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# THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS (IAC)

*The world's premier global space event*

## WHAT IS THE IAC?

The IAC is the one place and time of the year where all global space actors come together. The event attracts more than 5,000 participants each year.

Covering all space sectors and topics, it offers everyone the latest space information and developments in academia and industry, networking opportunities, contacts and potential partnerships.

Each year, the IAC changes country, theme and local organizer, enabling all to learn more about, and be a part of the world space scene.

## WHAT IS THE IAC 2024 ABOUT?

The International Astronautical Congress (IAC) returns to Italy for its 75<sup>th</sup> edition, with previous successful editions held in Rome, Turin, and Naples. This landmark event is set to take place in the captivating city of Milan from October 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, specifically at Allianz MiCo, Europe's largest convention center.

Exceptionally this year, the IAC is hosted by the Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIDAA), founder member of IAF, and co-hosted by the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and Leonardo, representing together the entire ecosystem of space activities in Italy.

This edition of the IAC holds special significance as it commemorates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Italy's inaugural satellite, San Marco 1, launched on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1964, by an Italian crew using an American Scout rocket from Virginia's Wallops Flight Facility. Reflecting on this historic milestone, and under the motto "Responsible Space for Sustainability," the IAC 2024 aims to cultivate a collective commitment to responsible space exploration and utilization, ensuring a sustainable future for Earth and beyond.

The event will bring together students, researchers, industry leaders, young professionals, and national representatives to share recent discoveries, discuss new technologies, and foster international collaborations. The congress provides a platform to connect with like-minded individuals, exchange insights, and explore the limitless possibilities that space offers for the benefit of humanity.

We eagerly await your participation and look forward to welcoming you to Italy in 2024.

## WHO IS THE IAC FOR?

- **Scientists, Researchers and Engineers:** Present your latest work during the Technical Sessions and keep up to date on global developments.
- **Agency Officials:** Highlight your latest news, interact with and get feedback from the full range of space stakeholders.
- **Industry Representatives:** Showcase your latest innovations and strike new partnerships.
- **Students and Young Professionals:** A dedicated programme provides you with maximum networking and career development opportunities.
- **Policy-Makers:** See how space services can be the answer to a range of national and international needs and challenges.
- **Astronauts:** Share your experience and vision for space exploration with one of the most heterogeneous audiences world-wide.
- **Press Members:** Hear the latest on space developments and exploration, direct from the world's leading space actors.
- **General Public:** Learn more about the global space community, its science and key actors.
- **Local Organizer:** Attract the global space community and highlight your country's space activities.

## REGISTRATION

Online Registration for IAC 2024 is open. Register by the 30<sup>th</sup> June to benefit from the Early Bird registration rates!

To register and for more information, please visit:

→ [www.iac2024.org/registration/](http://www.iac2024.org/registration/)

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## WHAT DOES IT CONSIST OF?

### Public Programme

The Public Programme features the IAC biggest events, such as the IAC Opening Ceremony, IAC Closing Ceremony, the International Astronauts Chapter and all activities open to the general public.

### Technical Programme

Presenting scientific and technological breakthroughs, Technical Sessions, Interactive Presentations and Special Sessions provide the latest advances in space science, research, technology, exploration, regulation and education. More than 2,500 papers are presented annually.

### Plenary Programme

High-level speakers present the latest trends and insights in space research, technology and exploration. During thematic Plenaries, Highlight Lectures and Late Breaking News sessions, experts discuss and answer questions on the latest space developments.

### IAF Global Networking Forum (IAF GNF)

A global, comprehensive and appealing platform fostering the interaction and the discussion with small & medium-sized enterprises, R&D institutions, universities and larger organizations through the diversity of its events, tailored according to the stakeholder's needs.

### Associated and Side Events

Such as the UN/IAF Workshop, the International Platform for Diversity and Equality in Astronautics (IDEA) events, the IAF International Meeting for Members of Parliaments (MOP), the IAF Public Speaking & Presentations Skills Lab, the Space Generation Congress (SGC), the IAC Hosts Summit as well as several IAF workshops for students and young professionals. These complement the diverse IAC programme, covering niche topics or the needs of dedicated stakeholders within the space community.

