



# **Operational Research Society Of Singapore**

*To Promote Operational Research,  
Management, and Decision Sciences*

OPERATIONAL RESEARCH is the application of the methods of science to complex problems arising in the direction and management of large systems of men, machines, materials and money in industry, business, government, and defence. The distinctive approach is to develop a scientific model of the system, incorporating measurements of factors, such as chance and risk, with which to compare the outcome of alternative decisions, strategies or controls. The purpose is to help management determine its policies and actions scientifically.

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## The Society

The Operational Research Society of Singapore (ORSS) was registered as a professional association on 21<sup>st</sup> November 1975. The society was formed in response to the need for such an association to promote the field of Operational Research in Singapore.

## Objectives

The objectives of the society are:

- to propagate the knowledge of Operational Research in Singapore;
- to promote the use of Operational Research techniques in industry, commerce and public administration;
- to foster, in the broadest sense, training and education in Operational Research;
- to promote the exchange of information and co-operation through its association with kindred societies;
- to contribute to the development of Operational Research in general; and
- to promote theoretical and applied research in Operational Research.

## Membership

(A) Membership categories:

- Ordinary Member: Any person who is a practitioner or has professional training in the field of Operational Research may apply for ordinary membership.
- Associate Member: Any person who has an interest in Operational Research may apply for associate membership. Associate members are not eligible to stand for election.
- Student Member: Students of tertiary institutions who have an interest in

Operational Research may apply for student membership. Student members are not eligible to stand for election.

- Corporate Member: Companies or representatives of firms or unincorporated bodies may apply for corporate membership.
- Life Member: Any person who is qualified for ordinary membership may apply for life membership.

(B) Membership fees:

Categories	Entrance Fees (S\$)	Annual Subscription (S\$)
Ordinary	10	50
Associate	10	50
Student	-	10
Corporate	-	250 (5 Nominees)
Life	-	500

The entrance fee and subscription shall accompany each membership application form, and shall not be refundable except when an application is rejected.

(C) Admission to membership:

- Any person desiring to become a member of the society shall make an application to the Management Committee. Membership application forms can be downloaded from the Society's website.
- If any firm, organization or other unincorporated body should wish to obtain the advantages of membership, it shall nominate one of its members to act as its representative, to apply in its name for membership and to sign the application form as its representative and exercise the rights of membership on its behalf.

## Privileges

Members of the society are entitled to the following privileges:

- Reduced fees for conferences, seminars and courses organized by the society;
- Discounted subscription rates to the society's publications;
- Opportunity to meet fellow Operational Research practitioners.

Some of the previous activities:

- Courses on OR/MS techniques;
- Technical talks by distinguished overseas speakers;
- Annual conferences and seminars;
- Software demonstrations.

## IFORS

Through its membership of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS), the Society brings its members into contact with global OR activities.

## Kindred Societies

Wherever possible, joint meetings and publication with other kindred societies of mutual or related interests are held or published. These include a wide range disciplines and fields of specialization e.g. Industrial and Systems Engineering, Management Science, Applied Systems Analysis, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, etc.