International Academy of Astronautics

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A Brief Description


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.


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, Brunei, 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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