

There should remain a clear distinction between the scientific society and the academy. Usually, the essence of the academy's activities lies in: providing grants and scholarships; publishing a number of journals and books; providing expertise for the governments and other institutions; providing popularization of science; awarding of prizes and medals.

The issue of paying membership fees is very sensitive. The choice should be a result of merit in science, work for the scientific community, etc. However, there is no guarantee that the person in question will be able to pay the membership fee, because it may be too high compared to the level of funding for science in his country.

I would see a way out in which members should pay a rather symbolic annual fee /e.g. up to EUR 50/year/ to maintain their membership, and the basis of the academy's funding would be more based on payments from countries, supranational scientific institutions /ISC/, etc.

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