



## WHY BECOME A DCMI MEMBER?

DCMI members support the work of DCMI, participate in its governance, and receive benefits such as access to content, discounts for events, and visibility. DCMI is an organization committed to the development and open availability of resources that support a healthy global metadata ecosystem. Annual membership dues paid by DCMI members play a significant role in ensuring that DCMI continues to advance its commitment to support innovation in metadata design and best practice. **Regional Members** and **Institutional Members** help shape DCMI by: (1) bringing their institutional perspectives to the work agenda of the Initiative through active participation on the governing *Oversight Committee*; and (2) supporting the efforts of an international community of volunteer metadata experts. **Supporting Members** (private-sector companies and foundations) and **Individual Members** (interested professionals, retirees and students) support DCMI and enjoy membership benefits without formal duties related to governance.

The work of DCMI requires dedicated, paid effort funded through the annual contributions of DCMI members. These paid efforts include:

- Managing long term curation and development of DCMI documentation and metadata vocabularies;
- Managing ongoing discussion of current DCMI-wide work themes;
- Setting up and managing international and regional events;
- Curation and open availability of meeting assets including proceedings, project reports and meeting minutes;
- Creation and delivery of training resources in metadata best practices including tutorials, webinars and workshops; and
- Coordinating the global community of DCMI volunteers.

	Regional Member	Institutional Member	Supporting Member	Individual Member
Annual Conference Registration Free	✓	✓	✓	
Annual Conference Registration Discount				✓*
Other Events Registration Discount	✓	✓	✓	✓*
Preview Access	✓	✓	✓	✓*
Governance Status: Voting	✓	✓		
Governance Status: Observing			✓	

✓ MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE    ✓\* INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

### DCMI Membership FAQ

#### 1. What rights and responsibilities do Regional Members and Institutional Members share?

Both **Regional Members** and **Institutional Members**: (a) appoint representatives to the *Oversight Committee* and actively participate in the governance of DCMI by joining in deliberations and decisions regarding advancement of DCMI's mission, goals and objectives; and (b) share an ongoing commitment to DCMI membership capacity building.

#### 2. What are the major differences between Regional Members and Institutional Members?

The major difference is that a **Regional Member** officially represents DCMI in its geo-political region or locale of influence while an **Institutional Member** does not. Through this exclusive representation, **Regional Members**: (a) initiate and manage DCMI-endorsed programs of national standardization of DCMI specifications; (b) endorse regional education and training in metadata best practices; (c)

represent their respective regions in DCMI deliberations and decisions; and (d) conduct DCMI-endorsed regionally meetings. In addition, because of the substantial commitment of **Regional Members** to carry out representative roles in their respective regions, the membership of **Regional Members** is in renewable two years terms while the terms of **Institutional Members** is one year.

#### 3. How does the Institutional Member category differ from the Supporting Member category?

**Institutional Members** and **Supporting Members** differ in two substantial ways: (a) the **Institutional Member** category is comprised of non-profit institutions with a commitment to active participation on the *Oversight Committee* in the advancement of DCMI; and (b) the **Supporting Member** category is comprised of any private-sector company or organization interested in visibly supporting the work of DCMI and in the other benefits of membership.

#### 4. Do Supporting Members participate in DCMI governance?

No. However, **Supporting Members** have "observer status" in the deliberations of the *Oversight Committee*.

#### 5. Is it possible for individuals to support DCMI by being "members"?

Yes, absolutely! **Individual Members** help guarantee that DCMI continues its work through a modest annual membership fee. **Individual Members** enjoy discount registrations to DCMI events and pre-publication preview access to certain categories of DCMI best practice and educational content.

#### 6. What roles do Regional Members and Institutional Members play in DCMI governance?

Governance includes, but is not limited to: (a) oversight of the activities of the managing Directorate and the financial affairs of DCMI; (b) ongoing review of the nature and efficacy

of the DCMI *Work Themes* that provide a general focus and direction to the activities of DCMI; (c) appointment of the Directorate personnel and determination of their roles, terms of office and any remuneration for their services; and (d) creation of Task Groups to address specific matters in DCMI's ongoing management and the execution of its mission, goals and objectives.

#### 7. Is it possible to participate as an individual in DCMI Communities and Task Groups without being a Individual Member?

Yes! You are welcome and encouraged to participate in DCMI Communities and Task Groups without being an **Individual Member**.

**Individual Membership** is just an easy means for you to take that additional step and financially support the work of DCMI on an ongoing basis while enjoying significant benefits.

## HOW CAN I JOIN?

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Go to <http://dublincore.org/support/> to explore the benefits and qualifications for each membership type. Find the appropriate membership "join" button for you or for your organization and click!

Click to become an  
Individual Member

Click to become an  
Institutional Member

Click to become an  
Supporting Member

Click to become an  
Regional Member

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES & ANNUAL FEES

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER	Regular: US\$75 Student/Retiree: US\$35
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER	US\$3,000 (non-profits)
SUPPORTING MEMBER	US\$5,000 (for-profits)
REGIONAL MEMBERS	US\$10,000 (non-profits; regional jurisdiction)

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