### Exhibition

Where all actors of the space sector showcase their latest work, and hold business networking events.

### Social Programme

Introducing the local space and cultural environment.

## SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION

The IAC is a unique opportunity to be seen, heard and appreciated by one of the biggest and widest space audiences worldwide. There are multiple opportunities to get involved and be visible in the organization or programme of the Congress.

For detailed information on sponsorship opportunities and exhibition at IAC 2024 see [www.iac2024.org](http://www.iac2024.org) or contact us at [sponsor@iac2024.org](mailto:sponsor@iac2024.org)

## MILAN, ITALY

Milan, renowned as Italy's economic and fashion capital, but also serving as a centre for innovation and technological advancements, is the ideal host for the International Astronautical Congress. Nestled in the heart of the country, Milan's cultural richness, architectural marvels, and vibrant atmosphere create a unique backdrop for this momentous event.

Boasting a dynamic blend of historic landmarks like the iconic Cathedral of Milan and modern architectural wonders such as the City Life district, the city epitomizes a harmonious coexistence of tradition and innovation. The city's culinary scene, renowned globally, provides a delightful gastronomic journey. From traditional Italian dishes in Brera to modern culinary creations in the Navigli district, Milan caters to diverse palates. Delegates can savor authentic Milanese cuisine and explore a vibrant array of international dining options.

Milan's central location in Italy makes it an excellent hub for transportation to other key cities. The efficient rail and road networks connect participants to cultural gems like Florence, historic Rome, and picturesque Venice, enabling convenient exploration of Italy's diverse landscapes and heritage. Moreover, Milan's well-connected airports facilitate easy international travel for attendees.

The strategic importance of Milan and Lombardy is underscored by their role in advancing space-related technologies, satellite manufacturing, and research initiatives. Also, the choice of Milan aligns seamlessly with the forward-thinking theme of "Responsible Space for Sustainability" for IAC 2024. The venue, for example, provides state-of-the-art facilities, reflecting IAF's commitment towards zero impact events.

Visit Milan, where innovation meets tradition, and let the journey of exploration and collaboration launch into the boundless possibilities of space.



# THE ACTORS BEHIND THE IAC

The IAC is a joint effort between the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and a local Host.

The IAF organizes and coordinates the overall programme of the Congress. Some elements of the IAC programme are prepared with the support of the IAF Partners – the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) who contribute to the IAC through their particular events and symposia.

The Host, coordinates the logistical elements of the Congress, ensuring that local space actors and developments, and the local culture and customs become an integral part of the event.

## Organizer: International Astronautical Federation (IAF)

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world's leading space advocacy organization with over 513 members from 77 countries including all major space agencies, companies, research institutions, universities, space museums, societies and associations worldwide.

Dedicated to *"a space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity"*, the Federation advances and promotes space cooperation, knowledge and achievements.

Supported by over 40 committees gathering more than 1,000 world space experts, the IAF coordinates the International Astronautical Congress as well as the Global Space Conferences, several regional activities, and various programmes for students and young professionals. The Federation also recognizes global space achievements through its prestigious international awards.

## Connecting @Il Space People

## Host: The Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (A.I.D.A.A.)

The Italian Association of Aeronautics and Astronautics (A.I.D.A.A.) is a national not-for-profit scientific association.

It was founded in Rome on 2 July 1920 by a group of aeronautical pioneers as the Italian Aerotechnique Association. AIDAA promotes its activity through the organization of conferences, workshops, roundtables, competitions with prizes for studies and research, publication proceedings, and through the international journal *"Aerotecnica Missili e Spazio – Journal of Aerospace Science, Technologies, and Systems"*.

The association is managed by an Governing Board which includes members of the Italian Universities (Milan, Turin, Padua, Bologna, Pisa, Rome, Naples, Palermo, Enna, Genoa), ASI, Leonardo and the Italian Aerospace Research Center (CIRA).

AIDAA is a founding member of the international scientific organizations ICAS, IAF and CEAS.

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