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IAC 2026 Abstract Selection Results: A New Benchmark for Diversity, Innovation and Global Cooperation

24 April 2026 - The World Needs More Space, and IAC 2026 is **uniting global voices** on an **unprecedented scale**, with record-breaking abstracts results and country participation driving this powerful vision forward.

The selection results are in, and this year's Call for Abstracts marks an extraordinary milestone for the **77th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026)**, to be held on 5-9 October in Antalya, Türkiye.

An astounding 8330 abstracts poured in from 108 countries, an all-time record both in **numbers and in geographic reach in IAC history**. After thoughtful review by the International Programme Committee (IPC) at the IAF Spring Meetings last march, **4619 abstracts have been selected for IAC 2026**, comprising 4077 accepted and 542 strong back-ups - representing a **highly competitive acceptance rate of 55.45%**, only testifying to the growing selectiveness and vigor behind each year's monumental gathering.

All accepted presenters have been matched across a record-breaking 204 technical sessions, plus daily large-scale Interactive Presentations Sessions.

Dive deeper into the stage: over 61% of selected presentations will be featured in the Oral format, with 38% to be delivered as Interactive Presentations.

These numbers owe everything to the excellence and energy emanating from every corner of the globe. **Türkiye**, the Host Country, leads with 674 accepted abstracts, followed by the **United States** (383), **China** (334), **Italy** (330), **Azerbaijan** (211), **Germany** (202), the **United Kingdom** (183), **Japan** (172), **Russian Federation** (123), **France** (109), **India** and **Canada ex-aequo** (87).

Each contributor brings its own perspective, enriching a vital thread to a shared framework of solutions addressing both every day and complex global space challenges.

Innovation is flourishing - emerging from both well-established hubs and new ecosystems - capturing the very essence of the IAC community in action.



Congratulations to all selected authors! Your work forms a truly global launchpad, propelling humanity's exploration and spirit of international cooperation further than ever before.



For those preparing to join, we encourage you to register early and secure your accommodation soon. Early bird fees are available for a limited time, and hotels are filling quickly - do not miss the opportunity to be part of this unique global gathering.

Explore. Engage. Together, let's meet at the frontiers of possibility.
See you @ll in Antalya, Türkiye at IAC 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).

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