

# Society for Pediatric Research (SPR) Discontinuation of Affiliate Membership Classification Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define the phase out of the SPR Affiliate Member option which SPR Council voted to discontinue at its October 22, 2018 meeting.

**Affiliate Members:** Through October 22, 2018, the following terms applied to the SPR Affiliate Membership:

### Eligibility

• Granted automatically upon request by any member of the Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR) or European Society for Pediatric Research (EuroSPR).

### Dues

• \$35 annually.

#### Number

• 62 SPR Affiliate Members, as of October 1, 2018.

#### Privileges & Restrictions While in Good Standing

- May nominate a new member or awardee.
- Receipt of SPR communications relevant to Affiliate Members.
- May serve on SPR committees or similar groups.
- Ineligible to vote or serve on Council.

Transition Plan: Effective May 1, 2019, the following transition plan is in force.

#### Eligibility

• The Affiliate Member type is discontinued. No additional Affiliate Member requests may be submitted.

Invitation to Automatically Transition to SPR Active Member Status

- Affiliate Members will be invited to receive automatic admission to SPR Active Member status.
- Application for conversion from Affiliate Member to Active Member status must be received electronically not later than December 31, 2020.
- If Affiliate Members are retired, they may instead request transition to Emeritus Member status.

#### Status Effective Date

• Affiliate Members will be considered for SPR Active Member status by Council immediately upon request.

## Dues

- Collection of Affiliate Member dues was formally discontinued as of October 22, 2018.
- Affiliate Members transitioned to SPR Active Member status will be assessed dues applicable to Active Members. Dues will be payable upon the usual SPR member dues assessment schedule.

*Privileges of Transitioned Affiliate Members:* While in good standing, Affiliate Members who transition to Active Member status will receive all the benefits available to Active Members:

- May nominate or second a nomination of any new member or awardee.
- May vote in any duly called SPR election.
- Consistent with SPR policies regarding Officer and Council positions, may serve as a duly elected Officer or Council member.
- Receipt of all SPR communications to members.
- Participation in all duly announced SPR member events.
- Participation on SPR committees or similar groups, as approved by Council.
- Subscription to the society journal, *Pediatric Research*, with additional SPR member privileges as determined by the journal.

#### Communication

• The SPR Director of Membership will alert Affiliate Members to these changes no later than June 1, 2019, via direct communication and notices posted publicly to the SPR website.

#### Affiliate Membership Termination

- Affiliate Members who have not requested transition to SPR Active Member status as of December 31, 2020, will be understood to have withdrawn from SPR membership.
- Affiliate Members who have not requested transition to SPR Active Member status as of December 31, 2020, will be informed that their SPR Affiliate Membership has been discontinued no later than January 31, 2021, and they will be invited to consider nomination to SPR Active Membership.