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Dear Colleagues,

In January 2016, an agreement was signed between the Austrian Society of Pneumology (ASP/ÖGP) and the European Respiratory Society (ERS), in the scope of mutual interest and hereby, we would like to jointly provide you with a brief outline of this important and innovative agreement.

We are very pleased to inform you that all ASP/ÖGP members can become ERS members with all associated benefits and rights for a discounted annual fee.

#### **Reduced ERS membership fee (for ASP/ÖGP Members)**

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

#### **Membership benefits**

- Electronic access to the following journals: the *European Respiratory Journal* (ERJ) including ERS Congress Abstracts and proceedings supplements of the ERJ, *European respiratory Review* (ERR), *Breathe and the Monograph*
- Receipt of the ERS Weekly newsletter
- Possibility to order printed copies of the ERS publications at a special discounted price
- Discounted registration fees to the ERS International congress
- Opportunity to participate at the scientific program of the annual congress of the ERS
- Preferred access to ERS Educational Services online and Events
- Opportunity to participate and vote in the constitutional meetings of the ERS
- Opportunity to become a candidate for elections of ERS Assemblies up to Assembly Head
- Opportunity to become a candidate for elections of the Executive Committee up to ERS Presidency
- Opportunity to apply for the prestigious academic distinction of "Fellow of the ERS" (FERS)

Note: The Joint Membership includes digital versions of all publications named above. If you would like to receive hard copies of these publications, you are requested to subscribe to the ERS as a direct member for the fee of €170.

#### **Compensation for ASP/ÖGP members who are already members of the ERS**

ASP/ÖGP members who already hold an ERS membership and with membership fees paid to ERS still valid for more than 6 months will be compensated for the value of their remaining membership by the ERS directly with vouchers to be redeemed in exchange for ERS services. Existing members will, however, still be required to pay the Joint Membership Fee of €20. There is no need to manually cancel your existing membership with the ERS. The ERS will automatically change your membership status upon receipt of your intention of interest form.

**Silver members** (members under 35 years of age): The ERS has eliminated its Silver Membership scheme under the terms of this agreement. New members under the age of 35 will be requested to pay the full Joint Membership fee of €20.



### Personal data

In order to make all ERS membership benefits available to ASP/ÖGP members who wish to join the ERS, ÖGP must disclose some of your personal data (title, full name, date of birth and e-mail address) to ERS for the sole purpose of creating a database of ÖGP members to be used only under the terms of this agreement.

If you would like to take advantage of this unique offer, please

- Log on to the ÖGP Membership area using your individual login data. The membership area can be found under the following link: <http://www.ogp.at/mitglieder/>
- Access the folder "ERS Joint Membership"
- Fill in and submit the "ERS Joint Membership Form" to express your interest and confirm disclosure of your personal data
- You will then receive a letter of confirmation via email with information on payment procedures
- Upon receipt of your payment, the ÖGP will forward your data to the ERS, who will then register you as a new ERS member or transform your existing ERS membership

If you are interested in this offer, you are kindly requested to submit your payment by **May 31, 2016** at the latest.

We hope this agreement proves advantageous to ASP/ÖGP as well as of mutual individual and collective benefits for our two societies.

For any query or further information please contact the ASP/ÖGP Office at [ogp@mondial-congress.com](mailto:ogp@mondial-congress.com).

Kind regards,

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