

International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
Academy Day Program 2026 Florence, Italy
Open to All Participants - Saturday 1 August 2026

9:00-17:30 Monumentale “Volta Room”, Fortezza da Basso, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1
IAA Dinner Baglioni Hotel, B-Roof, 19:30 – 21:30, Piazza dell'Unità Italiana, 6, 50123

- **09:00:** Welcome Addresses: RL McNutt Jr, Ehrenfreund, A Coustenis, JM Contant, J-C Worms
- **09:20:** The Italian Space Program, speaker TBC (ASI)
- **09:50:** Gaia – Ten Years of Surveying the Milky Way and Beyond – Antonella Vallenari, Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica (INAF)

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

- **10:45:** Indian Planetary Exploration Program – Anil Bhardwaj, Physical Research Lab Ahmedabad, India
- **11:10:** The JAXA space program and the MMX mission – Masaki Fujimoto, ISAS-JAXA
- **11:35:** The JUICE Mission – Luciano Iess, Università La Sapienza
- **12:00:** China Space Activities and Lunar Exploration – Jing PENG, CNSA/CAST

12:30 LUNCH (Cash Bar Level 0 of the Spadolini Pavillion)

- **14:00:** From Breakthrough Discoveries in Solar Cycle 25's Rise to Probing Its Decline – Nour Raouafi, PSP Project Scientist, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
- **14:20:** The Sun from a new perspective: Solar Orbiter – Marco Romoli, Università di Firenze
- **14:40:** Observations of 3I/Atlas – Carey M Lisse, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
- **15:00:** ESA's Science Program and L4 – The mission to Enceladus – Joern Helbert, Head of the Solar System Section (SCI-EP), Science Engagement and Oversight Office, ESA
- **15:20:** Report on Planetary Protection Issues, COSPAR Panel – Athena Coustenis, Director of Research Exceptional Class, CNRS France, Paris Observatory

