



## IFP Voting Membership Policy

### Regional Scope

IFP should be an umbrella organisation of organisations in favour of walking. In many countries the pedestrians are organised citywide, and there is no organisation (or only a very weak organisation) at national level. Therefore, regional or citywide organisations may be accepted as a Voting Member as well. The geographical size of the level of activity is not really an important factor to admit an organisation. Neither is the number of members, because a few active members are better than a large number of inactive members.

### Procedure

The organisation has to fill in the [organisation application form](#) published on the website and send it.

### Criteria

The application for Voting Member has to correspond to the following points:

1. The organisation should be a **legal body** (e.g. association or Foundation), or a distinct entity of a legal body such as a permanently active institute, commission or section of a larger legal body.
2. The organisation should **run a website**, or at least a special webpage that shows a profile of the organisation, and publish the yearly activities.
3. The organisation has to be **non-governmental**. The organisation may accept money from the Government as long as it remains independent in the sense that it can express non-Governmental opinions. (Of course this may seem rather weak to those who come from countries where you can influence the action of the Government only through outside pressure. However, in countries where the administration is willing to be in a dialogue with NOGs that don't express official positions it makes sense that the Government pays for the activities which are in the public interest.)
4. The organisation has to be **non-profit**. (There may be certain activities that make money, but the profit has to go into activities that are not profitable).

5. The organisation should have as the **main aim the promotion of good conditions for walking** (in a broad sense). Organisations with mixed aims (including cycling, being a passenger and walking), or with aims not targeted at walking (such as urbanism, health) should be associate members.
6. The organisation must **not be part of a political party**, it should not be financed predominantly by a party, and it has to be open to members from all parties and for independent persons.
7. The organisation has to **designate a person responsible for the contacts with IFP** and this person has to run an e-mail address, and it is able to respond to mails sent to this address.

## Decision

If a new application arrives for the same geographical area that an existing member covers, the existing member is invited to express an opinion on the new application.

The Secretary informs the voting members about new valid applications, and if there are no objections within 10 days, the new member is admitted. If there are objections, there will be a vote among all voting members about the admission. New members may be admitted directly at the General Assembly.

These conditions have been accepted at the General Assembly on Oct. 9, 2008 in Barcelona