

Explanation of the MathSciNet Consortia Pricing:

As with single subscriptions to Math Reviews products, consortium subscriptions to MathSciNet are composed of two pieces – the Database Fee (DAF) which is the cost of maintaining and enhancing the database and the MathSciNet (MSN) fee which is the product delivery fee for the online delivery of the data.

The Consortium DAF is based on the number of previous or current subscribers to MR in the consortium. If a site has held a subscription to Math Reviews in any format at anytime during the last five years, they are considered a previous DAF holder and a full DAF or a portion of one is charged for each one of these DAF holders. The rest of the subscribers in the group are considered 'new' and as such add no DAF amount to the consortium. Once a site is classified as 'new' in a consortium, that will be their classification forever in the consortium. This same is true of DAF holders. This pricing helps us stabilize the revenue base for the DAF, while still allowing new schools to gain access to the database at reasonable cost. We don't tell consortia how to split the DAF fee among their members, but we do strongly recommend that the previous DAF holders continue to carry the major portion of the cost of the DAF. Usually the DAF increases between 3% and 5% per year.

MSN fees are per institution and are based on Mathematical Activity (MA). MA is the number of papers reviewed in Math Reviews in the last three years originating from that site. The formula for computing the MSN fee is $MA \times \$20$ with a minimum fee of \$250 and a maximum of \$1000. I gather MA figures from the MR Database once every three years. I am calculating now for 2002, so these numbers for the Netherlands will remain fixed until the renewal for 2005.

You can manipulate the spreadsheet to get the final numbers for a Netherlands Consortium by just deleting the lines for those sites who do not wish to participate.

Any site in the consortium can subscribe to the paper product at the appropriate product delivery fee for 2002, but it is not necessary that any consortium participant subscribe to Math Reviews paper. Math Reviews paper product price for 2001 is \$446. It is expected to be \$473 for 2002. Sites who wish to subscribe to the paper product will do so outside of the consortium and they must be careful to pay only the product delivery fee and NOT the Database Fee. The DAF is now the Consortium DAF and they should not pay it again.

The license agreement and Exhibit A form can be found on our web site at <http://www.ams.org/customers/consortium-license.html> and <http://www.ams.org/customers/consortium-exhibit-a.html>. The consortium completes and returns the License Agreement and each participating school completes and returns the Exhibit A form.