



# The European Astronomical Society

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# EAS in a nutshell

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## "Astronomy made in Europe"

The European Astronomical Society (EAS) promotes and advances astronomy in Europe. As an independent body, the EAS is able to act on matters that need to be handled at a European level on behalf of the European astronomical community. In its endeavours the EAS collaborates with affiliated national astronomical societies and also with pan-european research organisations and networks.

- Society was founded in 1990 as a learned society under Swiss Civil Code, ~600 founding members
- Society governed by an elected council
- Up to Twelve councilors (up to 10 before 2023)
- Office and administrative support is in Geneva

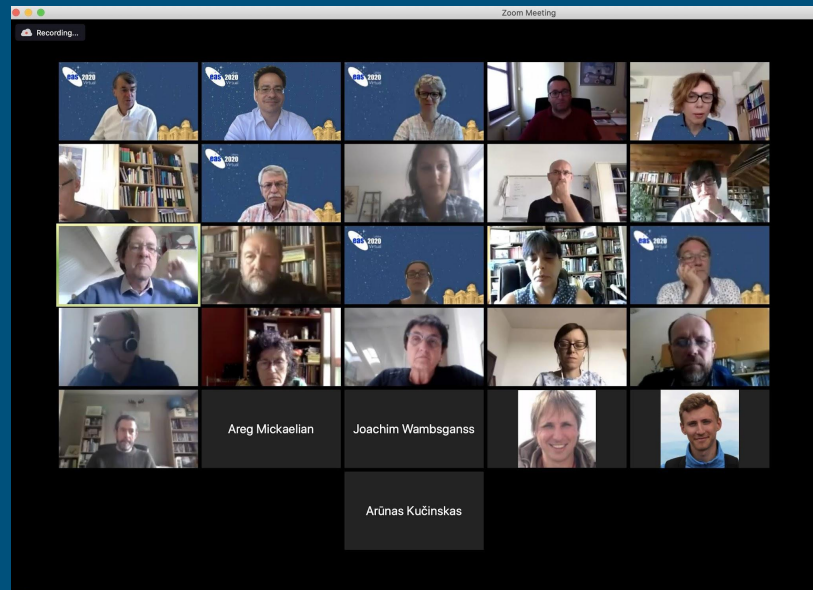
# Affiliated societies

## III. AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

**Article 8** Societies or Organisations in Europe with aims closely related to the aims of the European Astronomical Society may become "Affiliated Societies", upon approval by Council.

**Article 9** Affiliated Societies may have the following privileges under conditions specified in the By-laws:

- (a) A special membership fee may apply to the members of an Affiliated Society.
- (b) Certain publication privileges may apply to papers presented at meetings of Affiliated Societies.
- (c) Affiliated Societies have the right to attend the Business Meeting of the Society.



# EAS membership

Society based in Geneva, where admin resides

Free membership through affiliated societies

Individual paying membership (including lifetime members)


Professional astronomers (full members) or PhD students (Junior members)

Ukraine ~3%

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Tot. Mem.	878	791	816	936	805	886	3158	3607	4132	4564	5010	5048	5409
Aff. soc							2714	3170	3692	4204	4644	4816	5165

# Organizational members

## EAS Organisational Patrons

 **UNIVERSITÉ DE GENÈVE** The **University of Geneva**, founded in 1559, is the second largest in Switzerland. Hosting the **Department of Astronomy**, it is internationally recognized for high-quality research and teaching in science and humanities. The EAS Office is hosted by the University of Geneva.



**FONDATION MERAC** (Mobilising European Research in Astrophysics and Cosmology) is a non-profit foundation started in 2012 with headquarters in Switzerland to recognize and support young European astronomers. There are yearly three **MERAC Prizes** awarded by the EAS.



The **European Southern Observatory (ESO)**, founded in 1962, is the foremost intergovernmental astronomy organisation in Europe. It builds and operates a suite of the world's most advanced ground-based astronomical telescopes.



**Springer's** business is publishing throughout the world, it provides scientific and professional communities with superior specialist information. Springer sponsors the "Springer Travel Grants" for EAS members.



Based at the Jodrell Bank Observatory in the UK, the **SKA Observatory** is overseeing the design, construction and operation of the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), the world's largest radio telescope.



The **Royal Astronomical Society (RAS)**, founded in 1820, encourages and promotes the study of astronomy, solar-system science, geophysics and closely related branches of science.



The **Italian National Institute for Astrophysics, INAF**, is the main Italian research institute for the study of the Universe.



