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Dear Member

You will know that the Society's subscription rates are to increase with effect from 1st October 2007. The new rates are:

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Ordinary (full member ship	£60
Ordinary (<4yrs / researchers)	£20 (a reduced increase)
Associate (overseas)	£50
Associate (non-teaching)	£40
Patrons (inc publishers)	£250 (no change)

The increases will be phased in during the 2007/08 academic year; that is, the increase will take effect in the month in which a member's subscription anniversary falls. Please note the following

- However you pay your subscription, you will be sent a reminder/invoice a month in advance of its due date.
- Members paying by standing order should amend their orders in good time. A standing order form can be downloaded from the application form which is on the website at <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/documents/so.pdf>. The completed standing order form should be sent to the Hon Treasurer. Please note that standing order payments can only be set up on a UK bank account.
- Credit card payments may be made at <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/payments>.
- Members paying by Worldpay should amend their instructions in good time.
- The Society has also established an account with PayPal, which will be available from 1st October 2007.
- Members can pay by cheque which should be made payable to the Society of Legal Scholars and sent to the Hon Treasurer at the above address.
- Members will be aware that subscription arrears build up that we have to chase. This is time-consuming and poses problems for the Society which is almost entirely dependent on members' fees for its income. From time to time we contact members who are in arrears, asking that they clear them, and we always do so at the end of each financial year. We are grateful to members when they do this but it would be more helpful if members could ensure they pay the right amount and on time. May I remind members who fall into arrears that Rule 11 of the Society's rules provides as follows: "No Ordinary Member shall vote at any

meeting or election whilst her or his subscription is in arrears; and a delay of twelve months in payment of any subscription shall *ipso facto* in the absence of an excuse satisfactory to the Council be equivalent to resignation by the member concerned, who may not rejoin the society without paying the arrears.”

- Members who have any queries about their payments can contact us at any time for clarification.
- I would like to draw the attention of Heads of Department to Council’s decision to initiate rebates for bulk purchases where departments pay for their staff to be members. The rebates are:

20+ members 5% discount
40+ members 10% discount
80+ members 15% discount
120+ members 20% discount

If you would like to pursue this possibility, please contact me.

- Lastly, Council has also agreed that in recognition of their contribution to the Society, the subscription increase will not apply to Subject Section Convenors for as long as they hold that position. Equally, members who later become Convenors will receive a 50% discount in their subscription.

Yours sincerely

David Miers
Hon. Treasurer