



Heads of Agencies events



Outreach Activities



Young Professionals' events



IAC Exhibition

## The International Astronautical Congress (IAC)

*The world's premier 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 3000 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 organiser, enabling all to learn more about, and be a part of the world space scene.

### About the IAC 2016

The 67<sup>th</sup> IAC with the theme 'Making Space Accessible and Affordable to All Countries' is hosted by the Mexican Space Agency, and shall take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, 26 – 30 September 2016.

Mexico is in a new era and space is an enabler of new achievements and inspiration in science and technology. For all nations the access to space is a door to progress. But to make space accessible, it needs to be affordable and international collaboration must play an important role to make sure everyone can become a significant international space player.

Up-to-date information about IAC 2016 is available online at [www.iac2016.org](http://www.iac2016.org)

### A Platform for All

**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 organiser:** Attract the global space community and highlight your country's space activities

### The structure behind it

**Technical Programme** – Presenting scientific and technological breakthroughs, technical sessions provide the latest advances in space science, research, technology, exploration, regulation and education. More than 1900 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.



**Associated and Side Events** – Such as the Global Networking Forum and UN/IAF Workshop. These complement the diverse IAC programme, covering niche topics or the needs of dedicated stakeholders within the space community.

**Exhibition** – Where all parts 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 of the year. There are multiple opportunities to get involved and be visible in the organisation or programme of the congress.

For detailed information on sponsorship and exhibition opportunities at IAC 2016 see [www.iac2016.org](http://www.iac2016.org) or contact [giuliamaria.berardi@iafastro.org](mailto:giuliamaria.berardi@iafastro.org) and [Isabella.marchisio@iafastro.org](mailto:Isabella.marchisio@iafastro.org)

### Registration

Registration for IAC 2016 is open – You can register on the Congress website [www.iac2016.org](http://www.iac2016.org).

For more on the IAC, see [www.iac2016.org](http://www.iac2016.org)





# Guadalajara, Mexico

Guadalajara is Mexico's second biggest city. This is the birthplace of mariachi music and tequila, but also one of the country's industrial and business centers, sometimes referred to as Mexico's Silicon Valley. Capital of the state of Jalisco, Guadalajara is an elegant city, and at the same time a partying city: there is no shortage of horsemanship, lively bars and tequila. A stroll through Guadalajara will give you an appreciation for the green spaces and public art in the city's many parks and plazas. At the heart of Guadalajara is the cathedral. The adjacent Government Palace has a lovely baroque facade and a spectacular mural in the interior main staircase, which was painted by Jose Clemente Orozco. Guadalajara's Ballet Folclorico performs in the Teatro Degollado in this beautiful neoclassical building dating to 1856. The Plaza Tapatio begins here and stretches over half a mile to the Hospicio Cabanas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Whether you choose to explore the city by foot, double decker bus or calandria (horse-drawn carriage), you'll find that Guadalajara's numerous plazas, colonial architecture and modern conveniences make this a delightful city to visit.

The surrounding of Guadalajara are also worth a visit. San Sebastian del Oeste, the best place to look at the stars, a small town where, looking at the horizon, the sky blends with the blue Pacific Ocean and, at night, the sky lights up with hundreds of stars. Lake Chapala, the largest water reservoir in Mexico, a place of natural beauty and tranquility, one of the most charming places in the world, perfect to relax. Tapalpa and Mazamitla, the magic towns offering fun adventures in their forests. Los Camarones Beach and the Garza Blanca Beach, two certified beaches with all kinds of water sports on its white sandy beach as well as an incredible abundance of crustaceans and local cuisine.

In Guadalajara and in Jalisco region you will enjoy year round spring temperatures, ever-flowering sprawling gardens and parks. This is the home of authentic and world-known Mexican traditions that you don't want to miss.



# The Actors Behind the IAC

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

The **IAF**, alongside its partners the **International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)** and the **International Institute of Space Law (IISL)**, coordinates the overall programme and content of each IAC, and ensures the level of excellency that reflects the **more than 65-year history of the event**.

The local organising committee or 'host', coordinates the logistical elements of the Congress, ensuring **local space actors and developments, and the local culture and customs** become an integral part of the event.

## Mexican Space Agency

The Mexican Space Agency (AEM) is a public decentralized organism, with legal personality, own budget, with technical and management autonomy in order to fulfil its attributions, objectives and goals. It is under the organization and coordinated by the Ministry of Communications and Transports (SCT).

To transform Mexico into a country with scientific activities and technological developments of international-class, both focused in the attention of social needs; articulating industrialization programs, advanced technologies and services that contribute to increase the country competitiveness. The two main drivers of the AEM is using space science and technology how can be supported novel solutions to society needs and how will be supported the development of a space industry in Mexico.

## About the International Astronautical Federation

### Connecting Space People

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world's leading space advocacy organisation with over 300 members 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 700 world space experts, the IAF coordinates the International Astronautical Congress and the IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF), has dedicated regional activities and activities for students and young professionals, and recognises and awards space achievements.

For more on the IAF, see [www.iafastro.org](http://www.iafastro.org)

### IAF Secretariat

3 Rue Mario Nikis, 75015 Paris, France  
T: +33 (0)1 45 67 42 60  
F: +33 (0)1 42 73 21 20  
E: [info@iafastro.org](mailto:info@iafastro.org)

### Follow us on

[www.facebook.com/iafastro](http://www.facebook.com/iafastro) • [www.twitter.com/iafastro](http://www.twitter.com/iafastro) • [www.youtube.com/iafastro](http://www.youtube.com/iafastro)  
[www.flickr.com/iafastro](http://www.flickr.com/iafastro) • <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=79867> • <https://instagram.com/iafastro/>



[www.iac2016.org](http://www.iac2016.org)



# 67<sup>th</sup> IAC International Astronautical Congress

September **26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>** 2016  
Guadalajara, Mexico

Making space accessible and  
affordable to all countries



AGENCIA  
ESPACIAL  
MEXICANA