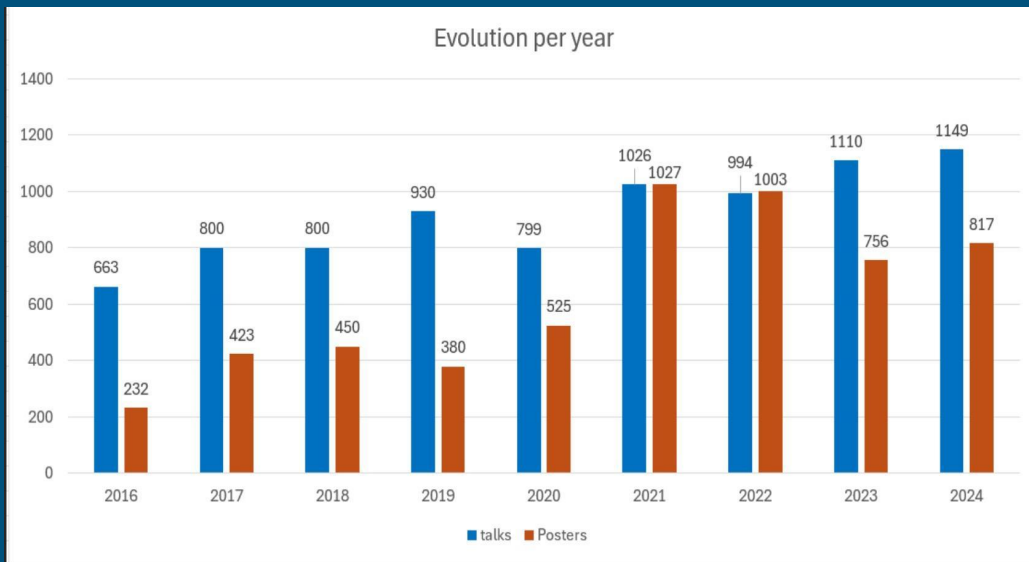
The **Netherlands Research School for Astronomy, NOVA**, is the alliance of the astronomical institutes of the universities of Amsterdam, Groningen, Leiden and Nijmegen. NOVA's mission is to carry out frontline astronomical research in the Netherlands, to train young astronomers, and to share new discoveries with society.

# What does the EAS do?

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- Promote Research Excellence and Collaboration
- Advocate for Astronomy in Policy and Funding (incl. protection of the Dark and Quiet Sky)
- Support Training initiatives for Early Career Researchers
- Champion “Good citizenship” in Astronomy

# The largest European meeting in astronomy



EUROPEAN  
ASTRONOMICAL  
SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, IRELAND  
23 - 27 JUNE



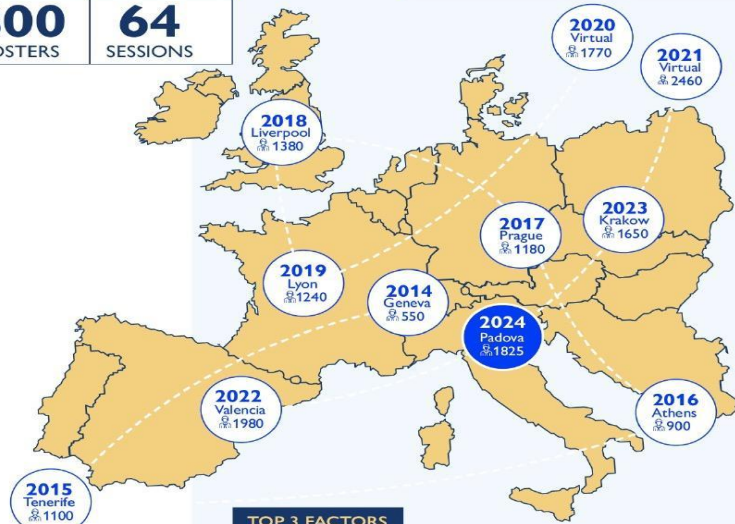
MORE THAN  
**25 YEARS OF HISTORY!**

**1150 TALKS**

**800 POSTERS**

**64 SESSIONS**

THE LARGEST+<sup>++</sup>  
EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
FOR  
**ASTRONOMY**



