



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that the 16th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) will be held in the city of Chorzów, Poland from 10th (arrivals) to 20th August 2023 (departures). Please forward this email to anyone you think may be interested. Further announcements will be sent only to pre-registered team leaders and national coordinators, unless you request to be included.

We will provide full accommodation for all participants during the event, and will arrange pickup from Kraków and Katowice international airports and Katowice train station (if necessary). There will be no fees for main teams of up to 5 students and 2 team leaders. The fee for observers and guest team members will be 1000 EUR per person. However, we have a limit of 50 participating teams and priority will be given to main teams, so guest teams will only be accepted if space is available. Please also check for any restrictions and visa deadlines for travel from your country to Poland and the EU. We will provide invitations and other documents as needed but we have no influence over government decisions and may be unable to help if you apply late.

The Olympiad will be conducted according to the Statutes and Syllabus of the IOAA available on www.ioaastrophysics.org. In accordance with the statutes there can only be one main team from each country and we cannot accept individual participation. If you are applying from a country which had not participated in the IOAA before, please read the statutes first and contact us with any questions.

This year we are again planning a poster competition. Teams are asked to prepare a poster (in English, one poster per team) highlighting the observations, astronomical research or local astronomical history or folklore based on the work of some or all members of the team during the last 2 years. The posters will be displayed to the other participants and to the general public during the IOAA, and winners will be selected by the other teams (in the style of Eurovision) and separately by the general public. Details of the required format will be included in a later announcement.

We would also like to give a few team leaders/observers the opportunity to present the sky as seen their countries and the mythology of the constellations in their cultures to the general public (in English) during a live session in the Planetarium (30-45 minutes each). If you are interested, please include a short description of what you would like to show with the pre-registration form, so that we can judge interest and scheduling.

The link to the preregistration form for participation is: <https://forms.office.com/e/EbcPQE3EDa>

Pre-registration will be open until 28th February 2023. At this stage you do not need to provide names of students.

Further information will be updated on the 16th IOAA website <https://ioaa2023.pl>

The contact email address is ioaa2023@planetarium.edu.pl

Looking forward to seeing you in Poland!