



Membership FAQs

What benefits do I get from joining ERS through ÖGP?

If you join ERS through ÖGP, you will receive the full benefits of being an ERS member, including unrestricted access to ERS publications, webcasts, scientific content, and discounts to conferences and events. **However, the joint membership package only offers online access to all of the ERS journals - joint members do not receive hard copies.** To receive these, you need to subscribe as a direct Gold member and pay the 170 € annual fee.

If I'm already a member of ERS, do I need to cancel my existing membership?

No. You will be asked by ERS whether you prefer to continue your existing membership until the day it expires or if you want to change immediately. In that case, your membership data will be automatically updated and you will be required to pay the ERS Joint Membership Fee of € 20. Depending on how many months you had remaining in your existing direct membership with ERS on 26 January 2016, you may be entitled to compensation for the remaining period of your membership. This will be in the form of a voucher that can be used to pay for either registration for events or to claim back as cash at the ERS congress. The ERS membership team will contact you with further details.

Do I have to pay for the new membership?

That depends on whether you are already a member of the ERS. If you are not yet a member of the ERS, the following fees apply:

- ÖGP member under 65 years of age: 20€ per year
- ÖGP member aged over 65 years of age: 0€ per year (**complimentary annual membership**)

If you already are a member of ERS, please see the procedure mentioned above.

If I become an ERS member or renew my membership through ÖGP, can I still receive print copies of the journals?

Joint Members can opt to receive print copies of the ERS journals for an extra yearly subscription fee.
- *European Respiratory Journal*: 150 €/year
- *European Respiratory Review*: 50 €/year
- *Breathe*: 25 €/year

This subscription can be added to your membership on [MyERS portal](#).

Please note that if you wish to receive copies of more than one ERS journal, it will save costs if you become a direct ERS Gold member for the annual fee of € 170,-.



If I'm already a member of ERS, will I need new login details to access ERS material?

No. Your previous existing login details will remain the same.

How will my current membership with ÖGP change?

You will have access to ERS membership benefits in addition to unchanged access to your ÖGP's membership benefits. You will also have access to the new joint benefits that will be created by as part of the joint collaboration programme.

I am under 40 years old and an ERS Silver Member. Do I still have to pay for joint membership?

The ERS has eliminated its Silver Membership category under the scope of this agreement. New members below the age of 40 will be requested to pay the full Joint Membership fee of €20. Existing active members of ERS under the age of 40 can wait for their membership to expire before renewing through ÖGP.

I do not have an email address. Can I still take advantage of the joint membership?

To take full advantage of the benefits the joint membership provides, a working email address is required. We therefore strongly encourage you to set up an email account.

I am not a member of ÖGP, can I still be a member of ERS?

You can become a member of the ERS by applying directly as before. However, if you are eligible, you will need to become a member of ÖGP to benefit from the reduced ERS membership fee. Please note that by choosing not to be a member of ÖGP, the regular ERS membership category applies for the fee of 170 €.

Please complete the online application process through your [MyERS account](#).

Who should I contact for more information about the new programme?

You may contact the ÖGP Secretariat or the ERS Membership Services who will provide you with further information and/or assistance as required.

- ÖGP Secretariat: ogp@mondial-congress.com
- ERS Membership Services members@ersnet.org