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General

Q: What is ASM CONNECT?

A: ASM CONNECT is a member only community that lets you connect with colleagues 24/7. It is a powerful resource where ASM members can post discussions, network, share resources, and post events. ASM is also using it as a landing site for chapters to communicate with members and store information.

Q: What is a Community?

A: There are many Communities within ASM CONNECT. If you go to Communities> All Communities, you will get a full list. If a Community has a join button by it – you can join that community.

Q: Why should I join a Community?

A: You can join different communities to keep up to date on their events and discussion posts within those communities. All members are subscribed to the ASM Online Member Community – this is the public forum for ASM members to ask questions, post discussion threads and view events.

Q: What is my username/password?

A: Your login credentials are the same username and password that you use to log into the main ASM International site. If you have forgotten your login credentials or need assistance with your login information, please click on the Forgot Password link on the login page that appears after they click the Sign In button.

After they click on the Forgot Password link they are taken to a Reset Your Password page where they are asked for their user name/email address. After they click the Reset Password button an email message is sent to them from Member Nation containing a link for resetting their password.

Q: How do I update my contact information?

A: On your profile page, please select the pencil icon next to "Contact Details" it is under your profile picture.



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Q: How do I control what information is visible in My Profile?

A: Please navigate to your profile page, then select the "My Account" tab and choose "Privacy Settings" from the drop-down menu. This will let you control what information is visible to whom. After you've made changes, click the "Save Changes" button at the bottom of the page.

Contacts / Connections

Q: How do I find other members?

A: Click the "Directory" link found in the main navigation bar.

The "Advanced Directory" lets you search for other users based on:

- First and/or last name
- Company/Institution name
- Email address Switch to the "Advanced Search" tab to refine your search results by:
- City
- State
- Country
- Community Type
- Community Name

Q: How do I add contacts to my contact list?

A: There are several ways to add contacts. When you perform a search in the Directory, you will see an "Add as Contact" button to the right of each person in your search results. Just click this button to send a contact request. If you click through and view an individual's profile, you can click the contact request link to the right of his or her profile picture.

Q: Why should I add contacts to my contact list?

A: Creating this virtual address book makes it easy to send your contacts messages through the community site to stay in touch, ask questions or even build a referral network. Additionally, when you view another member's profile, you'll be able to see any contacts you have in common. You can also choose to let your contacts view certain demographics in your profile that others can't.



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Communities / Discussions

Top Q: What are communities?

A: Communities allow you to participate in discussions and share resources with other members.

Q: What communities do I already belong to?

A: Go to “Communities” in the main navigation bar.

Under the “Communities” tab select “My Communities” to view the communities you currently belong to.

Q: How do I join/subscribe to a community and the affiliated discussion group?

A: Click on “Communities” in the main navigation and click on “All Communities” in order to see a list of available communities. Click on the community that you wish to join and simply click “Join,” then choose a delivery option for posts (Real Time, Daily Digest, or No Email).

Q: How can I control the frequency and format of emails I receive?

A: Navigate to your profile and click on the “My Account” tab. Choose “Community Notifications” from the drop-down menu. On that page, there are subscription options: Real Time, Daily Digest, No Email. For each discussion, you have the following delivery options:

- Real time: sends an email every time a new message is posted.
- Daily digest: sends one email to you each day, consolidating all posts from the previous day.
- No Email: allows you to be part of the group without having emails sent to you. You can still post and read others’ messages by logging into the community site.

Q: How do I leave a community

A: Go to the community you wish to leave (Communities > My Communities) and click on the community you wish to leave. Beside the name of the community click on the settings button. If there is a “Leave Community” button – click on it and you will be removed from this community.



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Q: How do I respond to others' posts?

A: To respond to a discussion post, navigate to the discussion post and click "Reply" to send your message to the entire community.

To send a message to the only author of the post, select "Reply Privately" (located in the "Reply" drop-down). We recommend replying to the sender for simple comments like "me, too" that add little value to the overall discussion; and replying to the entire community when you are sharing knowledge, experience or resources that others could benefit from.

Q: How do I start a new discussion thread?

A: Go to "Participate" > "Post New Message" From an email (HTML version) for a particular discussion forum, you can use the "Post New Message" link located at the top of the discussion email.

Q: Can I search for posts across all the communities?

A: Yes, please enter a keyword in the search bar located in the main navigation.

Q: How do I see a listing of all of the posts to a specific Community?

A: Locate the community you are interested in viewing from the appropriate communities page. Click through the community's landing page, then click on the "Discussions" tab. If you see a post you're interested in, click the subject line which will take you to the entire thread – the entire threads are listed below the list of subject threads. "Original Message" at the bottom of all of the posts in a thread will display the original message that started that discussion.



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How do I find resources that may have been uploaded by other members?

A: If you know which library the resource might be located in, find the affiliated community via the All Communities page. Click through the community's landing page, then click on the "Library" tab. If you do not know where the resource might be, enter search terms in the main search box the same way you might enter search terms into Google or another search engine.

Q: How do the libraries get populated?

A: The libraries are populated in two ways:

1. When you include an attachment in a discussion post, the system automatically places it in the affiliated library.
2. You can also upload documents directly to a library by using the "Share a Resource" link found on the main navigation screen or "Create New Library Entry" button on any community's library page. Library resources are not required to be associated with a discussion thread.

Q: How do I upload a file?

A: Select the "Create a Library Entry" link found under "Share a Resource" in the main navigation or "Create New Library Entry" on any community landing page. Please note that uploading a document is accomplished by completing a few steps, and each step must be completed before you can move on to the next:

- Choose a title for your document, and include a description (optional). Select the library to which you'd like to upload it from the drop down menu, and select a folder to which you'd like to upload it (optional). Then, choose an Entry Type (most will be Standard Files, but be cognizant of any copyright licensed material). Enter your email address in the Owner file and select "Lookup", your name should appear. Once you have completed these steps, please click "Next."
- Upload your file.
- Select "Next" if you want to further describe your files and/or add tags to your file. Otherwise, please click "Finish" to post your library entry

Q: What kind of files can I upload?



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A: The system supports dozens of file types including hyperlinks, standard files (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), webinars, images and YouTube videos.

Q: What are the “tags” for?

A: Tags are great way to organize and categorize content on your site. Tags can be applied to blogs, library entries, events, and glossary terms. Tagged items are prioritized in the search results.

Q: I saved a “draft discussion” how do I access it again?

A: Click on your Profile Picture and go into your Profile. Under the “My Contributions” drop down is list of your discussion posts. Find the draft post and edit and send it when ready.