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AUSTRALASIAN REGION

INFORMATION SHEET – 2015

Dear Member

Subscription Renewal

Starting this year, membership renewal notices are only being sent out by email. In previous years, members in Australia and New Zealand received hard copy notices in the mail. This saves postage costs for the region and time for the treasurer in printing notices and envelopes, and enveloping and posting the notices. All members have email addresses and many will find this method more convenient than the posted copies.

The IBS Australasian Region regional council decided by email in January 2015 that the fees for 2015 would be left unchanged at AUD 90 for Regular members, AUD 45 for Senior Retiree members and no fee for Student members, and that the fee for paper copies of journals would remain at AUD 12.50 per journal. Only Regular and Senior Retiree members may choose to receive paper copies. The membership categories and benefits are described at the IBS website : <http://www.biometricsociety.org/membership/join/>. If the AUD and NZD fall further relative to the USD in the next 12 months, an increase in fees may be necessary in 2016.

Members in developing countries will continue to receive substantially discounted rates within the 'Regular' and 'Senior Retiree' categories.

Supporting members of the region may continue their membership at no charge.

All membership fees are to be paid directly in Australian dollars to the treasurer in Australia, by credit card, cheque or electronic transfer to the society's account. Membership renewal forms can be posted to me at the above address or emailed to me as a pdf attachment. Unfortunately I do not have a fax machine available. If you are concerned about security of information, particularly credit card, sent via mail or email please phone me and provide your credit card details.

Please note that if you are not in Australia telegraphic transfer to the society's account is an expensive option with bank fees at both ends; credit card is the preferred method of payment.

It would greatly assist me if you renew your membership by the date due, 27 February, to minimise the number of reminders I need to send. If you are requesting paper copies of one or both journals, delayed payment may result in you missing an issue of the journal. The IBS Business Office has informed me that in these circumstances back-issues cannot be arranged. If you received paper copies in 2014 you will automatically also receive the first issue of 2015. So if you are ceasing payment for paper copies, the arrival of the first issue doesn't mean a mistake has occurred.

I will issue signed electronic receipts to all members by email as pdf files.

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Biometrics and JABES Paper Copies

All members who requested paper copies of *Biometrics* should have received Vol. 70 Nos. 1-4 by now. All members who requested paper copies of *JABES* should have received Vol. 19 Nos. 1-4 by now. If you are missing any of these please contact me and I will attempt to obtain a copy for you.

Membership Information

Phone and Fax : We do not request fax numbers and no longer record them in our membership lists, as they have been seldom required in recent years. However phone numbers are a valuable resource if email fails. We separately record work, home and mobile numbers and ask that you provide at least one of these. Please check on the renewal form that the phone number(s) we currently have are correct and allocated to their correct categories.

Email : We primarily rely on email to communicate with members. Please inform me as soon as possible if your email address on the renewal form is incorrect or if it changes during the year, as the Bulletin correspondent and I attempt to maintain a fully up-to-date email list for the region.

Membership Directory : The IBS membership directory has been removed from the IBS website www.biometricsociety.org and I do not know when and if access to a membership directory will be restored. I will email all members if there are further developments. Consequently unlike previous years you have no way to check on-line the accuracy of information on you held by the IBS Business Office. If you are concerned about some aspect of your membership details please contact me in the first instance (warren.stats@internode.on.net) and, if necessary, the business office at ibs@biometricsociety.org.

Access to Electronic Journals and Biometric Bulletin

On-line access to publications through the IBS website www.biometricsociety.org requires your Username and Password. If you do not have your Username and Password please click on 'Forgot' on the top right of the IBS home page and enter your email address as it appears on your renewal notice. You will then be sent the required information. If this fails, email the business office at ibs@biometricsociety.org and ask them to supply your username and password. Once logged in, you can use the 'Publications' drop-down or click on the image of the relevant journal on the right of the home page.

Personal Note

I am currently an Honorary Fellow at CSIRO following retirement in November 2012 and expect to continue in this role for at least the next 12 months. However I perform the IBS Australasian Region treasurer role from home, mostly in the evenings and weekends. So if you email me during business hours you generally won't receive a quick response. If something is urgent, please phone or text me on my mobile.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any problems with your membership, or require further information. Best wishes for 2015.

Warren Müller
Australasian Region Treasurer
8 February 2015