INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION

Connecting @ll Space People

Welcome Kit for Members

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Greetings!

I'm pleased to welcome you as a full member of the International Astronautical Federation, the IAF!

Congratulations on joining the world's largest international space organization. You now have access to the Federation's outstanding network of 621 member organizations from 84 countries, including the leading space agencies, corporations, space societies, research institutes, universities, associations, and museums worldwide.

You are part of a global community that advances new technologies and space-based applications, discusses policy matters, and promotes awareness about how space benefits life here on Earth. Together, we engage all space actors, to grow our sector and foster cooperation.

The IAF was formed in 1951 by 10 space societies who saw the intrinsic benefits of gathering to present scientific and technical papers related to space pursuits. Over 70 years later, you are now part of our vast network we call the space family. We look forward to your support in making it wider, stronger, and even more effective as we pursue our goal of "Connecting @ll Space People."

This pamphlet presents the numerous ways in which your organization can get involved in Federation activities. Starting from the role you can take at our flagship event, the International Astronautical Congress (IAC), as well as numerous Global Conferences (GLEX, GLOC, etc.), International Space Forums, Workshops, and the annual IAF Spring Meetings. Please review our annual event calendar, look to join one or several of our many Technical or Administrative committees, and take full advantage of your membership in the Federation.

IAF membership is a lifelong journey and we want to support your organization along the long road ahead. Your organization now has access to many unique membership benefits, please read carefully through the following pages.

We are here to help guide you and suggest committees that fit your interests. Please reach out to the IAF Secretariat's office in Paris at +33 1 45 67 42 60 to start the conversation.

Once again, welcome on board!



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How can you actively get involved in the Federation's Activities?

Now that you have officially joined the Federation, it is time to get active! Here are a few ideas on how you can do that:

➤ **Designate your official representative to attend the IAF General Assembly (GA) and inform the IAF Secretariat**
The IAF GA takes place annually at the IAC and your representative will participate in the discussions about the IAF activities and, when necessary, vote for the election of officers, the future IAC locations and other decision items.

➤ **Take a look at** the list of **IAF Administrative and Technical Committees** and encourage your employees and colleagues to join as many committees as they wish in their fields of expertise.
The IAF Committees provide an excellent opportunity to engage in discussion with your peers from all over the world. Some Committees are also directly in charge of the IAC Technical Programme. Should anyone from your organization wish to join one Committee, please inform the IAF Secretariat and we will be happy to put you in contact with the respective IAF Committee Chair.

➤ **Promote your organization within the IAF Community and the global space scene.** You can do this in various ways:

- Get in touch with the IAF to discuss with them the best way to promote your organization through the IAF channels and share your news and achievement through our Members Corner;





- **Provide articles for the IAF Newletter;** The information you will send us will be published in the trimestrial IAF Newsletter and will reach the entire IAF community;
- **Follow IAF Social Media** and actively engage in the IAF online Community (Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram, Flickr, YouTube, TikTok) by tagging IAF accounts or proposing your content to be promoted.

➤ **Submit Papers for IAF Conferences** and encourage your stakeholders to submit papers to be presented during the IAC and other IAF conferences.

➤ **Attend the International Astronautical Congress and other IAF Conferences/ Events and benefit from:**

- Discounted Exhibition Rate
- Discounted registration fees for all your employees/colleagues
- Dedicated meeting facilities for free (as available)

➤ **Shape the IAC programme in various ways:**

- Your organization can submit a proposal for an IAC Plenary Event or Highlight Lectures
- Your organisation can arrange a GNF for a preferential price
- Engage in Technical Sessions as an author/presenter by submitting abstracts or become a Session Chair or Rapporteur

➤ **Submit a nomination for an IAF officer position.**

Every IAF member can recommend a candidate for the position of President and Vice Presidents. Elections for 4 Vice Presidents occur every year and the election for President every 3 years.









➤ **Submit a proposal to host a future IAC in your country.**
The Call for Hosting is open 4 years in advance and the competition is challenging, but hosting an IAC is a great opportunity to promote your region, boost the space sector in your city, receive the entire space community and give your organization an incredible worldwide visibility.

➤ **Define the future events of the Federation.**
All IAF Members can propose to host or organize small or big events around the world on different topics under the IAF umbrella.

➤ **Take a look at the IAF Membership List**. We are positive that within our contact base there might be people that you would enjoy talking to and organize meetings with. Should you wish to arrange meetings with other IAF members, the IAF Secretariat would be happy to organize these for you.

➤ **Access for free the IAF Digital Library** with more than 55,000 Technical Papers.

➤ **Nominate candidates for IAF Awards**.
The IAF confers a number of awards every year to individuals, teams, and organizations who have distinguished themselves in space cooperation and space activities at the global level, are engaged with or participate actively in the activities of the Federation.

➤ You can also **support the next generation of students and young professionals** by nominating them to participate in the IAF Emerging Space Leaders (ESL) Grant Programme and the IAF Young Space Leaders (YSL) Recognition Programme.

When does the IAF Community meet?

IAF'S MAJOR EVENTS PER YEAR

IAF SPRING MEETINGS

The IAF Community gathers every year in March in Paris for the Spring Meetings. During three days, IAF Administrative and Technical Committees meet and the International Programme Committee

- **Select the abstracts to be presented during the year's IAC**

In addition, IAF Members have the opportunity to

- **Contribute to the Global Networking Forum (GNF) Programme**
- **Participate to the IDEA Diversity Day**
- **Network during the social event and cocktails.**

IAF GLOBAL CONFERENCES

The IAF Global Conferences take place every year in a different country. These are high-level, 2 or 3-days events focusing on a very specific space topic of global interest.

IAF Members can get involved by:

- **Join existing Conferences' programme committee**
- **Propose new Global Conferenes**
- **Participate as speakers in the Programme**

INTERNATIONAL SPACE FORUM AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

The annual gathering at Ministerial Level organized in collaboration with the Italian Space Agency (ASI) aiming to encourage a global and local discussion and debate on the necessity of promoting a greater involvement of Universities and national Academies into space activities. IAF Members can:

- **Host a regional event**
- **Sponsor and Participate in the Forum**

INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS (IAC)

The IAC is the one time of the year when all space actors come together. Global, multidisciplinary and covering all space sectors and topics, the IAC is the Congress where you will

- Get the latest space news and developments but, above all, business contacts and potential partnerships.

Please refer to pages 4 and 5 for details

Who is your daily interface?

The **IAF Secretariat,** based in Paris, is at your disposal for all your needs. Should you wish to implement new ideas, suggest new projects and solve issues or even if you only need to better understand how the Federation and the IAC work, please do not hesitate to contact us at **info@iafastro.org**

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