



BSR Membership Application Pack

Please return completed form to:
BSR/BHPR Subscriptions Department
PO Box 87, Oakengates
TF3 3WT
Tel: +44 (0)1952 214061
Email: subscriptions@rheumatology.org.uk
Website: www.rheumatology.org.uk

VAT No: 404 5637 66
Charity Reg. No: 1067124
Company Reg. No: 3470316

About BSR

Formed in 1984, BSR currently has around 1,500 members in the UK and overseas; the majority of these are consultant and trainee rheumatologists. BSR also has a number of members who are allied health professionals, primary care workers, scientists and others working in the field of rheumatology.

The principle objective, as detailed in our Memorandum & Articles of Association, is "To promote for the benefit of the public, the development of clinical and scientific knowledge about arthritis and related illnesses."

The BSR Annual Meeting features the AGM, education updates, clinical case reports, themed poster discussions, special interest group meetings, and a number of smaller education courses on different aspects of the specialty. The Society also owns a highly regarded scientific journal, *Rheumatology*, edited from our office in London in conjunction with Oxford University Press.

Benefits of Membership

- *Rheumatology*: 12 issues a year
- BSR guidelines
- **arc** publications: *Topical Review* and *Hands On*
- Newsletter three times a year
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Members' handbook (every two years)
- Free abstract supplements for BSR meetings
- Eligibility to apply for BSR prizes and fellowships
- Discounted rate for Annual Meeting
- Access to members-only section of the BSR website
- Right to attend business meetings and all other meetings / activities of the Society

How to Apply:

Complete the relevant forms (including confirmation of eligibility for special rates if necessary) and return to:
BSR/BHPR Subscriptions Department
PO Box 87, Oakengates
TF3 3WT

Applications will be considered by the BSR Council. The Council meets three times a year, which can lead to a delay in approval of applications. Please ensure your form is received at least 21 days before the date of the next Council meeting.

Your application **must** be proposed and seconded by **two** existing members of BSR.

Membership Categories

Ordinary Membership

Open to anyone working or normally resident in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland who has a special interest or experience in any field relevant to rheumatology. In addition to usual membership benefits, privileges include the right to vote at business meetings and eligibility for election to office, to serve on Council and to nominate candidates for office and membership.

Overseas Membership

Open to anyone working or normally resident outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, who has an interest or experience in any field relevant to rheumatology. Applicants who have worked in the UK at some stage in their career, and those who are likely to attend BSR meetings are particularly welcome. No voting rights.

Reduced Rate Membership

Open to individuals earning below the threshold wage (equivalent to the lowest grade of pay for an SpR, set by the Department of Health). This category of membership is only available to UK applicants. Independent confirmation of earnings is required; see *Reduced-Rate Membership Confirmation Form* in this pack. Privileges associated with this membership type are identical to those of Ordinary Membership.

Retired Membership

Open to ordinary members who retire from practice – either from reaching customary age of retirement, or through ill health. There are two rates for Retired Membership: the higher rate includes delivery of the hardcopy journal, *Rheumatology*; the lower rate does not include the hardcopy journal. Full online access to the journal is included with both rates. No voting rights.

Non-Clinical Scientist Membership

Open to applicants in a non-clinical, non-tenured scientific post. Confirmation of employment status is required; see *Non-Clinical Scientist Membership Confirmation Form* in this pack. Those in a tenured post are not eligible for this category. Privileges do not include receipt of the journal *Rheumatology*, although full online access is provided. No voting rights.

Tenured Scientist Membership

Open to scientists working in a tenured position. This category of membership is only available to UK applicants. Independent confirmation of employment status is required; see *Tenured Scientist Membership Confirmation Form*. No voting rights.

BSR Subscription Rates for 2008

Ordinary (direct debit / transfer)	£182
Ordinary (other payment methods)	£210
Overseas (all payment methods)	£160
Reduced	£90
Retired – Journal Included	£90
Retired – Online Access Only	£32
Non-Clinical Scientist	£32
Tenured Scientist	£105

Half yearly rates are exactly half the full amount. Not available for Non-Clinical Scientists or Retired Members.

BSR Council Meetings for 2008

Wednesday 2 July 2008

Thursday 6 November 2008

BSR Application Form

Please complete in block capitals:

Surname:		Title:	
First Name(s):		Initials:	
Contact Address:			
Post Code:		Country:	
Contact Telephone:			
Contact Email:			
Date of Birth:			
Proposed by:			
Proposer's Signature:			
Seconded by:			
Seconder's Signature:			

Please let us know where you heard about BSR membership:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> BSR Annual Meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACR | <input type="checkbox"/> EULAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Another meeting (please specify): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | |

Present Appointment:

.....

Type of Membership:

(Please indicate which type of membership you are applying for)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinary | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced # |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Clinical Scientist # |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenured Clinical Scientist # |

please remember your signed confirmation form for these types of membership

PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT AT THIS POINT

Reduced-Rate Membership Confirmation Form

Name:

Address:

.....

.....

For members who earn less than £29,580 p.a. in 2008

To be completed by the Head of Department/Human Resources Department:

I can confirm that the gross annual income of the above named person is less than £29, 580 for the year of 2008.

Place of work:

Signature:

Date:

Name (in block capitals):

.....

Non-Clinical Scientist Membership Confirmation Form

Name:

Address:

.....

.....

For members in a non-clinical, non-tenured scientific post

To be completed by the Head of Department/Human Resources Department:

I can confirm that the above named person is in a non-clinical, non-tenured scientific post.

Place of work:

Signature:

Date:

Name (in block capitals):

.....

Tenured Scientist Membership Confirmation Form

Name:

Address:

.....

.....

For members in a tenured, scientific post

To be completed by the Head of Department/Human Resources Department

I can confirm that the above named person is in a tenured, scientific post.

Place of work:

Signature:

Date:

Name (in block capitals):

.....