



MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

- a) **Ordinary, Special, Sponsor, Associate** and **Honorary** Membership shall be acquired in the following manner:
- eligible institutions seeking **Ordinary** membership in the Association shall submit applications to the Secretary General of the Association in the approved form;
 - eligible institutions seeking **Special, Sponsor** and **Associate** membership shall likewise submit applications to the Secretary General;
 - applications for **Ordinary membership** shall be considered and approved by the Board of Directors, while applications for membership in the **Special, Sponsor** and **Associate** categories shall be considered and approved by the General Secretariat, subject to the confirmation of the Board of Directors.
 - the Secretary General shall submit applications for membership to the Board of Directors;
 - upon approval of membership, or otherwise, the Secretary General shall inform the applicant-institution of the decision of the Board of Directors within **30 days** at which the decision was made;
 - the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, subject to the overriding authority of the General Assembly; and in the case of Associate Members, application should have the endorsement of an Ordinary Member in the country to which the prospective member belongs.
- b) **Ordinary, Special, Sponsor** and **Associate** members shall pay annually such membership fees as may be prescribed by the General Assembly from time to time.
- c) **Honorary** members shall **not** pay any membership fees.