

In this leaflet the purpose of the APPDE is explained and contains instructions for completion of the Membership form on an annual basis.

The APPDE is a non-profit making, non-religious and non-political Association for physiotherapists, other professionals, people with Parkinson's and their carers.

It is registered as an International Organisation in Belgium.

The Association has four aims:

1. To facilitate networking to promote best practice within the context of individual health care systems.
2. To enable educational initiatives to be developed and supported.
3. To provide a forum for discussion of potential research programmes in addition to facilitating and supporting collaborative networks in their pursuit of appropriate research funding.
4. To raise the profile of the contribution of physiotherapy to multidisciplinary management of Parkinson's.

There are various categories of membership:

Full Membership

- A person is eligible for full membership if they live and/or work in any country which is a member or an associate member of the European Union, geographically part of Europe or which is or becomes a member of the European Parkinson's Disease Association.
- At the present time people from the following countries are eligible to join :
- Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

Membership categories, 1A, 1B and unit members all have full voting rights.

Category 1A

- At all times 60% of the membership must be qualified physiotherapists.
- People wanting to join as physiotherapists must be fully qualified and registered to work as such in one of the above countries.
- They must be able to give their registration number as proof of a recognised national physiotherapy qualification.

Category 1B

- This category is open to other non-physiotherapy professions, people with Parkinson's and their carers resident within countries of the European Union.

Unit Membership

- This category is normally for physiotherapists with a recognised qualification working in the same department or unit where 4 or more people want to join.
- Non physiotherapists may also join in this category.
- However, they should note, that if the result of their joining under this category is that the percentage of physiotherapists in the Association falls below 60%, they will not have a vote until the percentage increases again.
- Unit Membership permits a maximum of 4 members to request (at any one time) subsidy when applying for a course.

Student Membership

- A person is eligible for student membership if they are studying physiotherapy at undergraduate level in a European country.
- They do not have the right to attend any meetings although they may be invited to do so.
- They do not have any voting rights.
- They are entitled to receive copies of articles and papers published by the Association.

Affiliate Membership

- This category is for interested organisations within the geographical area stated above.
- Organisations do not have a vote but are able to send representatives to work with the APPDE board and also to attend the Annual General Meeting.
- Affiliate Membership permits a maximum of 4 members of the Affiliate group to request (at any one time) subsidy when applying for a course.

Friend

- This category is for individuals, wherever they live or work, who wish to be kept up to date about the work of the Association.
- They do not have the right to attend any meetings although they may be invited to do so.
- They do not have any voting rights.
- They are entitled to receive copies of articles and papers published by the Association.

The Administration of the Association

The Association is administered by a board consisting of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Other members may also serve on the Administration Board

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