



**INTERNATIONAL
ASTRONAUTICAL
FEDERATION**

Welcome Kit for Members

Connecting @ll Space People

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Dear New Member,

Greetings and welcome to the International Astronautical Federation, the IAF!

Congratulations, you just joined an outstanding network of 397 members from 68 countries, including all leading space agencies, companies, societies, associations, museums and institutes worldwide.

You are now part of a worldwide community that cooperates daily to promote space activities, to develop new technologies, and to promote awareness about space to government and societies, to better involve them and illustrate the benefits that might come from the utilization of space.

Thanks to all its members, the IAF has been able to pursue these goals and its missions since its creation in 1951. You are now part of our network, and we look forward to your precious support in making it wider, stronger, and more effective. We are sure that you are going to help us reach out even more, pursuing our goal of *Connecting @All Space People*.

This short pamphlet will present you all the different ways in which your organisation can get involved in the Federation activities. Starting from the role you can take in the IAF's main events and conferences, to the possibility of shaping the discussion about space, for example by joining one of our many Technical or Administrative committees.

We are excited to count you as one of our members. Our membership is a lifelong journey, and we look forward to supporting you throughout it. Moreover, by becoming member, your organization gained access to many unique benefits. You will find them presented in the following pages as well.

We look forward to seeing you at all IAF events in the future! Please reach out to the Secretariat team should you have any questions about your membership.

Once again, welcome on board!



Pascale Ehrenfreund

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International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

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 IACs 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:

- **Provide your official logo and a brief organization description.** These will be promoted on the [IAF dedicated webpages](#);
- **Get in touch with the IAF Communication Team**, to discuss with them the best way to promote your organization through the IAF channels;



- **Plan to shoot an IAF Capsule** to introduce your organization to the IAF Community;
- **Provide articles for the IAF newsletters (NL)**; The information you will send us will be published in the trimestrial IAF NL and will reach the entire IAF community (see previous IAF newsletters on IAF website)
- **Follow IAF Social Media** and actively engage in the IAF online Community ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Flickr](#), [YouTube](#)) 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 event](#) 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.

👉 **Consider joining the [IAF Alliance Programme](#)** to have an even wider variety of partnership opportunities with the IAF.

👉 **Access for free the [IAF Papers Archive](#)** with with more than 40,000 Technical Papers of Technical Papers.

👉 **Nominate candidates for [IAF Awards](#).**

The IAF confers a number of awards every year to individuals and groups 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 MAJOR EVENTS PER YEAR

SPRING MEETINGS	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • select the abstracts to be presented during the year's IAC. <p>In addition, IAF Members have the opportunity to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribute to the Global Networking Forum (GNF) Programme • participate to the IDEA Diversity Day • network during the social event and cocktails.
GLOBAL CONFERENCES	<p>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.</p> <p>IAF Members can get involved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • join existing Conferences programme committee • Propose new Global Conferenes • Participate as speakers in the Programme
INTERNATIONAL SPACE FORUM AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a regional event • Sponsor and Participate to the Forum
INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get the latest space news and developments but, above all, business contacts and potential partnerships. <p>Please refer to pages 4 and 5 for details</p>

The IAF Alliance Programme

The **IAF Alliance Programme (AP)** provides additional opportunities for the IAF member organizations to become more involved in the Federation's activities.



Who is your daily interface?

The **IAF Secretariat**, based in Paris, is at your disposal for all you need. 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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