



## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

*The International Association of Physics Students  
(IAPS)*

*and*

*The International Astronomical Union Office for Astronomy Outreach  
and Division C on Education, Heritage and Outreach  
(IAU OAO and Division C)*

Recognizing that the International Association of Physics Students (IAPS) and the International Astronomical Union (IAU) through its Office for Astronomy Outreach (OAO) and Division C on Education, Heritage, and Outreach overlap in their goals of promoting science education, communication and cooperation, this memorandum of understanding (MoU) outlines items for coordination and collaboration between the two organizations on areas of mutual interest.

### **IAU OAO, Division C and IAPS agree to the following:**

- Officers from IAPS and OAO and Division C (plus others from Commission C1 Astronomy Education and Development and Commission C2 Communicating Astronomy with the Public, and the IAU Executive Committee Working Groups on Junior Members and on Astronomy for Equity and Inclusion, as needed) will engage in at least twice-yearly telecons to facilitate the exchange of ideas and identify potential activities for collaboration within the scope of their annual projects and programs
- Each organization will have an opportunity to organize a session or provide a speaker at the other's regular conference. In particular:

- At the International Conference of Physics Students (ICPS), there will be one astrophysics session and an IAU plenary speaker (possibly a Junior Member or PhD Prizewinner)
- At the IAU Communicating Astronomy with the Public (CAP) conference, there will be an IAPS speaker involved in science communication, outreach, or public engagement
- They will engage in joint outreach activities and education efforts, both for promoting the involvement of young people in STEM, STEAM and interdisciplinary activities and for educating the general public and popularizing Science in general, and Astronomy in particular; e.g., at IAU Astronomy Day in School and the Annual IAU Outreach Plan of Activities
- They will work together on issues within the realm of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- They will mutually promote networking and mentoring among members of both organizations, as appropriate
- Each organisation's website shall mention, and link to, the other's

### **Duration**

This MoU is valid for three years from the date of signing and will automatically renew for subsequent three-year periods unless either party informs the other within the 30 prior days that they do not wish to renew. Either party may terminate the agreement at any time with 30 days' notice.

### **Terms of precedence**

Where any statement in this MoU conflicts with a statement in the IAU statutes, bye-laws, or working rules, and/or with the IAPS Charter, Regulations or other regulatory documents, the relevant IAU or IAPS statement takes precedence.

***Signed at Zoom Meeting, on the 4th of May 2021***

**On behalf of the International Astronomical Union Office for Astronomy Outreach**



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