
IAF Hall of Fame

2026 Call for Nominations



The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations of its 2026 **IAF Hall of Fame** that recognizes eminent individuals who have contributed substantially during the course of their careers to the progress of astronautics including space science, space technology, management of space projects and space benefits to humankind.

Who may nominate?

Representatives of IAF Member Organizations in good standing, Chairpersons of IAF administrative and technical committees, and elective and appointive IAF officers.

Diversity:

We encourage nominators to take into account the Federation's 3G+ Diversity principle, and to help us celebrate and recognize the rich diversity in our community, by considering geography, generation and gender, as well as other factors, when making nominations that otherwise fulfill the respective nominating criteria for each award.

Who can be nominated?

Any person with exceptional merits in the space field.

Nominations should contain:

- A **citation** of the merits honoured (one sentence)
- A **biography of the nominee** including, i.e., the person's profile, career achievements and history, education, list of publications, etc.
- **At least 2 letters of support** by individuals other than the nominator addressing contributions of the nominee to the advancement of astronautics. At least one of the letters should be issued by international colleagues from a different country as the nominee.

A submission which is not successful in any given year may be resubmitted for later years.

The IAF Honours and Awards Committee (HAC) will review the nominations received for the IAF Hall of Fame and will make recommendations to the IAF Bureau. The final decision rests with the IAF Bureau.

Induction into the IAF Hall of Fame is recognized by the award of a certificate presented during the Closing Ceremony of the International Astronautical Congress. Inductees will be invited to attend the



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Gala Dinner as guests of the IAF President (free of charge). Their registration fees for the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) will be waived for the year of induction.

Nomination documents must be received by IAF Secretariat no later than **Friday 16 January 2026 23:59** CET (Paris time), by email at **award@iafastro.org** (Subject line: NOMINEE'S LAST NAME Nominee's First Name – 2026 IAF Hall of Fame).