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Scientists at COSPAR Athens 2022, 16-  
24 July 2022 : Media Registration Open  
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**The Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) is pleased to announce that the 44th COSPAR Scientific Assembly will be held from 16–24 July 2022 in Athens, Greece. Registration is now open for press and media.**

Each COSPAR Scientific Assembly brings together international experts at the forefront of the scientific discovery of space to discuss the latest research and technology related to planetary science, astrophysics, space exploration, Earth observation and more. Actively supported by all major space organizations, these well-established biennial events promote dialogue and exchanges among the global space science community, shaping the future trajectory of space science.

**Fostering international cooperation for cutting-edge space science**

[COSPAR Athens 2022](#) is a historic first for Greece and is highly symbolic of the country's seminal contributions to science and the scientific method. In addition to state-of-the-art space research, the Assembly aims to showcase the dynamics and breadth of the formidable community of space researchers based in Greece and their robust interaction with the wider scientific community, including the prominent Greek scientific diaspora.

Working in tandem with international bodies and the Greek public and private sector, the local organization committee hopes that the event will also inspire younger generations by showing that anything is possible, including the vision of a 21st century Greece transformed into a knowledge-based society that can tap into its own capabilities and expertise and that harnesses synergies with the Greek diaspora and the global space research community.

**Highlights of COSPAR Athens 2022**

This year's COSPAR Scientific Assembly is expected to attract thousands of renowned scientists from all over the world. The 2022 exhibition area will feature leading space agencies including NASA, through the agency's popular Hyperwall.

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Pavilions will also showcase the si-Cluster / Hellenic Association of Space Industry, the Hellenic Space Center, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. A series of events will take place during the Assembly, sponsored by the Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), Lockheed Martin, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Southwest Research Institute and other global players in space exploration.

Each COSPAR Scientific Assembly is complemented by a meeting of the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA). This year, the IAA will convene at a famous Athenian landmark, the neoclassical headquarters of the Academy of Athens.

### Media registration

The 44th COSPAR Scientific Assembly will take place from 16–24 July 2022 at the Megaron Athens International Conference Center (MAICC) and the Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens, Greece. Registration is complimentary for accredited media and press via: <https://www.cosparathens2022.org/press-registration/>.

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### Note to Editors:

COSPAR, the Committee on Space Research, was created in 1958, at the dawn of the space age, under the aegis of the International Council of Scientific Unions, now the [International Science Council \(ISC\)](#). COSPAR's objectives are to promote on an international level scientific research in space, with emphasis on the exchange of results, information and opinions, and to provide a forum, open to all scientists, for the discussion of problems affecting space research. In its first years of existence as an entity that ignores political considerations and views all questions solely from the scientific standpoint, COSPAR played an important role as an open bridge between East and West for cooperation in space. When this role became less prominent with the end of the Cold War, COSPAR focused its objectives on the progress of all kinds of research carried out with the use of space means.

COSPAR has played a central role in the development of new space disciplines such as life sciences and fundamental physics in space, by facilitating the interaction between scientists in emerging space fields and senior space researchers.

COSPAR strives to promote the use of space science for the benefit of humanity and for its adoption by developing countries and new space-faring nations, in particular through a series of Capacity Building Workshops which teach very practical skills enabling researchers to participate in international space research programs.

COSPAR advises, as required, the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations on space research matters and on the assessment of scientific issues in which space can play a role, for example the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), in which COSPAR is a Participating Organization.

Finally, COSPAR is the key entity world-wide in terms of developing, maintaining and promulgating clearly delineated policies and requirements as to the standards that must be achieved to protect against the harmful effects of biological interchange in the conduct of solar system exploration and use.

The COSPAR website is at: <https://cosparhq.cnes.fr/>



<https://www.facebook.com/CommitteeOnSpaceResearch/>



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### Further information on COSPAR Athens 2022

The local organization of COSPAR Athens 2022 (<https://www.cosparathens2022.org/>) is coordinated by the National Committee for Space Research of the Academy of Athens and the newly established Hellenic Space Center (HSC).



Photo caption: (from left to right) COSPAR President Prof. Len Fisk with Prof. Tom Krimigis (Scientific Program Committee Chair) and Dr Manolis Georgoulis (Local Organizing Committee Chair)

### Science Program Committee Chairs:

- Prof. Stamatios (Tom) Krimigis (Academy of Athens) – Chair
- Prof. Ioannis Dagleis (HSC) – Vice-Chair

### Local organizing committee:

- Dr Manolis Georgoulis (RCAAM of the Academy of Athens) – Chair
- Dr Nick Sergis (HSC) – Vice-Chair
- Dr Athena Coustenis (Paris Observatory, CNRS, France)

**Videos:**

- Candidacy video (full): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BBC4CK-Nxg&t=2s>
- Candidacy video (teaser): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBhB0ALUpE&t=43s>
- Handover from Sydney to Athens: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vU\\_9WfLLMI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vU_9WfLLMI)

**Sponsors (for updates, see website page )**

- Aegean Airlines (Official Carrier)
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- European Space Agency
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- Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (Communication Sponsor)
- Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance
- Hellenic Ministry of Education
- Hellenic Space Center
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA
- si-Cluster / Hellenic Association of Space Industry
- Southwest Research Institute
- The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
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- Tsakos Energy Navigation LTD

**Local entities supporting COSPAR Athens 2022:**

National Observatory of Athens, National Research Center 'Demokritos', Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation, si-Cluster, Ellinogermaniki Agogi, Center for Aviation Medicine, Hellenic Aerospace Industry, Hellenic Broadcast Corporation, Universities of Aegean, Athens, Crete, Ioannina, Peloponnese, Thessaloniki, Thrace, Ministries of Digital Governance, Culture, Education, City of Athens, Aegean Airlines, and other private entities.

**COSPAR 2022 LOC/Assembly On-site Secretariat and Professional Congress Organizer:**

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