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Dear colleagues,

As you are no doubt aware we are living through some tough financial times, which present some challenges to the Institute. Our public funding has fallen by 30% in the last three years and although the IHR continues to be successful in securing financial support from charities, foundations and individual donors we also need to generate income from our own services. So from this autumn we will be introducing a flat rate annual membership charge of £45 for all readers who are not current staff or students of UK or overseas universities. Unfortunately we will no longer be able to offer free temporary visitor access. For those of you who do not use the library very often, we are introducing a day rate of £5 as an alternative.

In the future membership of the Friends will be separate from membership of the IHR. This means that Friends who wish to use the library and do not qualify for free access will be asked to pay the annual membership charge or, if no use is being made of the library, why not continue to support us by continuing your Friends subscription of £30.

For almost two years now we have been temporarily relocated in the South Block of Senate House, and it will be another year before we move back into our refurbished quarters. Stay with us! We hope that you will continue to come to our events, attend our seminars, read our books and join us for what will be a wonderful return to a modernised institute in our old home in 2014. Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Miles Taylor  
Director