



International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy

“Realising the potential of young researchers and offshore energy”

INORE membership and events policy

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1. Introduction

The International Network on Offshore Renewable Energy (INORE) is an association that seeks to support the development of an active and connected network of researchers from around the world. INORE aims to promote and advance the education in relation to Offshore Renewable Energy (e.g. offshore wind, wave, tidal barrage, tidal stream, and OTEC energy), especially among young people and those just starting out in offshore renewable energy. To make this possible INORE supports the knowledge sharing and development activities of an international and interdisciplinary group of people who are researching issues related to offshore renewable energy.

The present document defines the membership and events admission Policy of INORE, going through the details of the different membership and event admission criteria. INORE is a global organisation which operates at an international level. Applicants will be considered no matter their geographical location.

2. The different types of INORE Membership

INORE's constitution recognises two different types of membership: i) the membership of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) or full members of INORE (hereinafter known as "INOREans") and ii) the Associate members (not members of the CIO).

- The INOREans, or members of the CIO, are the voting members of INORE and their duties and rights are defined in INORE's constitution.
- The associate members, or non-voting members of INORE, can be divided in to the following:
 - a. Web-members are those persons who are signed up to contribute to or use the tools of one of the website of INORE, named as: www.inore.org or www.openore.org.
 - b. The honorific members are those persons or organisations which INORE has considered to warrant with this symbolic figure due to their support to the objectives of INORE. These members must clearly represent a clear example of what INORE's objects are.

3. Membership fees

None of the memberships described in section 2 are subjected to pay membership fees: INORE does not charge fees to its members.

4. How to become an INOREan

To become an INOREan, an application must be submitted to INORE's Steering Committee. This submission is internet based and it must be done through our main website (www.inore.org) by filling out the pertinent application form. Prior to submitting the applications, applicants must sign up as web members.

The application is necessary to determine whether the applicant is truly interested in INORE's objectives. It is not meant to be exclusive, but we take membership as an INOREan seriously and we want to ensure that our members are so committed to our organization. As such, the application will contain questions about the applicant's interests and or involvement in education related to offshore renewable energy.

5. How to become a web-member

The applicant submits an application on the INORE website. Once the application has been checked (usually a few minutes) we will send you an email confirming that you have been accepted.

Any person may become a web-member, regardless of INOREan status. The application process is only to ensure that the applicant is a person (not a web bot), and for statistical and web administration purposes.

6. Being an INOREan

By becoming an INOREan you agree to uphold with our constitution and to pursue our objectives.

“The object of the CIO (INORE) is the advancement of education and the proliferation of public knowledge in relation to Offshore Renewable Energy, in particular by:

- (1) Promoting the study of Offshore Renewable Energy and related technologies;*
- (2) Promoting knowledge-sharing, discussion and communication amongst those undertaking work or otherwise interested in Offshore Renewable Energy;*
- (3) Promoting research, particularly international collaborative research, and publicising the results thereof; and*
- (4) Supporting those engaged in or intending to engage in the study of Offshore Renewable Energy.”*

You can find a full copy of our constitution and the main purpose and objectives of INORE in the following link, (http://www.inore.org/about_us/our_constitution/).

As an INOREan you may vote and stand in trustee elections and participate and vote in Annual General Meetings (AGM) and other similar meetings.

7. Being a web-member

By becoming a web-member of one of the websites pages of INORE you get full access to the respective website functionalities. For example, becoming a web-member of INORE’s main website allows you to access to a variety of functionality:

- Personal profile (public and members-only versions) for presenting yourself and your competencies
- Form network with and communicate with other members
- View galleries and images
- Add/comment images in the INORE pictures galleries
- Sign-up or apply for INORE events
- Comment on news and articles
- Post advertisements in our news board (jobs, news and events)
- Receive automatic updates from the website (categorised news, jobs and events)
- Upload files (e.g. presenting your work) to the library
- Sign-up for INORE events
- View files in the knowledge center (library) section
- View WIKI articles
- Add/edit/comment on WIKI articles

8. The different INORE events

INORE main events together with the running of the web pages are the main tools which INORE has to promote its objectives. There are three main types of events which are organised by INORE:

- **Workshops**, which are mainly open discussion forums to establish a debate about the ORE sector, tackling general and particular topics about the sector. These events generally have a panel composed of recognised keynote speakers from industry, governments and academia. The panel must start a discussion around one or more topics related to the sector or the future of the sector, the topic(s) of which is chosen by the organisers. The debate is then extended to the public and moved from a panel to panel to a public to panel debate. These events have usually no limitation in terms of attendance and we open them to everyone who is interested in participating. Moreover, to maximize the number of participants, we usually organize the workshops at major ORE scientific or industrial conferences or fairs, as it is at these events where the largest number of people interested in ORE are gathered. However, we are planning to do similar events at other forums, and we are working together with other organisations to be able to do this.
- **Symposia**, as major events for INORE we focus symposia to be of the conference type. Conference in the sense that the participants need to present their research in a poster type format, and that there are oral presentations from the participants. However, this represents approximately one third of the symposium time. For the rest of the time, there will be keynote lectures from academia, government or industry speakers and also collaborative tasks. The remaining time during a symposium is oriented towards team building activities to foment creation of networks such that the participants continue to share their experiences after the symposium.
- **Technology challenges**, these are one or two days events organised in collaboration with one or various research institutions and open to the general public. These are designed as an intensive competition between different groups of participants to tackle a research topic. Due to the time limitation of the events, these are considered to be more like a seedbed where the different projects developed could be the seed for a future research exercise. However, these events are considered as research collaboration funded by INORE, and we apply our research policy to them, including the need to disseminate the possible results to the general public.

INORE can organise also other events alone or in collaboration with other organisations, however, these three ones are the most common.

9. How to participate in an INORE event

To participate in one of the events organised by INORE (e.g. those in section 8) you need to sign-up from INORE's main website. In order to do that you must be registered first as web-member, which is open to everyone. If you are still interested in participation in these events but do not want to register yourself as a web-member, you can participate by emailing your application to (info@inore.org).

Due to budget, organisational or spatial limitations we may need to limit the number of participants. In this situation, a set of selection criteria and process will be advertised together with the event.

To be a delegate (participant) at an INORE symposium a person should:

- i. Currently be undertaking study or early stage research in ORE. A typical example of an INOREan is someone who is undertaking doctoral study in a related subject. However, students at master level, postdoctoral researchers, and ORE professionals who are just beginning their careers are also common, and are welcome to join as long as they share INORE's enthusiasm for sharing knowledge.
- ii. People from all countries in the world are encouraged to join.
- iii. People from all fields and disciplines are encouraged to join.

10. Fees to participate in an INORE events

It is the aim of INORE to have no fees for participation in an INORE event. However, if for future events this is not possible, any fees will be kept to a minimum.

11. Other general points

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This membership and events policy of INORE is subjected to change by the INORE Committee at an ordinary meeting, with a further endorsement of the members at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This document has been approved on an ordinary meeting of the INORE Steering Committee on the 24th of April 2014, and is pending to be endorsed by the AGM.