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Why become a member of AFTES ?

AFTES was formed in 1972 as a not-profit-making association. Its remit is to further knowledge in the scientific, technical, legal and administrative, economic and social aspects of underground engineering for the purpose of bringing down costs and shortening completion times and thereby **promote the wider use of underground structures**.

The Association has a membership of nearly 700 French and 22 other nationalities with backgrounds in the following major categories:

- Owners and executive agencies: Central and local government, public-sector corporations and institutions, etc.
- Professional services: architects, consulting engineers, classification societies, teaching and research institutes, etc.
- Public works and building contractors, equipment manufacturers and materials and products suppliers, etc.
- Individual members who are persons professionally or privately interested in any way connected with the construction and/or operation of underground structures.

As of 9 December 2009, AFTES comprised:

- 561 Individual Members paying an annual membership fee of **€95 (inc. VAT)** for 2009.
- 153 Corporate Members (incorporated organisations designating an individual to represent it in its dealing with the Association) paying an annual membership fee of **€620 (inc. VAT)** for 2009.
- Students are eligible for a reduced rate of **€10 (inc. VAT)**.

AFTES is a meeting place for exchanging information

The benefits of becoming an AFTES Member are:

- You will be entitled to a free copy of the Association's journal TOS and opportunities to visit construction sites, workshops and discussion meetings, the general assembly of members and similar events
- You will be regularly informed about arrangements for the international tunnelling congress, an event not to be missed every three years. The last was held in Monaco in October 2008. The next one will take place in Lyon (France) in 2011.
- You will be able to access nearly the whole of the AFTES website using your membership identity number.
- You will be eligible for a sponsored link (conditions apply, see Membership Application Form).
- You can attend the general assembly of members, and meetings of the committees and working groups.
- You can make use of AFTES stands at major international exhibitions.

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