



## **EUMETSAT Pensioners' Association (EPA)**

*In Short ...*

**EPA was founded in 2011 and in December 2012 became an “Eingetragener Verein (e.V.) under German Law. Its rights and privileges are defined in a formal Charter.**

**We are YOUR interface to EUMETSAT and strive to keep you abreast of all new developments related to pension, social security, tax issues etc. and to defend your interests in all these areas.**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- EPA is the interlocutor between former EUMETSAT staff and the EUMETSAT Director-General and Secretariat.
- EPA represents the pension-related rights and interests of its members.
- EPA cooperates and coordinates items of common interest with EUMETSAT's Staff Association Committee (SAC).
- EPA facilitates members to keep in contact with EUMETSAT and with each other.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership is open to persons who are in receipt of a EUMETSAT pension, including early, survivor, reversion, orphan or invalidity pension, and former staff members who have acquired deferred pension rights and who are no longer in active service at EUMETSAT.

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Annual Fee Former A-Grade Staff</b>	<b>Annual Fee Former B-Grade Staff</b>
<b>Full Membership</b>	<b>Euro 25.00</b>	<b>Euro 12.50</b>
<b>Associate and Honorary Membership</b>	<b>Euro 12.50</b>	<b>Euro 12.50</b>



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### **ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS**

Members meet twice per year:

- In Summer, on the day of the EUMETSAT Barbecue.
- In December, on the day of the EUMETSAT Christmas Party.

### **RELATIONS WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS OF RETIRED STAFF**

- **ARES:** EPA has established excellent relations with ARES-D, the German branch of the association of retired ESA/ESOC staff and cooperates with its counterparts on a regular basis. EPA members may take part in ARES-D excursions. Additionally it is planned to facilitate that EPA members can avail themselves of activities organised in other ESA member countries where an ARES Branch exist.
- **AAPOCAD\*:** An association of retired staff of the Coordinated Organisations and their dependents, AAPOCAD is the only instrument through which pensioners can defend the Pension Scheme collectively. Currently two EPA members serve on its Governing Board.

\*AAPOCAD Members are: ESA, ECMWF, EUMETSAT, OECD, NATO, Council of Europe, Western European Union

### **FINDING INFORMATION AS AN EPA MEMBER**

The EPA website [www.epa-ev.eu](http://www.epa-ev.eu) is the best way to stay abreast of activities. The site is updated at regular intervals and includes the following items:

- Document Library where the EPA Charter, documents related to financial matters, tax, social security, SAC News Bulletins, ESOC Club Information, AAPOCAD and many others, can be consulted.
- Minutes & Annexes
- All Newsletters
- Membership Application Form
- List of all EPA members
- Forum where members may post comments on topical issues
- A calendar giving dates and details of all relevant events

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