

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Astronomical Union (IAU)

The **application form** (below) is optional and serves as a guide to apply for IAU National Membership. Your submission, whichever format you choose, should have the content requested and must be submitted to the General Secretary (IAU General Secretary (IAU-general.secretary@iap.fr) and copied to the IAU Membership Coordinator (iauinfos@iap.fr).

The aim of the guidelines for application for National Membership is to ensure that the proposed National Member adequately represents an astronomical community not already represented by another Member and that such membership will be of maximum benefit to the community concerned (cf. [Statutes § IV](#)).

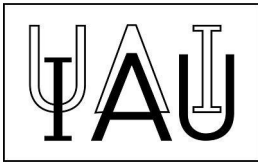
Applications for National Membership should describe the following:

1. Contact details

Name of the Organisation	
Name of Representative of the Organisation Submitting the Application	<i>[first name, last name]</i>
Position Held in the Organisation	<i>[position of the person submitting application]</i>
Contact Email	<i>[email address of the person submitting the application]</i>

2. Characterise the present state of the astronomical community that your organisation represents.

[Summarise the present state and expected development of that astronomical community. For example, give an overview of the recent and planned professional astronomical activities in the country, including a listing of astronomical institutes and the number of professional astronomers.]

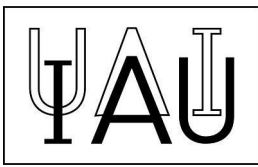


3. State the manner in which your Organisation represents the astronomical community.

[Give a description of the organisation, including its role in the astronomical activity of the country, basic organisational structure, key personnel and funding sources of the organisation.]

4. State the expected benefits to the local astronomical community by having the Organisation as an IAU National Member.

[The IAU Executive Committee would appreciate knowing of specific benefits to local astronomical activity and development that a prospective National Member hopes to gain from its membership in the Union.]



5. Type of Membership

Note that National Members are paramount in deciding the future of the Union by voting to:

- *Determine the overall policies,*
- *Approve any changes in the Statutes and, including any changes in Bye-Laws,*
- *Elect the Executive Committee to implement its decisions,*
- *Appoint the Special Nominating Committee to propose the slate of the Executive Committee;*
- *Appoint the Financial Committee to review the Executive Committee budget;*
- *Appoint the Membership Committee to review and approve Individual Member and Junior Member applications;*
- *Approve new National Members;*
- *Approve the financial reports and triennium proposed budgets.*

Additionally, National Members can:

- *Nominate Honorary, Individual and Junior Members;*
- *Propose to host General Assemblies*

The weight of National Members' voting privileges is directly linked to their Adherence Category. National Members have the right to vote on IAU issues, with an equivalent number of votes one greater than the number of its Category for budget issues; each National Member has 1 vote for non-budget matters. Categories can range from I to XII (Bye-Laws§VII). Interim and Observer status have no votes.

To determine the appropriate Category of a National Member, there are several indicators that you can use, such as the number of Individual and Junior Members and GDP. For reference, Categories and number of members for current National Members are listed on the IAU page for [National Members](#).

Applicants can request a meeting with the President and the Secretariat for guidance on how to select the membership category if uncertain of the appropriate category. Please note that after your proposal, this point is a matter of negotiation between you and the General Secretary.

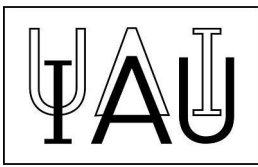
Please indicate the type of membership you wish to apply for by ticking the corresponding box.

Permanent, full National Member, with full voting rights, with an equivalent of votes one greater than the number of its Category

The Category of Adherence (I-XII) requested ([Bye-Laws §VII.25](#)): _____

Interim Status, partial National Member, without voting rights

Observer Status, Observer Member, without voting rights



6. Payment of Annual Dues

One important aspect of the proposal, linked to the Category determination, is the indication of the entity (National Institute, Ministry, etc.) that will commit to and take care of the payment of the annual dues.

Dues to the Union are paid annually by National Members. These dues are defined by the Category of Adherence of each country, each category corresponding to a defined number of Units of Contribution ([Bye-Laws §VII.25](#)). National Members with Interim status pay one-half Unit of Contribution annually. The approved Units of Contribution are EUR (euros) 3285, 3351, and 3418 per year for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, respectively. Contributions for the period 2024-2027 will be fixed by the IAU XXXII General Assembly.