

Associations of Retired Professors

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Associations of retired professors, often referred to as emeritus associations or retiree associations, exist to foster community, support continued scholarly work, and advocate for the rights of retired academics. These organizations often operate within universities or as broader networks to ensure that retired faculty remain engaged with their institutions and society.

Here are key associations and networks for retired professors based on recent search results:

Major International and Regional Networks

Retired Professors Associations Network (RPAN): Established following a Zoom meeting in November 2025, this network aims to connect retired professor associations globally to facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing, and advocacy for continued engagement.

Professors Emeriti Network (PEN): Created in 2020, this network connects retired scholars to support collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing in the digital era.

European Association of Professors Emeriti (E.A.P.E.): Founded to include retired professors from all European universities (and corresponding members from others) to promote their rights and encourage continued contributions to society.

Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE): A major organization that provides resources and networking for campus-based retiree organizations, assisting in their development to support faculty in all stages of retirement.

College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC): A network connecting various university retiree associations across Canada.

Institutional and Local Associations

Centre for Professors Emeriti and Retired Higher Education Teachers (University of Maribor): Established in 2019 to foster social and intellectual cooperation, manage university benefits, and maintain links between retirees and the university.

Notre Dame Association of Retired Faculty (ND ARF): A university-recognized group that offers social events, lectures, and a network for retired faculty.

University of Nevada, Reno Retired Faculty Association: Focuses on linking, supporting, and advocating for retired academic and administrative faculty.

Emeriti Association of the University of Calgary: Represented in the Professors Emeriti Network.

Key Goals and Activities

Advocacy: Associations work to stop the termination of university email accounts upon retirement and ensure access to campus resources.

Intellectual & Social Engagement: Organizing lectures, workshops, and mentoring for active faculty and students.

Silver Economy: Promoting the contribution of senior academics to society.

These associations are heavily concentrated in North America and Europe, with growing efforts to build global, interlinked networks.