

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between American Meteorological Society (AMS) and
Royal Meteorological Society (RMetS)**

As organizations with common goals of supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the atmospheric and related sciences, the American Meteorological Society (AMS) and the Royal Meteorological Society (RMetS) agree to the following guidelines for mutually beneficial interaction.

1. Collaboration and information exchange

To the mutual benefit of both societies, AMS and RMetS agree to promote collaboration and information exchange in the following ways:

- Links to the other society in each society's website.
- Publicising/promoting this reciprocal agreement and its mutual benefits to the membership (at least twice yearly) via a range of communication methods.
- Listing of each society's meetings in the calendar of meetings of the other society.
- Reporting of activities of the partner society from time to time to keep the broader membership aware of these activities.
- Collaboration or cooperation on reports or white papers on substantive issues such as climate change or science education.
- Collaboration on topics associated with advancing the enterprise associated with each society, to include email exchanges, joint meetings, or other mechanisms as agreed to.

2. Endorsement of Statements

The RMetS and AMS each release official statements on scientific and policy issues from time to time. RMetS and AMS will work together to encourage endorsements of these statements between the two organizations. Where RMetS statements are endorsed by AMS, RMetS will provide such statements to be freely displayed on the AMS website and published in the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, and where appropriate, be distributed through media and other outlets (with appropriate RMetS recognition). Where AMS statements are endorsed by RMetS, AMS will provide such statements to be freely displayed on the RMetS website and published in *Weather* and where appropriate, distributed through media and other outlets (with appropriate AMS recognition).

3. Meeting cooperation

Each society will seek opportunities to engage with each other's meetings through remote participation and sharing of presentation files and audio/video recording of events, where appropriate.

All members of the partner society will be eligible for a reduced registration fee at the host society's meeting (which may be higher than the member fee that is available for those members of the partner society who are affiliate members of the host society).

In some cases, the partner society may agree to organize a session at the host society's meeting.

In some cases, the two societies may choose to organize a joint symposium. In those situations, a separate MOU specific to the meeting will be prepared to cover financial obligations as well as the responsibilities of each society.

4. Reciprocal membership

a. AMS membership

Members of RMetS who reside in the United Kingdom may join AMS as “Affiliate Members” and with benefits provided to Affiliate Members as outlined on the AMS website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*, member rates on all journals, books, and other products of the AMS, and member registration rate for all AMS meetings. The dues rate for Affiliate Members will be set at 75% of the normal AMS member rate. It is subject to inflationary increases over time at the discretion of the AMS. RMetS members will apply for Affiliate Members status directly with AMS, and AMS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of RMetS will be asked to provide their RMetS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with RMetS at the discretion of AMS.

b. RMetS membership

Members of AMS may join RMetS as Associate Fellow and with benefits provided to Associate Fellow as outlined on the RMetS website, including, but not limited to a subscription to the digital version of *Weather*, member rates on all journals, books, and other products of the RMetS, and member registration rate for all RMetS events. The dues rate for Associate Fellow will be set at 25% off the normal RMetS membership rate. AMS members will apply for Associate Fellow status directly with RMetS, and RMetS will handle all aspects of the application and annual renewal process. Members of AMS will be asked to provide their AMS membership number (or other appropriate identification) that can be confirmed with AMS at the discretion of RMetS.

6. Member publications

RMetS will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS)*. AMS will be provided a complimentary institutional subscription to *Weather*.

7. Financial obligations

Neither society will have any financial obligation to the other. For any joint program or activity that carries with it requirement for financial considerations the two societies will execute a separate MOU for that activity.

8. Term of agreement

This agreement expires five years after the date it is executed, but can be renewed for additional five-year terms through a letter signed by appropriate representatives of AMS and RMetS stating the intention to extend the agreement. The agreement can be terminated by either party in writing at any time upon thirty (30) days notice.

For RMetS:

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Title: CE ROYAL METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

For AMS

Roger M. Wakimoto Date: 4/26/18
Title: President, American Meteorological Society

