

## **Announcement from SIP about Sliding Scale and Reduced Membership Dues**

Taking into consideration the negative effects that the Covid-19 pandemic is having on the economies of the Americas, the Interamerican Society of Psychology (SIP) has made the **decision to reduce the costs of professional and student membership dues for the September 1, 2020 to September 1, 2021 period**. The reduction of membership dues is part of a plan that SIP has been working on to introduce dues on a sliding scale, which will also take effect on September 1, 2020. This change also reflects the sentiment of the membership and the willingness of SIP to meet the needs of its constituents.

With the introduction of dues based on a sliding scale and lower cost for dues, SIP seeks to retain its current membership and attract new members to consolidate an organization that is both more inclusive and commensurate with the inequities that exist in the Americas. To structure the sliding scale, SIP segmented countries of residence into four groups according to a series of criteria, particularly per capita income. In this way, the reduction in membership dues is much more equitable and varies between 27% and 80%, depending on the member's country of residence. Details of the dues based on a sliding scale relative to country of residence and reduced dues are shown in the table at the end.

### **What if you have already made your membership payment prior to September 1, 2020?**

You will still benefit from the introduction of dues based on a sliding scale and lower cost for dues, as you will be able to renew your membership next year at a reduced cost. Alternatively, you may also request SIP to pro-rate and extend your membership based on the new sliding scale. **To maximize the new dues schedule, we suggest taking the two-year professional membership before September 1, 2021**. This will extend the benefits beyond the effective period. In the case of student memberships, all memberships will be annual.

To clarify the implementation of this measure, an example of the application of the sliding scale and lower dues is presented below:

- 1) If you became a member or renewed your annual professional membership (US\$50) on August 1, 2020 (or any date in 2020 before September 1st), reside in Argentina, and wish to renew your membership for one year, you may do so on August 1, 2021 at a reduced cost (US\$35). In this case your membership will expire on August 1, 2022.
- 2) If you became a member or renewed your annual professional membership (US\$50) on August 1, 2020, reside in Argentina, and wish to have your membership prorated by SIP (US\$15 remaining), your membership will be extended for 5 additional months ( $(\$15 \times 12 \text{ months}) \div \$35 \approx 5 \text{ months}$ ) and will expire on January 1, 2021. The prorating adjustment must be requested for its application.
- 3) If you became a member or renewed your annual professional membership (US\$50) on August 1, 2020, reside in Argentina and wish to renew your membership for two years, you may do so on August 1, 2021 at a reduced cost (US\$65). In this case your membership will expire on August 1, 2023.

Based on the results of this contingency measure, SIP will study the possibility of maintaining the new dues schedule beyond September 1, 2021. SIP, however, will maintain the dues based on a sliding scale in the future.

We hope that this change will be to the satisfaction and benefit of our members.

Sincerely,

SIP Board of Directors (2019-2021)

**SIP Membership Dues**  
Effective September 1, 2020 - September 1, 2021  
(In US dollars)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Professional Dues (1 year)</b>	<b>Professional Dues (2 years)</b>	<b>Annual Discount</b>	<b>Student Dues (1 year)</b>
Venezuela	ND	4	\$10	\$15	80%	\$5
Cuba	ND	4	\$10	\$15	80%	\$5
Haiti	1,916	4	\$10	\$15	80%	\$5
Nicaragua	5,297	3	\$25	\$45	50%	\$10
Honduras	5,600	3	\$25	\$45	50%	\$10
Bolivia	8,525	3	\$25	\$45	50%	\$10
El Salvador	8,593	3	\$25	\$45	50%	\$10
Guatemala	9,009	3	\$25	\$45	50%	\$10
Ecuador	11,866	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Paraguay	13,213	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Peru	15,399	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Colombia	16,265	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Brazil	17,106	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Costa Rica	18,651	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Barbados	19,364	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Argentina	19,971	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Dominican Republic	20,625	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Mexico	21,363	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Uruguay	24,516	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Chile	27,150	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Panama	28,456	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Trinidad & Tobago	33,713	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Puerto Rico	41,198	2	\$35	\$65	30%	\$10
Canada	52,144	1	\$55	\$105	27%	\$15
United States	67,426	1	\$55	\$105	27%	\$15

*Note:* If your home country is not on this table, look up your country's per capita income to estimate your membership cost or contact SIP's Main Office ([oficinacentral@sipsych.org](mailto:oficinacentral@sipsych.org)).