
AVS Membership Update

Dear past and present members of the Australasian Virology Society,

Firstly, I hope you are all well in these unprecedented times. This year has certainly been challenging for all. However, it has also been a tremendous opportunity for virologists to shine through their major contributions in discovery research and the development of vaccines and drugs for targeting SARS-CoV-2, and advocating for the discipline in various media outlets.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise of changes to our membership policy. As most of you would be aware, our members voted for the introduction of biennial membership fees from November 1 2020 at our last AGM held on 5th Dec 2019, Queenstown, NZ. This change brings us in line with almost all other professional societies. Our memberships will be managed by Leishman Associates, and the new fees will allow for the Australasian Virology Society to increase efforts in advocating, supporting and promoting the discipline of virology in our region and globally. Importantly, students whose supervisors are members will not be charged a membership fee but will be required to complete the membership form.

Now more than ever is a time for AVS to come together and continue to grow as the peak virology society in Australasia.

From 1 November, you will each be emailed the new membership portal details, where you will be able to join us as part of the AVS Community moving forward. All prices are inclusive of GST (excluding overseas memberships) and new membership is valid until 1/11/2022.

| Type of Membership | Price (AUD/NZD) |
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| Full Membership | \$200.00 |
| Student Membership 1 (Supervisor is not an existing member) | \$100.00 |
| Student Membership 2 (Supervisor is currently an existing member) | Complimentary Membership |
| Retiree Membership | \$100.00 |

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Leishman Associates.



Professor Gilda Tachedjian
AVS President

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **7 December 2020** for the
AVS Symposium

This year we will be holding our very first Symposium on "COVID-19 and Emerging Viral Pathogens". Running virtually for one day only, jammed packed with exciting international and national speakers, engaging panel discussions, student/ECR rapid fire presentations, and prizes for members, and plenty of Q&A opportunity, this event is not to be missed!

The AVS AGM will also be held on 7 December 2020. More details to follow.

Journal Partnership

I am pleased to announce that we have formed a partnership with the international open access journal "Retrovirology". Financial AVS members receive a 15% discount for article processing fees. If you are interested in learning more please visit our [website](#).