

## **Guidelines for Associate Membership for Allied Health Professionals in APLAR**

The APLAR constitution allows for its membership to include allied health professional organizations, societies and social leagues (Section 3.4). Organizations who participate in the care of patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, who are interested in the initiatives/programs of APLAR and who seek affiliation with APLAR are welcome to apply.

These include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Orthopedic Surgeons
2. Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine Practitioners
3. Physical and Occupational Therapists
4. Nurses
5. Radiologists
6. Arthritis Foundations
7. Others.

These organizations may apply as Associate Members of APLAR and must submit their application in writing to the Secretary General of APLAR.

The following information and requirements are to be included in the application of the Associate Member with APLAR:

1. Name of Organization;
2. Letter of recommendation by the head of the MNO;
3. Official Registration Number of Organization and/or a copy of the constitution and by-laws; (Note: A copy of the registration document with an English translation if necessary)
4. Brief History and description of the Organization and its Role in the Provision of Education, Training, Research and Clinical Care in the Area of Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Diseases;
5. Number of Members;
6. List of Officers (i.e. President, include term of office, Secretary, and Treasurer, Other Office Bearers and contact information)

Only applicants with complete requirements will be entertained.

All applicants will undergo an evaluation by the APLAR membership committee.

Once accepted into APLAR, they will be duly informed in writing and must comply with the terms of APLAR's Constitution and By-Laws.

All Associate Member Representatives will be encouraged to attend the semi-annual General Assembly as observer delegates but will not have voting rights.

The Associate Member Organizations will be required to pay annual dues of ONE HUNDRED US DOLLARS (US\$100.00) for Allied Health Groups, or FIFTY US DOLLARS for Patient Self-Support Groups. Request for waiver by the patient self-support group, charities, and

foundations supporting patients may be made by writing to the board of directors and decision by the board shall be final.

**For Further Disussion**

**BENEFIT**

*Only subsidised registration rate, incorporating with subscription to IJRD, for Congress will be considered, at later date after discussion with MCI and IJRD.*

*No free access to journal to the associate members societies and no voting right.*