



The International Association of Physics Students

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## About IAPS

IAPS is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation run entirely for and by physics students from around the world. As an umbrella organisation, we support both local groups at universities and national Physics student societies in promoting transnational cooperation on scientific, social and cultural issues.

Since its establishment 33 years ago, IAPS has grown to being present in over 50 countries, motivated by an interest in creating a global student community that could contribute both to the personal and professional growth of its members and to a sense of collective cooperation towards shared goals of scientific development.

Throughout each year, IAPS activity takes many forms, with members engaging in student-oriented events, in outreach efforts to middle-school, high-school students or the general public on IAPS School Day and International Day of Light and in volunteer groups that constitute the operational structure of IAPS.

Regarding activities organised by members, annual IAPS major events like the International Conference of Physics Students (ICPS) and the Physics League Across Numerous Countries for Kick-ass Students (PLANCKS) are the main focus, involving hundreds of students in physics-related activities and in opportunities to connect with colleagues from various different countries by exchanging scientific knowledge, experience and cultural heritage, while attending lectures, workshops and lab visits, plus in exploring the local culture of the host country.

Though historically mainly concentrated in Europe, IAPS has moved, especially in the last few years, to expand its membership in North, Central and South America, Africa and Asia. Our main institutional priority is to help students organise to be able to create their own opportunities and represent themselves, with IAPS as permanent support in the direction of contributing to increase access to resources and opportunities.

With this spirit in mind, IAPS is a continuously evolving community, becoming more and more inclusive as time passes, having as an ultimate goal the representation and involvement of the whole physics student community across the world!