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## **A Historic Breakthrough: With 8325 Abstracts from 108 Countries, IAC 2026 Shatters Every Record and Ignites a New Space Age**

9 March 2026, it is official - the momentum behind the 77<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress in Antalya is unlike anything we have seen before.

With a **record-breaking of 8325 abstract submissions from a record of 108 countries**, this year's results set a new benchmark and lay the foundation for what promises to be the largest and most globally engaged IAC in history. These are the highest figures ever recorded for the congress, reflecting the accelerating global momentum in space activities, innovation, and international collaboration.



To put this into perspective, recent congresses have already achieved remarkable milestones. IAC 2024 in Milan welcomed nearly 7000 abstracts from 103 countries, while IAC 2025 in Sydney received around 6400 submissions from 106 countries. Each year the bar has raised, but **IAC 2026 in Antalya has taken it to an entirely new level.**



Participation this year reflects both strong traditional contributors and remarkable new momentum across regions.

- **Türkiye**, our host country, submitted an unprecedented **1810 abstracts**, the highest contribution ever from a single country in IAC history.
- **Azerbaijan** followed with **814 submissions**.
- **United States** contributed **615 abstracts**.
- **China** contributed **599 abstracts**.
- Strong participation also came from long-standing leaders in the space sector including **China (599), Italy (492), the United Kingdom (336), Germany (289), India (288), Japan (261)**.
- We also saw notable growth from countries such as **Peru (287), Mexico (234), the Russian Federation (207), France (197), Canada (136) and the Republic of Korea (124)**, demonstrating the expanding global reach of the space community.

Behind these numbers lies something even more important: **a diverse and vibrant global space community**. The submissions reflect the full spectrum of the space sector - from quantum technologies and sustainability to planetary science, policy, education, and creative interdisciplinary approaches. Established experts are joined by first-time contributors, emerging institutions, and new regional leaders, bringing fresh perspectives to the global conversation.

In Antalya, preparations are already underway to welcome this unprecedented level of engagement. Plans include expanding opportunities for cross-sector collaboration, creating a dynamic exhibition space, and shaping Plenary and Technical programmes that reflect the energy and diversity of today's evolving space ecosystem.

Official registration will open soon, and we encourage you to **save the dates for 5-9 October 2026** and plan to join us in Antalya, Türkiye for what will be an exceptional gathering of the world's space community.

**With 8325 voices already contributing, Antalya is set to become a global crossroads for space visionaries.**

**Thank you for being part of this exhilarating momentum and see you in Antalya!**

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**77<sup>TH</sup> ANTALYA, TÜRKİYE**  
5-9 OCTOBER 2026  
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## About IAC 2026 Organizer

### International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with more than 604 members from 82 countries, including all leading space agencies, industries, research institutions, universities, societies, associations, institutes and museums worldwide.

Following its motto “*Connecting @ll Space People*” and its vision of “*A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity*”, the Federation advances knowledge about space, supporting the development and application of space assets by promoting global cooperation.

As organizer of the annual International Astronautical Congress (IAC) – world's premier global space event – and other thematic events, the IAF actively encourages the development of space activities for peaceful purposes and supports the dissemination of scientific and technical information related to space.

<https://www.iafastro.org/>

## About IAC 2026 Host

### Turkish Space Agency (TUA)

Turkish Space Agency (TUA) is a state authority responsible for the preparation and the coordination of implementation of the strategic plans including National Space Program, governing the medium- and long-term goals on aeronautics and space technologies, basic principles and approaches, objectives and priorities, performance indicators as well as the methods to achieve these goals and the distribution of resources.

Turkish Space Agency (TUA) is the sole representative of the Republic of Türkiye globally, regarding all space related issues, as the face of Türkiye in space. Its mission is to be a leading and pioneering institution that carries out activities serving the best interests of our country and humanity in accordance with the requirements of the “*New Space Age*”.

<https://tua.gov.tr/en>

## About IAC 2026 Co-Host

### SAHA İSTANBUL AEROSPACE CLUSTER

SAHA İstanbul Aerospace Cluster is the largest industrial cluster in Türkiye and Europe, consisting of more than 1300 member companies, 30 universities, and 10 committees. It encompasses nearly all private companies and government agencies involved in aerospace in Türkiye, including the Turkish Space Agency (TUA).

Since its establishment, SAHA İstanbul has represented Türkiye internationally through collaborations and initiatives. It has been recognized as an authorized body of the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) via the National Aerospace Industrial Committee (SAHA MİHENK), founded in 2017, which oversees the localization of AS 9100 series certification processes for the aviation industry. SAHA İstanbul is also a member of the European Aerospace Cluster Partnership (EACP), representing Türkiye as a “Bronze” certified member, and is a proud Member of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

<https://www.sahaistanbul.org.tr/en>