



## FORMER FAO AND OTHER UN STAFF ASSOCIATION FFOA

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Dear participants of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in Italy,

The Former FAO and Other UN Staff Association (FFOA) welcomes the opportunity to communicate with you and to set out some of the benefits of membership in our Association. The main objective of FFOA is to defend the interests of pensioners regarding Pensions and Health Insurance arrangements in the various Agencies and to inform members on any changes that are being proposed or enacted; disseminate information on health and well-being and encourage member participation in cultural and social activities.

Since its establishment in 1971, FFOA activities and services have included:

- Negotiations with the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) to ensure that retirees receive their due pensions adjusted for cost-of-living increases, in good time
- Active collaboration with the Human Relations offices of the Rome-based agencies to guarantee that retirees retain access to high quality, reasonably-priced Medical Insurance
- Direct, personal assistance to members on issues related to pensions and medical insurance, including daily opening of an office at FAO, with guaranteed presence of an Executive Committee member
- Special assistance to surviving spouses of former staff
- Ongoing communication with members via a thrice-yearly NewsBrief, and Information Notes and Flash messages on an as needed-basis
- Activities to bring together members, including an annual meeting, cultural excursions, monthly Coffee Mornings, and social gathering.

More than 50 percent of the approximately 3500 UN pensioners who reside in Italy are already members of FFOA, but we are committed to further growing our Association, extending its range of activities and benefits and defending member interests. Power and influence are enhanced if membership is greater. Therefore, we invite all retirees and spouses who are not yet members to join FFOA.

Membership options include: a one-time registration fee of Euro 10; an annual membership fee of Euro 25; a special one-time offer for new members of Euro 100 for five years, and a life membership of Euro 375.

You are most welcome to stop in at our office at FAO, room E005, any day 9.30 - 13.00 hrs (phone +39 0657056016) or to visit our website at [www.FFOA-web.org](http://www.FFOA-web.org). Email: [ffoa@fao.org](mailto:ffoa@fao.org).

Thank you for considering joining FFOA. New Year greetings to all.

Kind regards,

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