



International
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Network

The International Process Network is a means to active communication with process-related organizations and individuals around the world to advance the *Common Good*.

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What is the International Process Network?

IPN is a network of organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting, generating and disseminating an international discourse on the meaning and implications of process thought, and to fulfill this purpose:

- **Promotes** member programs, conferences, and activities
- **Encourages** development of process-related organizations;
- **Sponsors** international conferences and film festivals;
- **Disseminates** declarations, resolutions, and awards;
- **Facilitates** publication translation and distribution of process-oriented works;
- **Provides** process-related educational programs and resources; and
- **Maintains** a website that provides information on process thought and member activities.

What is Process Thought?

Process thought' refers to the philosophy of Alfred North Whitehead as well as other process-relational philosophies that have creativity, organic change over time, interiority and interdependence as fundamental aspects of their understandings.

The central claim of Whitehead's 'process-relational philosophy of organism' is that the world is not made up of independent material objects. In contrast to Cartesian philosophy, in which the world is thought to be made up of 'static substances,' dependent only on themselves for their existence, Whitehead's philosophy depicts the dynamic interrelatedness of the multitudes of events compositional of the world. In this way of thinking, each entity requires others in order to exist, and each is thoroughly engaged in creative life-processes of becoming.

What is the Common Good?

The 'Common Good' refers to the work of addressing social and environmental issues. IPN encourages process thought that seeks to articulate the highest aspirations of the common good and to foster relations of solidarity for achieving the common good. The widespread use of the term in the process community began when *For The Common Good* by John B. Cobb, Jr. and Herman Daly was published in 1989.

What are the Benefits of Becoming a Member of IPN?

Process offers many resources for interpreting and relating various fields of inquiry, and offers insights into ethical, environmental and social action. So becoming a member of IPN means entering into a global network to further and share this work. Membership in IPN offers these benefits by allowing you to:

- **Enter** into an active communications network with like-minded organizations and individuals;
- **Receive** an online newsletter and 'process-announce listserv' announcements about process developments and events;
- **Post** information about your organization, your self and events on www.processnet.org;
- **Learn** of process events (e.g., International Whitehead Conferences and Summits, and the IPN International Film Festival);
- **Link** to process-related organizations, individuals and online journals;
- **Access** process resources on the IPN website;
- **Contribute** to discussions on IPN initiatives;
- **Participate** in international IPN-sponsored conferences; and
- **Join IPN** committees to further process education; publication, translation and distribution of books; support of process academics and students; and endeavors such as the 'China Project' on postmodern development.

Who Should be a Member?

Individuals

IPN membership is for anyone interested in relating process thought to his or her life and work. People attracted to process thought include mathematicians, educators, physicists, biologists, chemists, neurologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, ecologists, economists, ethicists, psychotherapists, and philosophers (including those interested in analytical philosophy, bio-philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, cosmology, post-structuralism, and phenomenology); and persons interested in religion including classical and indigenous traditions. If you are a professional, an academic or aspiring student in any of these areas, or if you are a person interested in working with others, membership in IPN may be for you.

Organizations

Process-related organizations are at the core of IPN because most of the important work is done by them. A primary purpose of IPN is to support process-related organizations and assist in the formation of additional such organizations. If you are part of such an organization, membership might be for your organization.

Membership Application Form

Please fill out this membership application and send payment of membership to:
Please use address on front of brochure.

Individual Membership

Group Membership

Name _____

(If group membership, contact person _____)

Address _____

Email or Fax _____ Phone _____

Membership Dues or Donations

Individual Membership

Group Membership

Sustaining Memberships

US \$0 - \$25

US \$0 - \$100

**Individuals US \$35 and up
Groups US \$125 and up**

Sustaining members provide needed financial support for IPN. There are no specific benefits of sustaining membership, though IPN will gratefully recognize sustaining members as such.