TOP 3 FACTORS  
IN DECIDING TO ATTEND

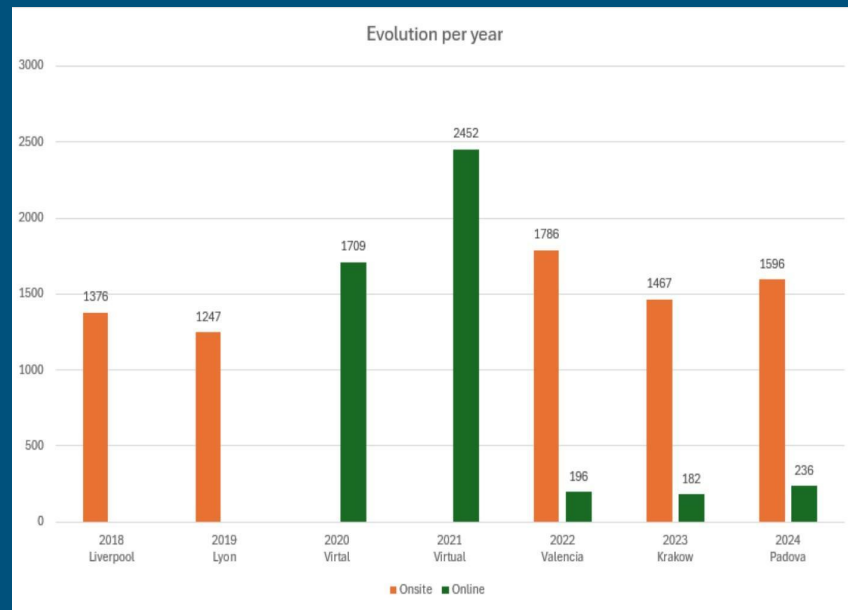
- 1 NETWORKING
- 2 LISTENING TO EXPERTS
- 3 LEARNING AND SHARING ON THE MOST PROMINENT AND CHALLENGING TOPICS



REGISTERED  
PARTICIPANTS  
FROM MORE  
THAN 60  
COUNTRIES

# Lowering barriers to participation

- Expanding Hybrid access
- Accessible venues
- > 50KEuros of need-based financial support to attendees
- Facilitate childcare services





# EAS awards

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Lodewijk Woltjer lecture

Tycho Brahe medal

Jocelyn Bell Burnell inspiration medal

Fritz Zwicky medal



MERAC Prizes for ECR and PhD thesis

George Lake Technology Innovation Award



# European Parliament & Commission

Event in 2019 (Gaia) and 2023 (Extrasolar planets)

Event in 2026, future ground based European facilities

Regular interactions with EC



# UN Committee for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space



COPUOS is UN organization that governs the exploration and use of space for the benefit of all humanity: for peace, security and development.

EAS is permanent observer at COPUOS since June 2023, involved in space sustainability and D&QS discussions

**European Astronomical Society to be delivered at the 66<sup>th</sup> COPUOS session under the Agenda Item 4 – General Exchange of Views**

Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates,



# ASTRONET



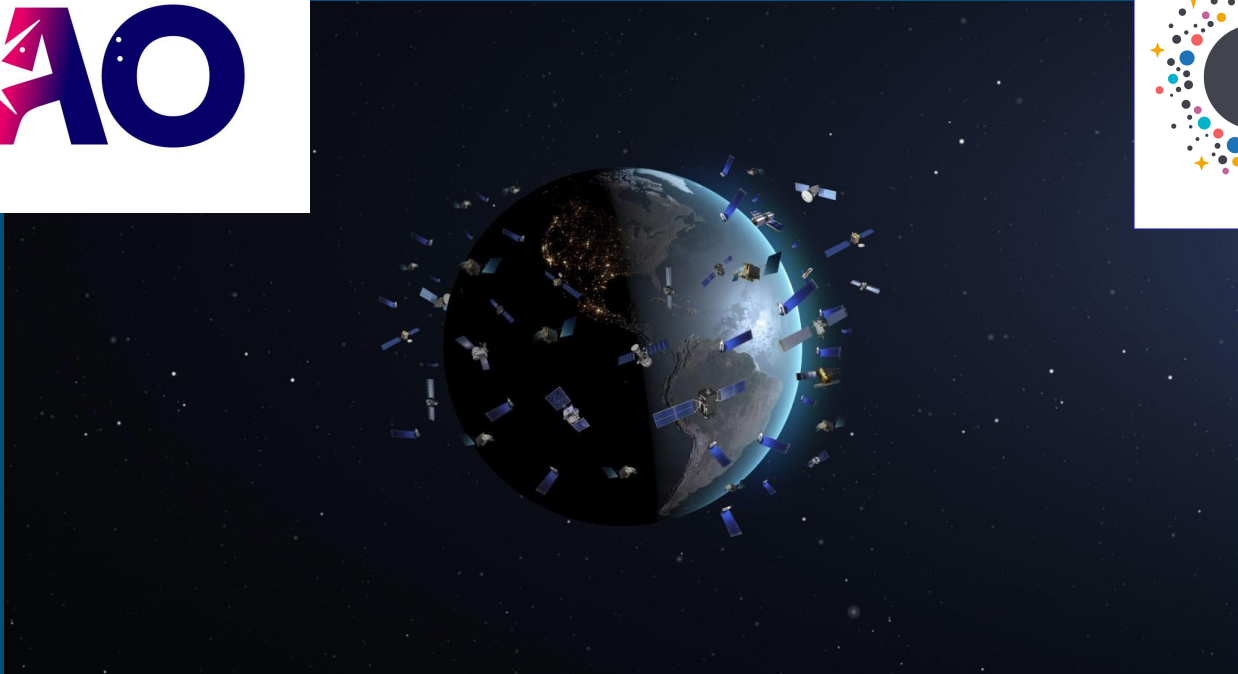
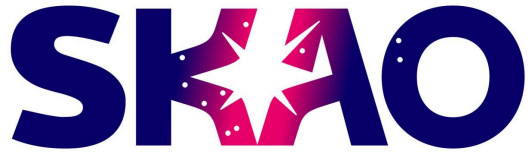
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# Center for the Protection of the D&QS from SATCON

