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## **Proposal for the Membership Fees 2023**

This document was prepared by the Executive Committee of ISTA and Secretariat of the Association and endorsed by the ISTA Executive Committee to be submitted to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2022 for acceptance by the nominated ISTA Designated Members voting on behalf of their respective Government.

It is submitted to all ISTA Designated Authorities, ISTA Members and ISTA Observer Organisations for information two months prior to the ISTA Ordinary General Meeting 2022.

It will be discussed and voted on at the Ordinary General Meeting 2022, to be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, Cairo, Egypt.

## Proposal for the Membership Fees 2023

### Current situation

ISTA membership fees are due before the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year and this fee pays for the next 12 months of membership to ISTA.

Any membership fee increases must be voted on at the annual voting meeting of the Association which is usually held every June. Any changes become effective the following January.

### Proposal by the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of ISTA is proposing that:

- the membership fees remain unchanged. No increase is proposed.
- if the membership fees are paid on or before 31 December 2022 a discount of 10%, rounded up to the nearest whole Swiss Franc amount, will be applied to the fees listed in the table below.

### Background to the proposal

ISTA is based in Switzerland and most of the costs involved in the operation of the Association are payroll, support of the technical activities (Technical Committees, Proficiency tests), documentation (ISTA Rules, Handbooks), office rental and travel costs.

The inflation rates in Switzerland have been very low (under 1%) over the past year and again this year. Inflation does not justify a significant increase in membership fees. Increased cost of operations due to staff salary increases can be supported by the present membership fees level.

<b>Subscription fees</b> (in Swiss Francs CHF)	<b>Current fees 2022</b>	<b>Fees proposed for 2023 (unchanged)</b>
Laboratory Membership/Sampling Entity	5 214	5 214
additional for an accredited Laboratory	1 224	1 224
Personal Membership	1 049	1 049
Associate Membership	214	214