

REPORT ON COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD 2018 TO 2019

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1. There are currently 141 country members compared to 112 and 111 country members in the two preceding years.
2. 28 new country members joined the Society during the current period, compared to 23 and 22 in the preceding years.
3. During early February 2019 the membership secretary received three queries regarding non-delivery of Sky Guides. One of the queries was addressed as the member provided a street address for delivery as the South African Post Office (SAPO) does not affect street deliveries in the mentioned area. The two remaining queries remains unresolved and it would appear that the mentioned Sky Guides were “lost” by SAPO.
4. The queries however led to the membership secretary emailing all country members in order to enquire if Sky Guides were indeed received and whether Sky Guides should in future be delivered via a courier service (at the cost of the member).
5. From the 128 country members at the time of the email, 100 responses were received as at 7 February 2019.
6. From the responses, 89 country members have received their Sky Guides and 11 were still awaiting delivery.
7. It was further clear that the majority, i.e. 79 country members preferred their Sky Guides to be posted.
8. As such it was concluded that members will in future receive the option of delivery via a Courier service (at their cost) and that members who have not received Sky Guides by the end of February 2019 will receive a further copy via their preferred delivery method.
9. Country membership cost for the 2019 to 2020 year will remain at R 75.00 and country members will receive a reminder email by mid-August.

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