The International Astronautical Congress (IAC)

The world’s premier global space event

What is the IAC?
The IAC is the one place and time of the year where all global space actors come together. The event attracts more than 5,000 participants each year. Covering all space sectors and topics, it offers everyone the latest space information and developments in academia and industry, networking opportunities, contacts and potential partnerships. Each year, the IAC changes country, theme and local organizer, enabling all to learn more about, and be a part of the world space scene.

What is the IAC 2022 about?
The 73rd International Astronautical Congress is hosted in Paris by the French space agency CNES. IAC 2022 will be an exceptional event that you do not want to miss out on!

• France is one of the world’s leading countries for space activities. From the first flights of Ariane 40 years ago to the recent success of our scientific instruments on Mars, the French space community has conceived, designed and developed innovative space solutions, and is supporting the nation’s most prestigious missions, notably in the field of advanced science.

• 2022 will mark the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of CNES’s inception.

• For IAC 2022, our motto is “Space for All”: we will be reaching beyond the space community to bring together all communities and we will offer great opportunities for networking and forging contacts and potential partnerships.

• For the very first time for an IAC, the Paris edition is intended to be an environmentally responsible event (ISO 20121), in line with CNES sustainable development strategy.

In addition, we will offer you a unique congress venue: the Paris Convention Centre. It is not only the largest convention centre in Europe, but also located in central Paris and easy to reach by metro, tram and bus.

We look forward to welcoming you to #IAC2022 in Paris!

Who is the IAC for?

• Scientists, Researchers and Engineers: Present your latest work during the Technical Sessions and keep up to date on global developments.

• Agency Officials: Highlight your latest news, interact with and get feedback from the full range of space stakeholders.

• Industry Representatives: Showcase your latest innovations and strike new partnerships.

• Students and Young Professionals: A dedicated programme provides you with maximum networking and career development opportunities.

• Policy-Makers: See how space services can be the answer to a range of national and international needs and challenges.

• Astronauts: Share your experience and vision for space exploration with one of the most heterogeneous audiences world-wide.

• Press Members: Hear the latest on space developments and exploration, direct from the world’s leading space actors.

• General Public: Learn more about the global space community, its science and key actors.

• Local Organizer: Attract the global space community and highlight your country’s space activities.
What does it consist of?

Public Programme
The Public Programme features the IAC biggest events, such as the IAC Opening Ceremony, IAC Closing Ceremony and all activities open to the general public.

Technical Programme
Presenting scientific and technological breakthroughs, Technical Sessions, Interactive Presentations and Special Sessions provide the latest advances in space science, research, technology, exploration, regulation and education. More than 2,000 papers are presented annually.

Plenary Programme
High-level speakers present the latest trends and insights in space research, technology and exploration. During thematic Plenaries, Highlight Lectures and Late Breaking News sessions, experts discuss and answer questions on the latest space developments.

IAF Global Networking Forum (IAF GNF)
A global, comprehensive and appealing platform fostering the interaction and the discussion with small & medium-sized enterprises, R&D institutions, universities and larger organizations through the diversity of its events, tailored according to the stakeholder’s needs.

Associated and Side Events
Such as the UN/IAF Workshop, the International Platform for Diversity and Equality in Astronautics (IDEA) events, the IAF International Meeting for Members of Parliaments (MOP), the IAF Public Speaking & Presentations Skills Lab, the Space Generation Congress (SGC), the IAC Hosts Summit as well as several IAF workshops for students and young professionals. These complement the diverse IAC programme, covering niche topics or the needs of dedicated stakeholders within the space community.

Exhibition
Where all actors of the space sector showcase their latest work, and hold business networking events.

Social Programme
Introducing the local space and cultural environment.

Sponsorship and Exhibition
The IAC is a unique opportunity to be seen, heard and appreciated by one of the biggest and widest space audiences worldwide. There are multiple opportunities to get involved and be visible in the organization or programme of the Congress.

For detailed information on sponsorship opportunities and exhibition at IAC 2022 see www.iac2022.org or contact us at sponsor-exhibit@iac2022.org

Registration
Online Registration for IAC 2022 is open. Register by the 2nd June to benefit from the Early Bird registration rates!

To register and for more information, please visit: www.iac2022.org/registration/

Paris, France
Olympic city, business city, city of culture... Paris is constantly reinventing itself to offer visitors the very best experience. Outside IAC 2022, see Paris as you’ve never seen it before. In addition to its celebrated historic appeal, its museums, listed monuments and impressive architecture, the City of Light is a vibrant 21st-century capital.

By day, world-famous temporary exhibitions, modern gastronomy, department stores and lively café terraces delight visitors. By night, Paris is a glittering scene with concert halls, bars, cabarets, unusual venues, and clubs with internationally famous DJs.

The global capital of gastronomy, Paris has more than 10,000 bars and restaurants, ranging from the traditional "brasserie" to the most exotic cuisine. On the menu: Michelin star restaurants with top-class chefs, the new ’fooding’ stars who mix flavours from around the world with traditional cuisine, and small local restaurants offering innovative menus.

Let this exciting capital inspire and amaze you!
The Actors Behind the IAC

The IAC is a joint effort between the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and a local Host.

The IAF organizes and coordinates the overall programme of the Congress. Some elements of the IAC programme are prepared with the support of the IAF Partners – the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) who contribute to the IAC through their particular events and symposia.

The Host, coordinates the logistical elements of the Congress, ensuring that local space actors and developments, and the local culture and customs become an integral part of the event.

Organizer: International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world’s leading space advocacy organization with over 433 members from 72 countries including all major space agencies, companies, research institutions, universities, space museums, societies and associations worldwide.

Dedicated to “a space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity”, the Federation advances and promotes space cooperation, knowledge and achievements.

Supported by over 40 committees gathering more than 1,000 world space experts, the IAF coordinates the International Astronautical Congress as well as the Global Space Conferences, several regional activities, and various programmes for students and young professionals. The Federation also recognizes global space achievements through its prestigious international awards.

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Host: Centre National D’Etudes Spatiales (CNES)

Founded in 1961, the Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales (CNES) is the government agency responsible for shaping and implementing France’s space policy in Europe. Its task is to invent the space systems of the future, bring space technologies to maturity and guarantee France’s independent access to space.

CNES is a pivotal player in Europe’s space programme, and a major source of initiatives and proposals that aim to maintain France and Europe’s competitive edge. It conceives and executes space programmes with its partners in the scientific community and industry, and is closely involved in many international cooperation programmes — the key to any far-reaching space policy.

The agency’s more-than 2,400-strong workforce constitutes an exceptional pool of talent, with some 1,800 engineers and executives, 35% of whom are women. Through its ability to innovate and its forward-looking vision, CNES is helping to foster new technologies that will benefit society as a whole.