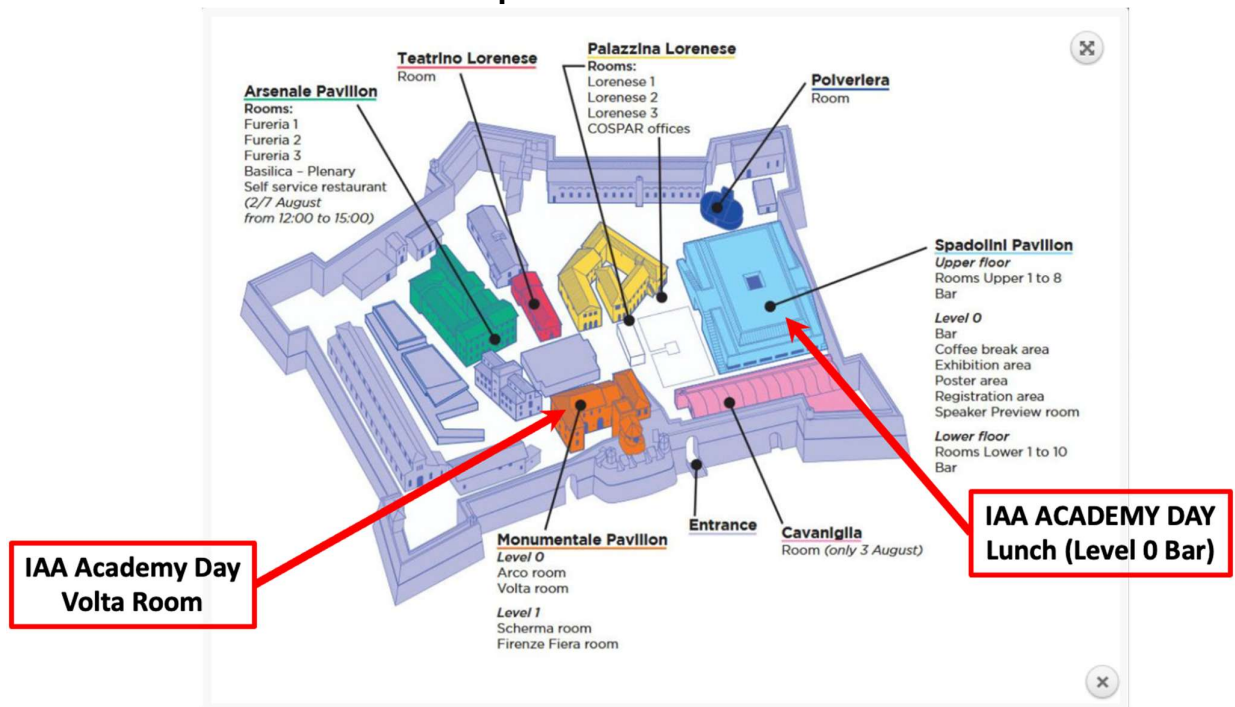
15:40 COFFEE BREAK

- **16:00:** Humanity's Cross-Disciplinary Exploration Pushing New Frontiers in Space – Athena Coustenis, Director of Research Exceptional Class, CNRS France, *Paris Observatory*
- **16:20:** IAA Study SG5.21: Transdisciplinary Approach to Protect the Dark and Quiet Sky from Satellite Constellation Interference – Corinne Jorgenson, Advancing Space, USA
- **16:45:** IAA Study SG6.20: New space technologies at the service of societal needs, Gustavo Adolfo Medina Tanco, Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares, UNAM, Mexico
- **17:00:** Current IAA studies in progress – Jean-Michel Contant, IAA, France
- **17:15:** The COSPAR Book Series: Venus and Titan – Thomas Widemann, LIRA, Paris Observatory, France

17:30 END

- **19:30-21:30:** Dinner and Ceremony of Awards & Newly elected members (In advance registration REQUIRED at <https://iaaspace.org/>) 85€, Baglioni Hotel, Piazza dell'Unità Italiana 6, 50123 Florence, Phone 39 055 23 58 860

International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Maps and Directions

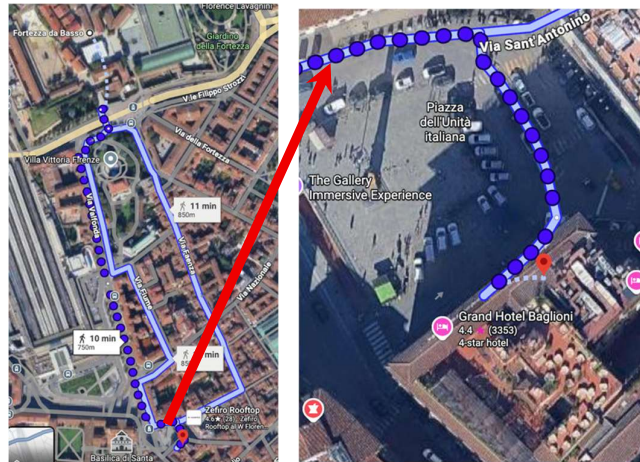


IAA Award Dinner and Ceremony of Newly elected members 85€

In advance registration and payment REQUIRED at

<https://iaaspace.org/product-category/events/award-dinner/>

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B-Roof Restaurant

Entry REQUIREMENT to the Fortezza da Basso

Important!

We have been notified that for security reasons, only registered participants and registered accompanying persons will be allowed to enter the venue of Fortezza da Basso.

Participants attending IAA day and registered to COSPAR can collect badge and congress kit at the end of the IAA day meeting as the COSPAR registration desk will open at 14:00 on 1 August.

However, names are needed well in advance of IAA Academy Day of participants who will not be registered to COSPAR to control the access to Fortezza da Basso, which is accessible only to COSPAR Assembly registered participants and, for the IAA Academy Day meeting, for the participants attending IAA day only.

Please do not neglect providing this information when requested by the Academy.