

THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REEF STUDIES



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The **International Society for Reef Studies (ISRS)** is the only international scientific society focused on the research and management of coral reefs, one of the world's most endangered ecosystems. It is the main global organisation that reef scientists and managers around the world support.

What does ISRS do?

ISRS is a non-profit organization that promotes the production and dissemination of scientific knowledge and understanding of living and fossil coral reefs. This goal has never been more urgent as these magnificent ecosystems continue to decline. There are critical needs for further research to underpin conservation efforts. To achieve its aim, ISRS:

- Publishes ***Coral Reefs***, the only scientific journal dedicated entirely to coral reefs.
- Runs the **International Coral Reef Symposia (ICRS)** which are held every four years and attended by some 2000 delegates, as well as smaller regional conferences.
- Publishes **Briefing Papers and Statements** on emerging issues related to coral reefs and a bi-annual newsletter ***Reef Encounter***
- Acknowledges the work of its members with awards and honours.
- Provides support to academic institutions, marine laboratories, and conservation organisations when critical issues arise.

What's in it for you?

Joining ISRS will make you a member of the global community of reef scientists and managers and will increase your links with them. By supporting ISRS, you will be helping to preserve and effectively manage coral reefs. ISRS membership also provides practical benefits:

Early access to the latest reef research and news - Receipt of the scientific journal *Coral Reefs* and the newsletter/magazine *Reef Encounter* (either electronically or hard copy)

Amazing perks - online access to **ALL** past issues of *Coral Reefs* – no more tracking down publications from the library or begging friends for PDFs! Access also to ISRS's on-line membership services including the on-line Membership Directory.

Save money - reduced registration fees for the International Coral Reef Symposia and for the regional conferences that ISRS sponsors or plans. **Make sure you are at ICRS 13, Hawaii, June 2016!**

Great opportunities for students – Graduate student members can apply for **Graduate Fellowships** to support their research.

Opportunities for awards:

- **The Darwin Medal** -- the Society's top honour, awarded once every 4 years to an eminent, late-career scientist.
- **Eminence in Research Award** – one or two awarded each year to established scientists in recognition of an outstanding body of research over an extended period of time.
- **Honorary Membership** – awarded for life; held by a maximum of 10 individuals at any one time.
- **Best Paper Award** – awarded once a year for the best paper published in *Coral Reefs*.
- **Young Scientist Award** – awarded each year to a scientist under the age of 35, in recognition of a publication or series of publications.
- **Mid-Career Scientist Award** – awarded each year to a scientist (over 50 years old) in recognition of excellence in research during the preceding decade.
- **World Reef Award** – awarded once a year to an individual from a group under-represented in the field of reef science or management in recognition of scientific or conservation achievement.
- **Best Poster Award and Best Presentation Award**: awarded to student members at each International Coral Reef Symposium or other conference sponsored by ISRS.
- **ISRS Fellow** – awarded to members in recognition of scientific achievement and /or service to reef conservation or management and /or service to ISRS over a significant period of time. Up to 15% of full members may be recognised as Fellows as a result of a competitive application / nomination process.

Avenues for publication – *Coral Reefs* accepts scientific papers for peer review. *Reef Encounter* accepts short pieces including news items, new findings or observations, opinions, and book reviews.

Generous membership rates tailored to you - one of the most affordable society memberships!

- **Individual Member**: Membership includes all the benefits with rates varying depending on whether a hard-copy subscription or on-line access to *Coral Reefs* is preferred, and the mean income level of the member's country. US\$40-100/year.
- **Student Membership**: As for a Full / Individual Member but at a much reduced rate (includes hard copy or on-line access to *Coral Reefs*), with further reductions for those in developing countries. Rates as low as US\$20-40/year.
- **Family Membership**: available for partners who live at the same address. Same benefits as Full/ Individual Members, but only one hard copy of each issue of the journal is supplied (additional US\$25)
- **Sustaining Membership**: for those who would like to contribute extra to support the work of the Society. Their support is acknowledged in Society publications. (US\$120-200/year)

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- On-line at www.coralreefs.org. Click on the Membership tab at the top of the page, then on "Become an ISRS Member".
- Via a hard copy application, submitted through the post. Download the form from https://www.sgmeet.com/isrs/files/isrs_memform2014.pdf

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