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# European Regional Office for Astronomy for Development & Africa-Europe collaborations



**EAS2025 SPECIAL SESSION**

**THE LEGACY OF THE IAU-GA 2024 FOR AFRICA-EUROPE COLLABORATIONS IN ASTRONOMY**

**KEY TOPICS:**

- Advancing research, infrastructure, and data access in African astronomy.
- Strengthening human capital development, education, and outreach.
- Discuss potential and existing Africa-Europe Training and Travel Programme for students and early-career researchers.
- Exploring funding opportunities and upcoming calls for Africa-Europe collaborations.
- Examining the role of astronomy in socio-economic development and science policy.

**SCIENTIFIC ORGANISERS**

- Charles Takalana (IAU-OAD, IAU-GA2024, South Africa) - Co-Chair
- Mirjana Povic (ESSTI, Ethiopia / IAA-CSIC, Spain) - Co-chair
- Kevin Govender (IAU-OAD, IAU-GA2024, South Africa) - Co-Chair
- Declan Kirrane (AERAP, Ireland)
- Nabila Aghanim (EAS, France)
- Zouhair Benkhaldoun (Oukaimeden Observatory, Morocco)
- Takalani Nemaungani (DSTI, South Africa)
- Joyful Mdirauli (IAU-OAD, South Africa)
- Priscila Muhesi (MUST, Uganda)
- Bonaventure Okere (CBSS, Nigeria)
- Somaya Salad (NRIAG, Egypt)
- Naomi Asabré-Frempong (AFAS, Ghana)
- Jamal Mimouni (Univ. of Constantine1 & CERIST, AFAS, Algeria)
- David Baratoux, (Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny, Côte d'Ivoire and Geosciences Environnement Toulouse-CNRS, France)



**eas 2025**  
Cork

IAU GA2025  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2025

**AFAS**  
African Astronomical Society

# Early Career Researchers

HERA workshop series

ECRs special sessions at annual meetings

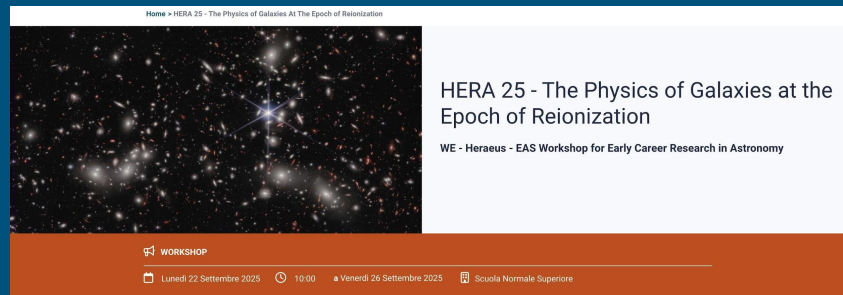
Career event at EAS annual meetings

## The Nature and the Dynamics of Structures Observed in Galactic Disks

**WE Heraeus-EAS Early Career Researchers in Astronomy Workshop**

22 Sep - 27 Sep 2024

**Where:** Academy of Athens, Greece



# EAS and Ukraine

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- Ukrainian astronomical association is an affiliate society
- Encourage other national affiliated societies to offer Ukrainian astronomers access to their telescopes
- Supporting participation of Ukrainian scientists in our annual meetings
- HERA workshops: applications open until June 30th!
- Exploring ideas for future synergies to contribute to the development of Ukrainian astronomy