



## **International Federation for Systems Research**

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Subject: Membership in the IFSR

Dear Len,

THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR SYSTEMS RESEARCH (IFSR), founded 1981, is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization comprising member organizations from many countries. The overall purpose of the Federation is to advance cybernetic and systems research and systems applications in order to serve the international systems community. At the moment it has 45 members from all continents.

The Federation is guided by a Board of Directors, composed of two individuals from each member organization. The Board elects a President, one to three Vice Presidents, and the Secretary General. These officers form the Executive Committee (EC). The EC acts for the Board pursuant to the authorization of the Board. The Board meets biennially in even years, the EC annually. You find more details on IFSR's homepage (<http://ifsr.org>).

We organize biennially an intensive, five-day workshop on relevant systemic issues, named the *IFSR-Conversations* and we organize one stream of lectures at the biennial EMCSR (European Meeting on Cybernetics and System Research) in Vienna together by sponsoring the *Ashby Memorial Lecture*.

One of our newer contributions to the Systems Community is the creation of the *International Academy of Cybernetics and System Sciences (IASCYS)*, founded in April 2010. IASCYS is a membership of highly acclaimed scholars in the field. I would also like to mention our publications and dissemination channels:

- The *Journal of Systems Research and Behavioral Science*, a very prestigious systems journal published by Wiley
- The *IFSR Book Series on Systems Science and Engineering*, a collection of high-level scientific books in the systems field published by Springer
- The *Proceedings of the biennial IFSR Conversations*.
- The *IFSR Newsletter* (once or twice a year) with news for the membership

• Our homepage [www.ifsr.org](http://www.ifsr.org) , which has been recently reorganized to serve as a communication platform for both our members and the systems society at large.

You can find above publications and our Constitution on <http://ifsr.org>.

We expect our members (we only accept organizations as members) to be active in the Systems field and to contribute to the development of the Systems Sciences.

When applying for membership I would like to ask you to please return to me:

- a) A short formal letter from your presidency stating your wish to join the IFSR
- b) The Completed Application Form (included in this e-mailing)

All communication can be done by e-mail! The application of a new society has to be voted on by the current membership of the IFSR via electronic voting. This process usually takes 8 to 10weeks.

We are looking forward to cooperating with your association and future collaborations.  
If you have further questions, feel free to contact me!

With my best regards



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Attachment: Application form  
Information about IFSR