

International Academy of Astronautics

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A Brief Description

Founded: 16 August 1960, Stockholm, Sweden, during the 11th International Astronautical Congress, by Theodore Von Karman. Statutes revised: 1963, 1965, 1969, 1983 and 1987. Non Governmental Organization recognized by the United Nations in 1996. Current President Dr. M. Yarymovych, USA, Past President Dr. George E. Mueller, USA, Vice-Presidents: Prof. H. Curien, France; Prof. G. Haerendel, Germany; Prof. E. Vallerani, Italy, Prof. A. Grigoriev, Russia, Secretary General Dr. JM Contant, France.

Aims: Foster the development of Astronautics for peaceful purposes; recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in a related branch of science or technology; provide a program through which members may contribute to international endeavors; cooperation in the advancement of aerospace science.

Structure: Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, Four Sections: Basic Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences.

Activities: Encourage international scientific cooperation through scientific symposia and meetings and the work of specialized committees: Space Sciences, International Space Policies and Plans; Lunar Development; Mars Exploration; Life Sciences; Space Physiology and Medicine; Space Planetary Biology and Biophysics; Human Factors; Biotechnology and Life Support; Space Activities and Society; Art and Literature; Economics of Space Operations; Interstellar Space Exploration; Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence; Safety, Rescue and Quality; Space Program Quality; Space Debris; Small Satellite Missions; Planetary Missions; Small Satellites for Developing Nations; History of Astronautics; Scientific Legal Liaison; EVA Protocols and Operations and Multilingual Terminology Data Base. A major initiative of the Academy is the development of a series of "Cosmic Studies" and Position Papers dealing with the many aspects of international cooperation endeavors in the exploration and habitation of the solar systems and beyond; the space debris; the small satellites; declaration of Principles Concerning Activities Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, etc.

Events: Establishment of cooperation with national academies: Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (1985), Austrian Academy of Sciences (1986, 1993), French Academy of Sciences (1988), Finnish Academy of Sciences (1988), Indian Academy of Sciences (1990), Spanish Academy of Sciences (1989), German Academy of Sciences (1990), Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences (1990, 1999), Canadian Academy of Sciences (1991), U.S. Academy of Sciences (1992), US Academy of Engineering (1992), Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (1994), Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (1995), Chinese Academy of Sciences (1996), Turin Academy of Sciences, Lincei Academy of sciences, Pontifical Academy (1997), Australian Academy of Sciences, Australian Academy of Technological Science & Engineering (1998).

Publications: Acta Astronautica (monthly) published in English; IAA Newsletter; Proceedings of Symposia, Yearbook, Dictionaries and CD-ROM in 16 languages.

Members: 1074 Members and Corresponding Members in four Trustee Sections and Honorary Members in 62 countries.

Africa: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Senegal, and Tunisia.

America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Canada, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, USA, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Asia: Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Burma, China, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea Rep. Kuwait, Mongolia, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

Australia: Australia, New Zealand.

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep., Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Rep., Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Turkey, Ukraine, Russia, Yugoslavia.

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