

Membership Changes - making the most of your benefits

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Helping members to make the most of their membership

The new membership year starts on 1 July 2024.

Every year, we aim to offer IIC members excellent value for money - with training, access to grants and bursaries, professional recognition and advancement. For the 2024-25 membership year, IIC is keeping rates unchanged across student, early career, individuals on the pathway to Fellowship, and retired membership categories. A small increase (£5) for Fellows and Individual member subscription rates has been agreed by IIC Council, although [regional and other discounts](#) will still apply, this to ensure we can continue to invest in dedicated engagement programmes, such as those highlighted below, for Fellows and Individuals.

We know that times are tough globally, which is why IIC will continue to provide dedicated grants and bursaries for members through its [Opportunities Fund](#) to cover membership fees for those that need it as well as continuing professional development opportunities, including support for colleagues living and working in band 2-4 countries.

So more than ever this year, we would love you to make the most of IIC - and in doing so, help us extend our reach and impact internationally to the benefit of all.

Here's six ideas to help this year (and they are all FREE as part of your membership):

1. **Expand your knowledge and continue your professional development by signing up for one of IIC's free webinars** and remember members will have their **FREE** online place automatically reserved for this year's [IIC Lima congress, "Sustainable Solutions for Conservation: New Strategies for New Times"](#), or you can register with discounted in-person attendance.
2. **Develop your potential and increase your confidence to influence and manage change as part of IIC's International Leadership Mentoring Programme.**
3. **Catalyse your ideas and apply for seed funding through the Opportunities Fund. The next round opens in February.**

4. **Expand your networks, skills and experience by volunteering** as a committee member, mentor or sign up as a [Digital Engagement Volunteer](#) for next Congress in Lima - [you can find out more here](#).
5. Stay up to date with all the incredible *News in Conservation* articles, including posters from IIC's last Congress, 'Conservation and Change: Leadership, Adaptation and Response', in this **special issue** with bonus *NiC* content for members in the IIC Community reading room.
6. **Nominate a Fellow** or recommend a colleague **join IIC as a member** to benefit from the new '**Pathway to Fellowship**' initiative and contribute to the future of the profession.

changes to print and distribution of studies in conservation

IIC is moving to a model where members 'opt in' to receiving print copies of Studies in Conservation from 1 July 2024. Currently all IIC Fellows, Individual members, Retired Individual members and Retired Fellows as well as Institutions and Small Organisations are eligible to receive print copies of Studies in Conservation by default unless they choose to opt-out of receiving a printed issue. The opt-out system means that unwanted print copies are being produced and distributed. Moving to an 'opt-in to print' system ensures only those wanting print copies will get them and helps IIC reduce its environmental impact.

Online access to Studies in Conservation, including the entire online archive of papers as well as IIC Congress proceedings is included in the membership subscription fee and this is not changing. No additional charge for print will be applied to members in the forthcoming membership year.

IIC members will receive an email detailing how to confirm their preferences on their MyIIC accounts page.