

## How to Become a Member

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## Annual Membership Fees

**Regular members:** € 60.–

**Student members:** € 20.–

**Reduced fee for members  
from the following countries:** € 20.–

**Africa** (with exception of South Africa)

**America** (with exception of Canada, USA)

**Asia** (with exception of United Arab Emirates, Israel,  
Japan, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey)

**Europe** (with exception of EU Countries, Iceland,  
Norway, Switzerland)

**Supporting members/companies:** € 400.–

**Special offer:**  
**pay 5 years in advance –**  
**get a 10% discount**

## History

**GA, the Society for Medicinal Plant and Natural Product Research** („Gesellschaft für Arzneipflanzen- und Naturstoff-Forschung e. V.“), was founded in 1953 in Bad Camberg, Germany, for the purpose of promotion and dissemination of medicinal plant research. Today GA is an international scientific society with more than 1000 members from over 80 countries. The scientific interests of GA cover all aspects related to natural products, including medicinal plants and other organisms with (potential) medicinal use, biosynthesis, pharmacological activity, quality control, formulation, and use.

## Aims and Vision of GA

Since ancient times humans have been using plants as source for food and for the treatment of ailments. In the 19th century the first pharmacologically active natural products were purified and introduced as drug substances. In the 20th century other natural resources for bioactive compounds were discovered and explored, such as microorganisms and marine organisms. Natural products served as starting point for the development of many important classes of drugs, and they continue to provide inspiration for novel types of drugs. Biotechnological production of important compounds was established. On the other hand, the majority of the world population still relies on medicinal plants as a primary source for alleviating diseases, and in many industrialised countries herbal products are widely used.

As an international scientific society GA aims at bringing together scientists interested in these different aspects related to bioactive natural products.

We aim to provide a platform for exchange across disciplines, for scientific collaboration between academia and industry, and for exchange between academic sci-

entists, the private sector, and governmental agencies involved in the regulation of drugs.

Research on medicinal plants and natural products is increasingly conducted in lesser developed countries. As an inter-national society GA aims at strengthening the collaboration between scientists in these countries and in industrialized countries.

GA aims at supporting the generation of younger scientists in several ways. Young scientists are important to us since they will shape the field in the future.

## Planta Medica and Planta Medica Letters

Since 1953 **Planta Medica** is the official journal of GA. Today, *Planta Medica* is one of the leading international journals in the field of medicinal plant and natural product research. *Planta Medica* publishes original research papers and critical review articles. Special issues are dedicated to important topics in the field. GA members can subscribe to *Planta Medica* at reduced rates.

➔ [www.thieme.de/de/planta-medica/journal-information-4809.htm](http://www.thieme.de/de/planta-medica/journal-information-4809.htm)

In 2014 the sister journal **Planta Medica International Open (PMIO)** was established. This open access journal focuses on manuscripts in the form of letters/short communications and original papers.

➔ <https://www.thieme.de/de/planta-medica-international-open/journal-information-102003.htm>

## Congresses and Symposia/e-Symposia

Every year GA organises a large international congress in major European cities. Every four years joint meetings with related European and North American scientific societies are co-organised.

In addition, GA organises and supports smaller symposia, e-symposia, pod-casts and workshops on specific topics related to natural product re-search.

## Awards

GA awards the following prizes in the field of natural products research:

- Egon-Stahl-Award in Gold, Silver and Bronze
- Dr. Willmar Schwabe Award
- Bionorica Phytoneering Award

## Young Researchers

The support of students and young researchers is a major aim of GA. At the annual congress GA organises a dedicated workshop for young researchers. GA awards travel grants to attend the GA annual congresses. Moreover, the Dr. Willmar Schwabe Research Scholarship for Young Scientists supports research attachments of young scientists, especially from developing countries, in leading research institutions.

## Why Become a Member?

- To endorse the aims and activities of GA
- To get reduced fees at the annual GA congress and other symposia organised by GA
- To subscribe to *Planta Medica* at reduced rates
- To be on GA's mailing list and receive up-to-date information
- To receive GA News with detailed information about GA's activities
- To get travel grants for attending the annual congress of GA (students and young scientists)
- To shape the future of GA, and of natural products research in general