



## Health and Trade Network (HaT)

### Membership Criteria and Fee Structure

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This document reflects the results of discussions by HaT Founding Members. It was put forward to the HaT General Assembly for discussion and approval on the 05<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and after a couple of amendments was approved by the General Assembly.

#### Membership Criteria

The principal criteria for membership is that all individual or organisational members should have an interest in health and trade issues and be working in the public interest. Profit-making companies will not be accepted into the HaT membership even if the company has social goals. Individual members of companies with social goals may apply for membership to the Board who will decide on whether or not to pass the application to the General Assembly for approval. Individuals who work for health harmful industries and/or those who do not comply with the values of the Health and Trade Network will be automatically discounted from membership at the discretion of the Board. All members will need to abide by the regulations set down by the HaT Statutes and Bylaws.

#### Types of Membership

Founding Members are members who have contributed to the establishment of the Health and Trade Network. These members were able to stand in the first board elections and were vital for setting the early priorities of the network.

Regular Members have full voting rights in the GA and after the first GA will be able to stand for the Board and have full participation in all of HaT's activities. The loose membership criteria will be off-set by a strict application process whereby potential members need to submit an application to the HaT Board stating their reasons for wanting to join the network. If the board agrees with the proposal, the application will be forwarded to the General Assembly for an electronic vote or, if less than two weeks before the General Assembly, the applicant will be invited to present their organisation to the GA for a vote. Both individuals and organisations can apply to be members of HaT.

Associate Member applications are welcome from organisations who do not normally join networks but who share the same goals and values as HaT and are open to forming a close collaborative relationship. Associate members will be invited to attend all HaT meetings and working groups but will not have voting rights in the General Assembly

#### Geographic and Thematic Reach

The aim of HaT is to become a global network of members working towards the common goals and vision set out in its mission statement and strategy. At our establishment, we have good representation from the EU and the US although unfortunately no founding members from the global south. In 2016, we shall be working hard to rectify the balance reaching out to partners in the Global South via



individual contacts, the People's Health Movement, the South Centre and other organisations such as MSF and BothEnds.

In order to also be representative of all areas of public health, partners and members shall be sought out that work in all areas of public health (in the public interest) in order to try and retain a thematic balance across the membership. A membership target document has been developed by the founding members which will be managed by the Board after the first General Assembly.

### Membership Fees

The membership fees have been voted on by the 2016 General Assembly. Recognition of the different types of members, organisational income and individual member constraints have been taken account in their development and it is hoped that the sliding fee scale will encourage members from every region of the world. The fees indicated in the table below are intended as a guideline for members of the preferred ranges established by the General Assembly. It should be stressed that the overriding principle is that membership fees should not pose a barrier to participation whilst also encouraging commitment to the network. The precise fees will be negotiated on a case by case basis and approved by the Board. While recognising that it is not a perfect measure as it does little to reflect regional or other disparities, the World Bank definitions of high, low and middle income countries will be used to guide the fee negotiation process.

High Income Countries		Middle Income Countries		Low Income Countries	
Organisations	Individuals	Organisations	Individuals	Organisations	Individuals
500 – 1500 Euros	100 + Voluntary Donation	350 - 750	80	100	20