

APLAR Patronage Programme

Terms of Reference

The APLAR Patronage Programme is developed to promote and improve rheumatology in Least Developed Countries listed according to WHO or countries with limited resources.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the patronage, applicant must be:

1. Full APLAR membership
2. Clear of arrears for membership dues

Terms and conditions

1. APLAR will support up to 3 programmes in each calendar year.
2. The financial support will not exceed USD 10,000 for each programme.
3. APLAR will support economy airfare for the APLAR-supported speakers of the programme.
4. The APLAR-supported speaker must be from APLAR region.
5. The host country shall be responsible for the registration fee, accommodations, and ground transportation for all APLAR-supported speakers.
6. The programme must be submitted to the APLAR Education Committee for approval at least 6 months before the meeting.
7. Each APLAR MNO is eligible to apply for this programme once every 3 years.

Application Process

1. The applicant shall develop the full educational programme, along with the proposed speaker's names that requires support from APLAR.
2. The programme is to be submitted to the APLAR Education Committee, through the APLAR Secretariat office.
3. The APLAR Education Committee has the right to modify the topic and /or speaker if deemed appropriate.
4. If the applicant accepts the revised programme, the final programme shall be sent to the APLAR Board of Directors for approval.
5. APLAR Secretariat will prepare an estimated budget on the airfare of the APLAR-supported speakers, to ensure the cost is within USD10,000

Disbursement of Fund

1. The fund will not be disbursed to the applicant or his/her MNO directly.
2. The APLAR-supported speaker can either arrange for his own flight, in which case, the air ticket shall be reimbursed to the speaker directly, or request APLAR secretariat to arrange for his/her flight.