

# INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR INFORMATION SYSTEM

## INIS Members' Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities

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### “Definition of Membership Arrangements for INIS”

**Membership rights** include, amongst others:

- "to carry out within their national boundaries (or organizational confines, if an international body) dissemination of information contained in and derived from all output products and services furnished by INIS secretariat."
- "to participate at Consultative Meetings of INIS Liaison officers."

**Membership privileges** include, amongst others:

- "to receive one copy of the regular INIS bibliographic output in each of the available forms at no cost "
- "to receive assistance from the Secretariat, in a form jointly determined, in particular in connection with the provision of input to INIS and the use of INIS output products and services. This assistance will usually be limited to agreed periods during which the INIS Member is establishing its own operations or experiencing particular difficulties."

The INIS Members' **responsibilities** include, amongst others:

- "the collection, selection, description, categorization, indexing, abstracting and related preparation, of items of literature published within its national boundaries (or organizational confines if an international body) and submission to the INIS Secretariat in Vienna in accordance with the definitions, rules, procedures, formats, and guidelines set forth in the 'IAEA/INIS Reference Series' and associated INIS Circular Letters"
- "providing the Agency with the full text of each item of non-conventional literature, either as originally published or in a form jointly determined prepared to a standard specification, provided there is no legal prohibition or limitation."
- "contributing advice and recommendations on matters relating to the maintenance, improvement and further development of INIS."
- "providing information services to and maintaining contact with, to the extent practicable, the users of INIS information products and services within the applicable boundaries/confines and for representing user views at INIS meetings."
- "Establishing and carrying out promotional activities throughout the applicable boundaries/confines so that all persons who can derive benefit from INIS are made aware of its potential and the information services that can be derived from it."