



International Marcé Society Regional Group FAQ's

1. Why should I start a Regional Group?

- Regional Groups are given the use of the Marcé Society name. The Marcé Society has been around for 34 years and continues to grow each year. It is known as the pre-eminent Society in the field of Perinatal Mental Health and by using the Marcé name Regional Groups benefit.
- Joining the International Marcé Society is an important way of staying connected to the world of perinatal mental health. We are the united voice for new families in every country and culture.
- Regional Groups have a section in each Newsletter where they can advertise the innovative work they are doing and upcoming conferences they are organizing.
- Regional Groups have a section on the International Marcé website to advertise their group and provide contact information for those interested in joining through their region.
- Different Regional groups can enrich each other through sharing of initiatives. United we grow and thrive. It is exciting to develop international collaborations and networks.
- There are enormous advantages to creating an international community of perinatal mental health specialists in order to share latest knowledge and contribute to the development of the field.

2. What are the benefits to the Regional Group Members?

- Access to the International Marcé Website including being a part of the member directory.
- Inclusion on the English Speaking listserv and ability to begin their own listserv in their native language.
- Discounted registration fees to the International Marcé Society Biennial Conference.
- The opportunity to network with an international group of researchers and clinicians in the field of perinatal mental health.
- Email updates on meeting and other relevant Marcé Society updates.

3. Why are the fees so little?

- Our fees reflect the demands of our members and we understand that paying high fees is not always possible. We would rather it was affordable for you to help our Society to grow. That is why we keep the fees to be paid to the International Society at \$40USD for each Regional Group member.

4. Where do the fees go?

- As in all organisations we depend on a management structure to administer the enormous amount of data that is generated. This includes maintaining and retaining membership lists, contacting members about events or important notices, chairing the committees, managing the newsletter and listserv, maintaining the website, managing the teleconferences etc. The majority of the \$40 membership fee goes towards our Association Management Company who carries out all of the aforementioned duties.
- Our vision is to be sufficiently lucrative to enable the Society to enable initiatives such as offering scholarships and funding for projects in perinatal mental health research, but we will be unable to do this until we have a substantial membership.

5. How can I make a difference?

- We need bright, intelligent, but more importantly passionate and committed people like you to make a difference to mothers and their families and we can only do this by working together and driving the need for high quality research and development. If you won't do it, then who will?