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Membership fee

The membership fee has not been increased for the past 15 years. Since 1997, the official amount of the annual contribution has been 25€ or 35US$. Instead of asking you for more money, we have reduced our expenses holding only one meeting of the Board of Directors a year instead of two or by encouraging the members to request the electronic version of the Newsletter[1], for example.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of June 2011, we came to the conclusion however that we could not postpone this increase anymore…

If you have not yet paid your membership fee for 2011, do it now at the old rate (25€ or 35US$.)

Starting in 2012: The membership fee will be 35€ or 50US$

Starting in 2012, we will also send with the Newsletter or by E-Mail:

- An acknowledgement of receipt for the contributions received;
- Reminders to members who have not paid their contribution. In doing this we want to refresh the memory of those who are absent-minded and also bring some clarity in the membership of UFER making a distinction between the members who are not able to pay a membership fee and those who are not interested in UFER anymore but have never bothered informing us.

There are in fact 5 categories of members in UFER:

- A few members who contribute each year more, even much more, than the amount requested. We thank them wholeheartedly. They enabled us in the past 15 years to organize two training seminars on conflict management, to invite to each General Assembly two or three members from the South to broaden our reflection, and also … not to increase the membership fee. We ask them to continue, if they can, to support us in the same manner.
- Members who pay the required membership fee regularly. We count on them to adapt themselves to the new amounts.

[1] If you receive the Newsletter by postal mail and would be willing to receive it by E-Mail, please let us know and provide us with your E-Mail address. The reverse is also possible naturally.

- Grail members whose membership fee is paid collectively by their association. We hope that the Grail will be able to take into account our request for an increase.

- Members who are not able to pay the membership fee because the amount is far too high for them (almost a month of salary for some). We want to tell them that they should not worry: UFER never excluded a member because he/she was not in a position to pay her membership fee. We would appreciate however if these members could express their interest for UFER, either through a minimal contribution (even one euro can have an important symbolic value and be an encouragement) or by taking contact with us.
- Individuals who are on our list by mistake or negligence … We would be grateful to them if they could let us know that it is not necessary to continue to spend money in sending them a Newsletter which they do not read.

How to send us your membership fee:

- The ideal is obviously to send the money to our bank account:
  IBAN: BE50 0013 6970 0018 **BIC**: GEBABEBB (BNP Paribas Fortis Belgique)
- You can also give a check or pay in cash:
  - ✓ To the International Secretariat of AFI-ICA (same address as the UFER Headquarters)
  - ✓ To a member of the Board of Directors (preferably before the spring meeting)

Thank you to all those who have read this communication till the end

Marielle Peltier, Treasurer