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Interested in mills?
Mills exist in different forms, for different functions, but they were always used for the wellbeing of mankind. Mills were not only fundamental in the production processes of food, tools, wood, paints etc. but also in controlling water for both irrigation and drainage.

Knowing about mills is an amazing experience. Firstly, the technical aspects of the mill and its machinery, and the milling process. There is, however, far more such as the development of the different types of mills through the ages and their regional variations, the influences on human life, be it in stories, sayings or art, and even religious aspects.

Many people are interested in mills, and while some are interested in a particular topic, they also have a general interest in mills. Not least because this can further enhance their knowledge in their own specific field. Being a member of an organization of like-minded people helps to develop your interest, or may we also say your hobby. The International Molinological Society (or TIMS), is such an organization. In fact it is the only mill society active on a worldwide scale.

About TIMS
TIMS is a society which fosters worldwide interest and understanding of mills, powered by wind, water, humans and/or animals. The Society encourages research and promotes all aspects of molinology (the knowledge of mills), including the restoration of mills. The Society has around 500 members distributed over more than 30 countries and five continents.

Our Publications
In order to share knowledge and information on mills, the Society issues its journal *International Molinology* twice a year. This contains original articles on mills, news items, and reviews of mill literature. Larger studies are published in the series *Biblotheca Molinologica*. In addition, E-News, our free newsletter, is sent out by email twice a year.

Our Symposia
Knowledge is also shared at our Symposia, organized every four years and hosted each time in a different country. During a symposium, research papers on aspects of mills and milling are presented and discussed. In addition, field visits to mills of interest give the participants detailed inside views of mills in the country hosting the Symposium. Last but not least, meeting fellow-molinologists from around the world is also a vital aspect of the Symposium. Following the Symposium, the papers and discussions are published in the form of *Transactions*, which are then distributed to the participants.

Our Mill Tours
Every four years, between Symposia, mill tours are also organized. Such a tour is a unique opportunity to see the best mills a country or region has to offer.

Our Digital Library
The TIMS Digital Library is available to all members on the internet. It contains the TIMS publications, transactions, tour descriptions and other information.

So, sharing of information, research and expertise is an important part of the work of TIMS. But equally important is getting acquainted with fellow molinologists.

TIMS Organisation
The Society's General Meeting is held during each Symposium. The Council is then elected to run the Society’s affairs for the next four years.

Interested in becoming a member of TIMS?
Membership is open to any person or organization sharing the aims of TIMS. As a member you will receive *International Molinology* twice a year, plus any new volume of *Biblotheca Molinologica*. Membership is annual, beginning in January. New members joining later in the year will receive the publications of that year.

To join TIMS, please fill out the Membership Application Form on our website: [www.molinology.org](http://www.molinology.org) or send an email to [info@molinology.org](mailto:info@molinology.org) or contact your TIMS representative (see next page).