

# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

The International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP)

and

Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)

## **Preamble**

The mission of IUPAP is to assist in the worldwide development of physics, to foster international cooperation in physics, and to help in the application of physics toward solving problems of concern to humanity.

COSPAR's objectives are to promote international scientific research in space, with emphasis on the exchange of results, information, and opinions, and to provide a forum, open to all scientists, for the discussion of problems that may affect scientific space research. These objectives are achieved through the organisation of scientific assemblies, publications, and other means.

## **Clause one**

Recognising that the IUPAP and COSPAR share some of the same goals and aspects of their mission, we propose an agreement to clarify and enhance the relationship between IUPAP and COSPAR to benefit the international physics and space communities. This MoU aims to clarify and enhance the relationship

between the IUPAP and COSPAR, benefiting the international communities in physics and space in their various dimensions of research, education, outreach, and development.

## Clause two

Considering the preceding and aiming to exploit further the synergies between IUPAP and COSPAR, the undersigned parties agree that:

1. The IUPAP and COSPAR will develop and implement, by joint agreement, and when pertinent, projects relevant to both institutions' missions and goals in the various aspects of:
  - a. research, e.g. support joint committee and scientific collaborations;
  - b. education, e.g. joint teacher training sessions at IUPAP and COSPAR led meetings;
  - c. outreach and communication, e.g. exchange of knowledge and support, joint global campaigns and celebration days for the public
  - d. development, e.g. joint events for trainers from developing countries in close collaboration with the Office of Physics for Development (OAD) and its offices
2. Whenever possible, the IUPAP will have a presence in the COSPAR Scientific Assemblies, and COSPAR will be in the IUPAP General Assembly.
3. *A Working Group (or??) will be proposed under Commission/Task group (or...?), the Joint Inter-Organisational Liaison (represented by IUPAP and COSPAR), devoted to education and policy support in physics and space sciences. Joint activities will be decided and materialised on a case-by-case basis.*
4. The joint projects and outcomes, including all communications resulting from the collaboration stated in this MoU, must clearly present the IUPAP

and COSPAR logos and the names of both institutions. Whenever possible, the social networks and websites of both entities should be referred to.

5. The IUPAP and COSPAR will share each other's initiatives in their social networks within the framework of their internal communication rules.
6. The IUPAP and COSPAR will have the present partnership stated in this MoU on their web pages.

### **Clause three**

This MoU is valid from ....., 2025, through September 1st, 2027, and will automatically renew for a further three-year term unless either party informs the other within 30 days before the renewal date that they do not wish to renew.

### **Clause four**

This MoU may be terminated at any time with 30 days' notice by either party. Where any statement in this MoU conflicts with a statement in the IUPAP or COSPAR statutes, by-laws, or working rules, the relevant IUPAP or COSPAR statement takes precedence.

Agreed to this on ..... 2025

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