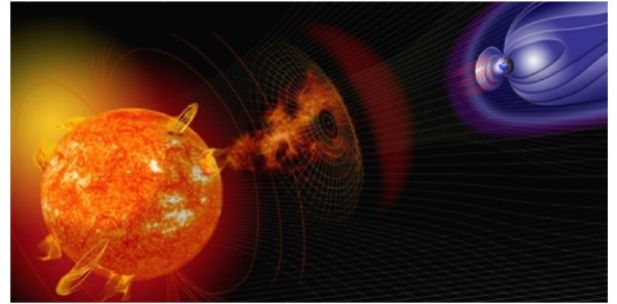


# COSPAR Highlights of 2022

**February:** COSPAR Statement to the 59th Scientific and Technical Session of COPUOS on space weather was made on 14 February 2022 at the UN.



**March:** Always an important month in the COSPAR calendar, March 2022 was particularly significant as being the first physical meeting of COSPAR Officers since 2019. It was held in Paris, France, and the fruitful face-to-face and online discussions paved the way for activity during the rest of the year. The [COSPAR initiative for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility \(IDEA\)](#) was also launched this month.

**April:** A busy month! The [COSPAR Committee on Industry Relations \(CIR\)](#) launched its Strategic and Implementation Plan, and the new COSPAR [Task Group on Establishing an International Geospace Systems Program \(TGIGSP\)](#) held its first meeting. The Secretariat also travelled to Busan, South Korea, for discussions about the 45th Scientific Assembly (COSPAR 2024) and a productive site visit. If the congress facilities, accommodation and local scenery are anything to go by, COSPAR 2024 looks set to be a hit.



**May:** COSPAR stepped up its Social Media activity to raise awareness about our organisation and promote the biennial Scientific Assembly. This resulted in regular and varied posts on dedicated Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn accounts.

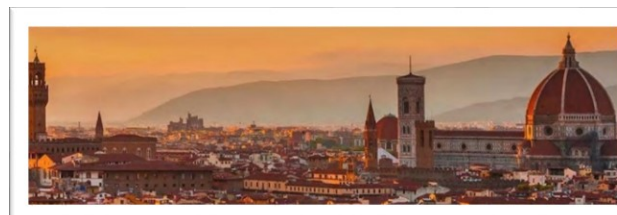
**July:** The COSPAR community came together to make the 44<sup>th</sup> COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Athens a great success. As the first in-person Assembly since 2018, it showed how popular real face-to-face interaction is, despite advances in online technology.



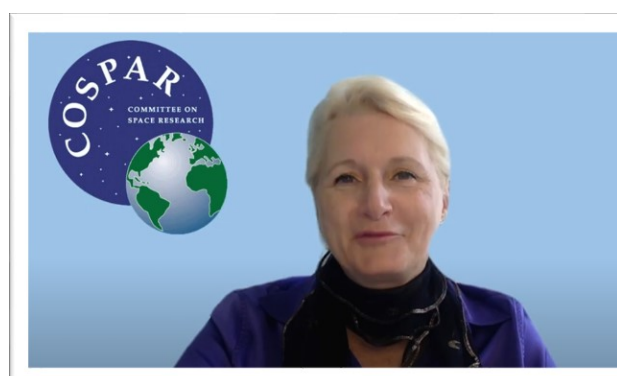
**July:** Other major news from COSPAR 2022 was the election of a new COSPAR President, Professor Pascale Ehrenfreund, the first woman to hold this position.



**July:** And voting for the site of COSPAR 2026 took place during the Council Meeting. Florence, Italy, won the vote.



**August:** The Forum on Post-Pandemic Cooperation in Space Science was jointly organized on 25 August by the Chinese Society of Space Research (CSSR), the National Space Science Center (NSSC) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and COSPAR. Participants agreed to the "Taiyuan Recommendations".

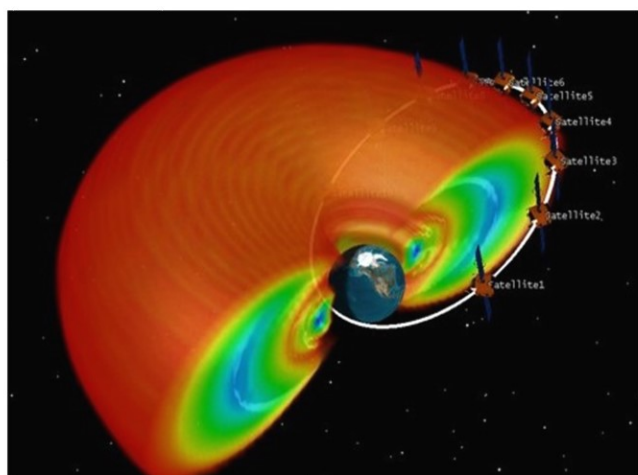


**September:** Mid-month the COSPAR Capacity Building Workshops started up again after a two-year break due to the Covid pandemic. The first of these respected (and long-awaited) events to occur was the CRTS-COSPAR Work-shop on Oceanography in Rabat, Morocco. The COSPAR Fellowship programme also re-opened.

**October:** At the request of UNOOSA, a joint WMO-COSPAR-ISES Working Group on Space Weather was set up and held its first meeting from 30 September-1 October in parallel with the COSPAR ISWAT Working Meeting in Coimbra, Portugal.

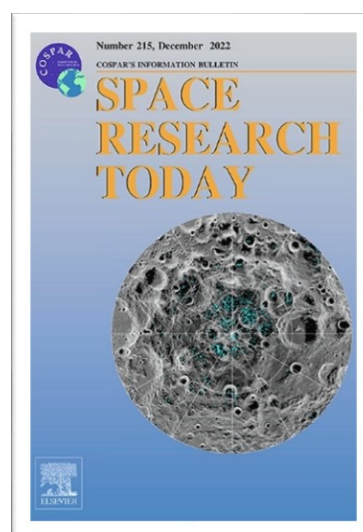


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**November:** A Call for Expressions of Interest was launched for participation in the COSPAR Task Group on establishing a Constellation of Small Satellites-Sub-Group for Radiation Belt mission CORBES (Constellation of small satellites to study the Earth's Radiation Belt). This month also saw COSPAR take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> UN-China Global Partnership Workshop on Space Exploration and Innovation in Haikou, China and online.

**December:** The last month of 2022 saw the last printed edition of *Space Research Today*—paving the way for a freely accessible online version in early 2023.



The COSPAR Panel on  
Planetary Protection:  
*enabling  
sustainable space exploration*

**December:** The Panel on Planetary Protection also held meetings at the UN in Vienna, Austria on 19-20 December.