



## How does membership in IFMA benefit me?

### 1. **Representation**

Strong professional communities are backed by associations that work year-round to meet the needs of the industry. Recognized as the leading authority on facility management, IFMA has established a worldwide presence to monitor issues affecting the workplace globally, promoting awareness, impacting trends affecting the future of FM and delivering the most complete and current information to our members.

### 2. **Networking with professionals locally and globally**

Knowledge-sharing, exchanging ideas and information, is valuable to our development as better managers, better workers and as a better community of professionals. IFMA's community of facility professionals encompasses 126 chapters, 15 councils and one Special Interest Group (SIG) in 60 countries worldwide.

### 3. **Professional Credentials**

IFMA's Certified Facility Manager (CFM) program promotes professional excellence, establishes global standards for professional practice, promotes the added value of the profession and helps to influence the future direction of facility operations worldwide. A springboard for obtaining certification, the Facility Management Professional (FMP) program can be completed in about 12 months, and FMP candidates may customize and integrate their training to build the specific knowledge they need to meet individual goals.

### 4. **Increased opportunities to broaden skills and knowledge in all FM-related areas**

IFMA promotes and facilitates an FM "Career Path." By pursuing the educational curriculum necessary to obtaining the FMP designation, FMs from beginner to expert can acquire fundamental knowledge in all of the core competency areas, building their skills, broadening their knowledge and professional networks, ultimately leading to having the hands-on experience to successfully completing the CFM Exam and joining the elite circle of Certified Facility Managers.



## 5. **Opportunities to grow both personally and professionally**

IFMA membership offers professional insight, clarity and direction. The Association provides its members with a wealth of educational, career enhancement and personal development resources. Members have access to a multitude of resources and career opportunities.

### **How does membership in IFMA benefit my company?**

- Increased efficiency and productivity in its facility management team.
- Ability to identify strengths and weaknesses through benchmarking studies.
- Reduced liability risks by keeping staff informed of important issues and legislation affecting the workplace.
- Access to state-of-the-art, cost-effective product and service solutions to meet your diverse workplace needs.