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## 04) Membership

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**Topic author:** rjellison

**Subject:** 04) Membership

**Posted on:** 25 Jan 2008 11:39:29

**Message:**

Researchers registered on the ISSLR web site include 400 scientists from 61 countries with the US (115), Australia (63), India (55), Iran (28), and the Russian Federation (13) having 10 or more persons registered. However, very few of these pay dues and in a recent announcement of GSL2008 sent to all persons registered on the web, I received back 128 returned or undeliverable emails.

In 2007 I sent out dues invoices to 119 persons who had paid either 2005 or 2006 dues or registered in the 1st half of 2007. Only 46 persons have paid 2007 dues; USA (20), AUS (8), and 1 or 2 persons from each of 13 other countries.

This is a significant drop from 2006 when 65 persons paid dues. I think we need to have a serious discussion on the future of ISSLR and I will initiate this in New Business (topic 14).

### Replies:

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**Reply author:** btimms

**Replied on:** 25 Jan 2008 13:13:12

**Message:**

The lack of fee-paying members is a perennial problem, particularly when you can get what you want from our website for free. I think the payment of triennial fees as part of registration will partly overcome the problem. But we will have to wait and see. Perhaps a new president with grandiose ideas will propose a new order. In the meantime we get by with our income and I am happy with our main function of running triennial conferences. The only black spot for me is apparent editorial sluggishness.

**Reply author:** aoren

**Replied on:** 25 Jan 2008 21:46:53

**Message:**

A new president with grandiose ideas? I wonder where you will find one. We need somebody with the vision of the late Bill Williams, but I wonder if there are such persons around. Your current vice-president is always pessimistic in these matters, as you know.

Aharon

**Reply author:** mcoleman

**Replied on:** 28 Jan 2008 02:50:13

**Message:**

As for fees I am not sure if I or Bindy are paid up at the moment. I suspect not but intend to

bring it up to date at the conference. I am sure that we are not alone. Your point Bob is correct that the ISSLR is conference centric and I dont think we should fight this.

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**Reply author:** rjellison

**Replied on:** 28 Jan 2008 05:34:24

**Message:**

Actually you and Bindy are paid in full for '07 dues ('08 isn't being billed until after the conference). I wish your dues were in arrears, then your payment would increase our membership by 4%.

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