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THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY  
ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY**  
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### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR JOURNALS, 2005

At the Annual General Meeting in May 2004, Fellows agreed the following rates for the annual contributions and subscriptions, which become due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.

	Full RAS Fellowship rate		Reduced rate for joint RAS/IoP members
	RATE		
Fellows aged <b>30</b> and over at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005	<b>3</b>	<b>£74.50</b>	<b>£55.88</b>
<b>Direct debit/ Continuous credit card payment</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>£71.50</b>	<b>£52.88</b>
Fellows aged under <b>30</b> at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 or Fellows who were <b>studying an astronomy or geophysics related subject full time in 2000.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>£49.50</b>	<b>£37.13</b>
<b>Direct debit/ Continuous credit card payment</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>£46.50</b>	<b>£34.13</b>
Fellows who show they are <b>Registered Students</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
Fellows exercising their right under <b>Bye-Law 38</b> on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003	<b>1</b>	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Direct debit/ Continuous credit card payment</b>	<b>1a</b>	<b>£17.00</b>	<b>£17.00</b>
Fellows exercising their right under <b>Bye-Law 38</b> before 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2003	<b>4</b>	<b>£0:00</b>	<b>£0:00</b>

Fellows who are also members of the European Astronomical Society or the Royal Society of Chemistry Astrophysical Chemistry Group may additionally pay their 2005 dues via the RAS.

	EAS	RSC
All Fellows aged <b>30</b> and over at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005	<b>£24.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
All Fellows aged <b>under 30</b> at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005	<b>£12.50</b>	<b>£5.00</b>

**JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS** (*A&G is free to Fellows. So now is electronic access to MN and GJI.*)

	MNRAS	GJI	Observatory
Fellows aged <b>30</b> and over at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 or who completed full time education <b>more</b> than 5 years ago	<b>£215.00</b>	<b>£90.00</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
Fellows under <b>30</b> at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2005 or who completed full time education <b>less</b> than 5 years ago	<b>£140.00</b>	<b>£60.00</b>	<b>£12.00</b>
Fellows in full time education	<b>£70.00</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>£12.00</b>

## METHODS OF PAYMENT

- **DIRECT DEBIT** This method is only for Fellows with a UK bank account. Complete the enclosed direct debit form and return it with this form. Your account will be debited in mid-January each year.
- **CREDIT CARD / CONTINUOUS AUTHORITY PAYMENT** Continuous Authority Payment allows the Society to collect your dues by originating a direct charge to your credit card account each year; it is applicable worldwide.

### WE CANNOT ACCEPT PAYMENT BY AMERICAN EXPRESS OR DINERS CLUB CARD

- **CHEQUE PAYMENT** - We accept payment in sterling, US dollars or Euros. Conversion of the sterling subscription rates to dollars or euros (US\$ - £ or € -£) should be based on the exchange rate operating at the date of payment. Please make all cheques payable to The Royal Astronomical Society.
- **GIRO** The Society's Giro account number is 5380103.
- **STERLING BANK DRAFT** Fellows in other countries who cannot pay by any of the above methods are asked to arrange for sterling bank drafts drawn on a London bank and free of all charges to the Society.

### GIFT AID

*Annual contributions*, made to the Society by a UK tax-paying Fellow whose Fellowship is a professional requirement, are claimable as expenses against the Fellow's income tax.

A UK tax-paying Fellow, making *annual contributions* and/or *donations* to the Society, who does not make this claim against income tax, may complete the Gift Aid declaration and thus enable the Society to reclaim the tax on *annual contributions* and/or *donations*.

Gift Aid, a simpler scheme than Deed of Covenant, which it is replacing, has been operating since April 2000. A significant number of Fellows have already completed the Gift Aid declaration or have a Deed of Covenant (pre-April 2000) in force. The Society wishes to exploit this potential goldmine of tax relief to the maximum, to provide the income necessary to fund the growth in the Society's activities. The Society therefore urges any Fellow who pays income tax and/or capital gains tax in the UK, equal to at least 28% of the *annual contribution* and/or *donation* in the current tax year, and who is not already claiming this as an allowable expense against tax, and who has not already completed a Gift Aid declaration, to complete the Gift Aid declaration, below.

*Fellows' Deeds of Covenant, already in force, will continue for the duration of their terms.*

**Prof. P.G. Murdin**  
Treasurer

**Prof. I.D. Howarth**  
Secretary

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

Name of Charity: **Royal Astronomical Society**

Title ..... Forename(s) ..... Surname .....

Address .....

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..... Post Code.....

I wish the charity to treat all *annual contributions*\* and/or *donations*\* I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. (*\*Delete as appropriate*)

Signature .....

Date ...../...../.....

#### Notes

1. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Society.
2. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
3. Leaflet **IR65** giving more information, is available from your local tax office.
4. Please notify the Society if you change your address.

**From:** FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 FULL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ POST / ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ELECTIONS UNDER BYE-LAW 38**

I have already been awarded the concessionary Rate 4 \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby claim the concessionary Rate 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**FELLOWS OF LESS THAN 5 YEARS STANDING**

Fellows who completed studying less than 5 years ago may pay at the reduced rate 2  
 I confirm that I was studying an astronomy or geophysics related subject full time in 2000. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of latest degree \_\_\_\_\_ Awarding Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTERED STUDENTS**

I hereby apply for this special rate 1 and enclose the validated form (RS-2005) \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS**

I confirm that I am a member of the IoP and claim the 25% reduction on the membership fee. \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE EAS**

I wish to pay my fee for membership of the EAS. \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE IAU**

I confirm that I am a member of the International Astronomical Union. \_\_\_\_\_

**BRITISH GEOPHYSICAL ASSOCIATION**

I wish to remain/become a member of the BGA in 2005. \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

My completed Gift Aid Declaration is attached. \_\_\_\_\_

**I ENCLOSE / PLEASE DEBIT MY ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:**

MEMBERSHIP OF THE RAS	£	:
MONTHLY NOTICES OF THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY FOR 2005	£	:
GEOPHYSICAL JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL FOR 2005	£	:
THE OBSERVATORY FOR 2005	£	:
MEMBERSHIP OF THE European Astronomical Society	£	:
MEMBERSHIP OF THE RSC Astrochemistry Group	£	:
OTHER _____	£	:
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>_____ :</b>

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

**CHEQUE**

I wish to pay by Cheque or Bankers Draft (enclosed). \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD**

I wish to pay by credit card for **2005 only**. \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to pay by credit card **continuously until further notice**. \_\_\_\_\_

Address where card is registered if different from above.

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**Card Number**

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Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECT DEBIT**

I wish to pay by Direct Debit and enclose a completed direct debit form. \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERTAKING** I understand that **A&G, MNRAS, GJI, OBSERVATORY** and those publications that I purchase from the Institute of Physics, are all supplied at special subscription prices for my personal use only. I undertake that I will not allow these to be used as Library copies.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Fellowship details to the following person who would I believe be interested in joining the Society and who is known to me personally.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHEQUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **C. A. T. £** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHEQUE €** \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>
CONT	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
MN	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
GJI	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
OBS	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
EAS	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
CREDIT	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
DON	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____
SUN	£ _____	£ _____	£ _____