

Keep your calendar marked for COSPAR Athens 2022



The Academy of Athens is essentially the Greek National Academy of Sciences. Its name implies a continuation of Plato's Academy, as depicted in Raphael's 'The School of Athens' 16th century masterpiece. Now, the Academy of Athens via its Section of Physical Sciences and its National Committee of Space Sciences leads a consortium of scientists within Greek institutions and the diaspora in organizing COSPAR's 44th General Assembly.

The Academy of Athens introduced Greece as a COSPAR member state shortly after the Committee's establishment, at the dawn of the space age. This was an inspired, well-calculated move: scientists of Greek descent or origin played a disproportionately significant role compared to the country's modest size and resources in 20th century's forefronts in astronomy, astrophysics and space physics. The trends continue unabated into the 21st century, with a vibrant community within Greece and an even larger community abroad.

Greece prepared its COSPAR 2022 candidacy folder methodically and presented it during the 42nd COSPAR General Assembly in Pasadena, California, USA, in July 2018. One of four excellent candidacies, Athens was chosen from the first round of voting among COSPAR's global community of member states. COSPAR Athens 2022, the 44th General Assembly of the Committee, is now set for July 16 – 24, 2022. A placeholder of the Assembly's local website can be found at <http://www.cosparathens2022.org/>. The web address will remain as is and be updated and designed as the time of COSPAR Athens 2022 nears.



The meeting venue is the Megaron Athens International Conference Center (MAICC), the crown jewel of the Athens Concert Hall Organization. The MAICC is amply capable of hosting a meeting of this caliber and has hosted meetings of similar size in the recent past. It is located essentially at the heart of the Athens metropolitan center, in walking distance or within a short metro ride from numerous accommodation options, archaeological landmarks and popular entertainment spots, including Piraeus and the Athenian vista.

COSPAR Athens 2022 enjoys the enthusiastic and unmitigated support of the City of Athens and the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Ministries of Digital Governance, Culture and Tourism, the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation and, of course, the newly established Hellenic Space Center, the country's new entity entrusted with the shaping of Greece's space science and technology policy.

In brief, COSPAR Athens 2022 promises a terrific blend of a world-class meeting experience and quality time offline in the scenery and settings of the legendary Greek summer.

Make sure you have Athens COSPAR 2022 marked prominently in your calendar. For the time being, our thoughts and best wishes go to our Australian colleagues and the organization of the 43rd COSPAR General Assembly in Sydney, that had to be postponed for January 2021 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and its repercussions. Sydney also promises a wonderfully memorable meeting and Athens is keen to keep up the momentum and spirit of COSPAR until the next central meeting of the community.

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