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IAA elects 99 New Academicians from Across the Globe

The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), an independent non-governmental organization of over 1,200 distinguished individuals from 85 nations who are elected by their peers for their outstanding contributions to astronautics and the exploration of Space, has elected 99 new members.

The Academy was founded by the leaders among early Space pioneers around the world. Continuing that distinguished tradition, current members include Space agency and industry leaders, preeminent Space engineers, scientists, lawyers and judges, as well as outstanding individuals at the interface of Space and society.

Since 1960, the IAA has brought together the world's foremost experts and leaders in the disciplines of astronautics to recognize the accomplishments of their peers, explore and discuss innovative issues in space research and technology, and advance the peaceful use of Space to benefit all humankind.

The Academy encourages international scientific cooperation through conferences, symposia and meetings covering the spectrum of Space activities including Space Fundamental and Life Sciences; Space Technology & Space System Development, Operations and Utilization; Space Policy, Law, Economy, Society, Culture and Education.

The IAA publishes the #1 Space journal in the world, ACTA ASTRONAUTICA, as well as a continuing series of Books and Cosmic Studies examining a wide variety of topics including Space Exploration, Space Debris, Small Satellites, Space Traffic Management, Life Sciences, Planetary Defense, Climate Change and the use of Space-based sensing to mitigate Natural Disasters.

The 99 distinguished, newly elected Academicians of the International Academy of Astronautics are:

Corresponding I	Members Basic Sci	ences	Patra	Amit K	India
Barucci	Antonietta	France	Raouafi	Nour E.	USA
Castillo-Rogez	Julie C.	USA			
Denevi	Brett W.	USA	Corresponding Members Engineering Sciences		
Ebihara	Yusuke	Japan	Baycan	Serdar	Australia
Gong	Zizheng	China	Biju Prasad	B.	India
Но	George	USA	Chen	Haipeng	China
Korth	Haje	Germany	Grassi	Michele	Italy
Mundell	Carole	UK	Henderson	Troy A.	USA
Santosh	Vadawale	India	Koronios	Andy	Australia
Sun	Yueqiang	China	Nagai	Masahiko	Japan
Van Amerongen	Aaldert	Netherlands	Norton	Charles D.	USA
Zhang	Jingrui	China	Servidia	Pablo	Argentina
			Takata	Masaharu	Japan
Members Basic Sciences			Trifoni	Eduardo	Australia
Antonietti	Nicolo	Italy	Wang	Xiaowei	China
Caraveo	Patrizia A.	Italy	Xie	Gengxin	China
Dominik	Martin	UK	Zappino	Enrico	Italy
Fujimoto	Masaki	Japan	Baycan	Serdar	Australia
Georgoulis	Emmanouil	Greece	Biju Prasad	B.	India
Michel	Patrick	France	Chen	Haipeng	China

Grassi	Michele	Italy	Corresponding Members Life Sciences			
Henderson	Troy A.	USA	Detrell	Gisela	Germany	
Koronios	Andy	Australia	Gao	Feng	China	
Nagai	Masahiko	Japan	Hu	Shijun	China	
Norton	Charles D.	USA	Karkala	Aliki	Greece	
Servidia	Pablo	Argentina	Ryumin	Oleg O.	Russia	
Takata	Masaharu	Japan	Terada	Masahiro	Japan	
Trifoni	Eduardo	Australia	Vasilev	Ivan	Russia	
Wang	Xiaowei	China				
Xie	Gengxin	China	Members Life Sciences			
Zappino	Enrico	Italy	Barde	Sebastien	France	
			Frantzidis	Christos	Greece	
Membe	ers Engineering Sci	ences	Golemis	Adrianos	Greece	
Aksamentov	Valery K.	USA	Han	Hongbin	China	
Asir Packiaraj	Joseph	India	Haqq-Misra	Jacob	USA	
Bijukumar	Saraswathy K.	India	Hei	Tom K.	USA	
Carrasco-	Alberto	Spain	Melroy	Pamela A.	USA	
Casado		•				
Choi	Joon-Min	South Korea				
Cichan	Thimothy	USA	Corresponding Members Social Sciences			
Court	Andrew J.	UK	Blake	Duncan P.	Australia	
Cui	Pingyuan	China	Blount	Percy J.	USA	
de Oliveira	Elcio Jeronimo	Brazil	Dennemont	Fabrice	France	
Di Roberto	Riccardo	Italy	Greenstone	Adam F.	USA	
Flohrer	Tim	Germany	Khan	Mohammad Y.	Pakistan	
Gao	Во	China	McGillis	Charlie	USA	
Granvik	Mikael	Finland	Moore	Anna	Australia	
Hasbi	Wahyudi	Indonesia	Noto	Maria Chiara	Italy	
Ismail	Abdul M.	Bangladesh	Simpson	James S.	USA	
lvanov	Danil	Russia	Stilwell	Ruth	USA	
Kurita	Jorge H.	Paraguay	Sun	Zezhou	China	
Kuwahara	Toshinori	Japan	Yebra	Marta	Australia	
Meng	Guang	China -				
Multan	Nicolas	France	Members Social Sciences			
Narasimha Rao	Ch V.	India	Cianci	Flaminio	Italy	
Nordt	Alison A.	USA	Ciancone	Michael L	USA	
Okada	Nobu	Japan	Dickey	John Charles	USA	
Padmakumar	Sankaran E.	India	Gowrisankar	Dhandapani	India	
Pan	Binfeng	China	Kuriyama	Ikuko	Japan	
Sankaran	Muthusamy	India	La Regina	Veronica	Italy	
Sherwood	Brent	USA	Takeshita	Atsuya	Japan	
Stoll	Enrico	Germany	Tapio	Jenni	Finland	
Zhang	Duzhou	China	Walton	Lori	Canada	
			Zheng	Riheng	China	