£20
Concession	£15
Institutional	£25
Overseas personal	£23
Overseas Institutional	£27

Last reviewed - 2015

Current costs (with 2 printed journals per year)

UK	£29.85
Europe	£44.45
Rest of World	£48.55

People who receive the electronic journal are substantially subsidising those who receive the printed versions.

This also does not include any leeway for hiring external consultants, new software, etc.

Where does the money go?

Website

Plug-ins

Box

Zoom

Committee expenses

Bank fees

Legal fees

Event sponsorship

External consultants

DOIs (journal)

Packing journal to post

Adobe for journal editing

Crossref membership (journal)

Event bursaries

Electronic payment fees

Newsletter postage

Journal printing

Journal postage

Proposed new structure

£20 UK and overseas with electronic journal

£25 UK with printed journal

£35 overseas with printed journal

£15 concession (electronic journal only)

(same institutional and personal membership costs)

(only one journal issue per year)

Structure on the website:

GCG membership: £20 (or local equivalent as calculated by PayPal); plus surcharges:

- UK printed journal +£5
- Overseas (non-UK) printed journal +£15
- Concession -£5

Advantages of one journal per year

- Lower membership costs
- More time for reviewers to assess articles
- More time for authors to address reviewer's comments
- Higher quality articles
- A more consistent journal size
- Less pressure on editors and production team (who are all volunteers)
- Higher status journal

The GCG Newsletter and Blog are more appropriate platforms for rapid dissemination of information and are published throughout the year.