

# IFME Orientation Information 2022

## *For new & existing IFME Board delegates*

### 1. Introduction

The International Federation of Municipal Engineering (IFME) is an international non-profit organisation that is registered in The Netherlands. IFME members share municipal engineering practice and knowledge globally.

### 2. Vision, Mission, and Purpose

#### *Vision*

To be globally recognized by our members as making a difference

#### *Mission*

To facilitate international exchange of knowledge and practice and connect municipal engineers and public works professionals globally, and to strengthen our member associations

#### *Purpose*

To enhance the quality of life for our communities globally through public works & services

### 3. Articles of Association

IFME operates under its Articles of Association (copy can be downloaded [here](#)). Some key points from the Articles of Association are:

- For Federation business, the official language is English.
- Members of IFME are national associations that represent municipal engineers in their respective countries. National Members are represented at the IFME board table, and each association has 1 vote. Observer Status Membership is available to prospective members, normally for 1 year.
- The Executive committee (EXCO) comprising the President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary General & Treasurer makes operational decisions between board meetings.
- The Vice President is elected for a term of 3 years and would normally become the President at the end of the 3-year term and host the Triennial Congress at the end of the term.

#### **4. IFME Members**

There is a range of national associations representing municipal and public works engineers and associated professionals that become IFME members. Examples include municipal engineering associations (e.g., Finnish Association of Municipal Engineers), public works associations (e.g., American Public Works Association), and civil engineering associations (e.g., Institution of Civil Engineers, UK).

IFME member associations advocate for good municipal engineering practices in their own countries. Those who represent their national association on the IFME board support the IFME Vision, Mission and Purpose, and actively participate in board activities including the board's committees.

Membership categories include:

- National Membership
- Associate Membership
- Individual Membership
- Honorary Membership
- Observer Status

Further information on IFME membership categories can be found here:

<https://www.ifmeworld.org/about/membership>

#### **5. Triennial IFME World Congress on Municipal Engineering**

The IFME World Congress is the flagship event of IFME. It is hosted by the President's national association at the end of the President's 3-year term and is generally held jointly with that national association's annual (or biennial) conference.

#### **6. Board Meetings**

- The IFME board meets twice per year.
- Board meetings are often held at a host's conference or event. This facilitates knowledge and practice exchange with the host's membership.
- Board meetings are hosted by member associations, with the final board meeting of a President's term being held at the IFME World Congress that is hosted by the President's National Association.
  - The Board comprises representatives of each of the National Member associations, with each member having 1 vote. Some member associations like to have 2 representatives at board meetings though voting rights are still restricted to one vote per member association.
- Observer Status Members are welcome to attend board meetings and contribute to the discussion, but do not have voting rights.
- Board meetings include a dinner that is provided at IFME expense and often an additional dinner that is provided at the host association's expense. Note that the Board is mindful that it doesn't wish to cause financial hardship to host associations for meeting costs.

- The host association often arranges a study tour for board members and partners before or after the board meeting.
- We presently have 3 subcommittees that report to the Board: Member Engagement & Leadership, Technical & Asset Management, and Marketing & Communications. Board members are actively encouraged to join and contribute to one or more of these committees.

## 7. Financial

IFME member associations pay an annual membership fee based on revenue bands of the association. The IFME financial year being the calendar year. Except for the President, Secretary General and Treasurer, IFME board members pay their own costs for attendance at IFME Board meetings and the IFME World Congress.

### Revenue bands and fee level

*Adopted 10 November 2016. All figures in Euros.*

Revenue band	Annual Fee
> 3,000,000	1700
2,000,000-3,000,000	1700
1,000,000-2,000,000	1300
500,000-1,000,000	1300
100,000-500,000	1000
< 100,000	250

### Further Information:

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ifme-international-federation-of-municipal-engineering>

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