Beijing Science Dialogue and ISC mid-term meeting
October 19-23, 2026



Join us for a major science gathering of more than 250 scientific organizations across all world regions and all domains of science, to discuss and set agendas for international scientific collaboration around the headline theme of 'Science in a complex world – Science for a better future'.

IUPAP's President (Silvina) and President Designate (Sunil) participated in this meeting. They also used the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Chinese Physical Society to discuss issues of common interest.





Meeting with CPS representatives at the Institute of Physics of the Chine Academy of Sciences on October 19

Parallel session on “Current Challenges in Space Research” co-organized with COSPAR, IAU and the Chinese Society of Space Research (CSSR), October 20.







Sunil talking about recent the Nobel Prize in Physics while the winning entry of the IUPAP100 Photo Contest is displayed on the screen





Silvina and Pietro Ubertini after having signed the IUPAP-COSPAR MOU

We are now writing an article on international scientific collaboration in space research

ISC Category 1 Members meeting, October 21

Chaired by Silvina and Maria Paradiso (from the ISC governing board), this meeting nurtured a good interaction among disciplines represented by international scientific unions. Some of the issues of discussion included:

- Free circulation of scientists and problems with visas
- Organization of interdisciplinary (inter-union) roundtables on AI (AI and science research, AI and science education, AI ethics and regulations, National and regional initiatives related to AI).





High-level meetings and exchanges



With the Chinese Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang



With officers of the China Association for Science and Technology, CAST

With the presidents and representatives of many scientific unions.



With the recently inaugurated ISC President, the Dutch physicist, Robbert Dijkgraaf

Sunil, Silvina and Marcia Barbosa (first chair of IUPAP's WG5 on Women in Physics and current ISC VP for FRS, proposed by IUPAP) had a very good conversation with the new ISC President, Robbert Dijkgraaf.

Among other things, we discussed the possibility of his participation at the 2027 IUPAP-ICP and GA. He was very enthusiastic about it.

He is a theoretical physicist, former Director of IAS in Princeton and Minister of Science and Education in the Netherlands.

The vision he presented during his inaugural speech is very close to IUPAP's. We are looking forward to a very close and positive interaction with him.



