



See you in Florence!

COSPAR 2026 is almost here – Key Highlights, Public Events & Special Events

Dear Colleague,

The wait is almost over! In just a few days, the global space community will gather in Florence, Italy, for the **46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly** (1-9 August 2026).

Whether you have already registered or are planning a last-minute join, we are thrilled to welcome you to nine days of cutting-edge research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and high-level networking under this year's theme: *"Sustainable space research for the planet."*

As we put the finishing touches on what promises to be an extraordinary Scientific Assembly hosted by the Italian National Institute of Astrophysics (INAF), here is a quick look at the **must-attend scientific highlights and public lectures**:

Key Highlights & Special Events (First Days)

Sunday, 2 August

- **Interdisciplinary Lecture:** *From Scientific Research to the Space Economy: a Strategic Convergence*, Simonetta di Pippo | 14:00 - 14:25 (Room: Arsenale Basilica)

- **Interdisciplinary Lecture: A New Milestone in Radar Remote Sensing of Earth's Oceans, Land Waters, Cryosphere, and Seafloor**, Lee-Lueng Fu | 14:30 - 14:55 (Room: Arsenale Basilica)

Monday, 3 August

- **Dark and Quiet Sky event:** Mitigating satellite constellation interference | 09:00 - 12:30 (Room: Cavaniglia)
- **Roundtable of Space Agency Leaders:** Moderated by Presidents Pascale Ehrenfreund (COSPAR) & President Gabriella Arrigo (IAF), featuring NASA, ESA, ASI, ISRO, JAXA, KASI/KASA, NSSC, CSA, and UAESA leadership | 14:00 - 15:00 (Room: Basilica)
- **COSPAR Opening, Award Ceremonies & Welcome Reception:** Starting from 15:00 (Room: Cavaniglia & Spadolini Pavilion, Fortezza da Basso)

Tuesday, 4 August

- **Early Career Focus & PECISS Luncheon:** Panels on career development and global research impacts | 11:00 - 14:00 (Room: Spadolini Upper 6)
- **ASI Roadmaps for Astrophysics and Solar System Studies:** 19:00 - 20:30 (Room: Teatrino Lorenese)

Discover the Full List of Special Events & Public Sessions:

https://www.cospar-assembly.org/show_infopage.php?info=142



Public Lectures: "COSPAR OFF – Lo Spazio incontra Firenze"

We are also excited to announce a series of **complimentary public lectures in Italian** (*conferenze pubbliche in lingua italiana*) open to both Assembly participants and the local community! Join us at the historic **Teatro Niccolini** (Via Ricasoli, 3/5, Florence) for three special evenings featuring leading scientists and space explorers:

Monday, 3 August | 21:00

- **Title:** Astrophysics from Space: The Global Challenge for the Future
Speaker: Roberto Ragazzoni (President of the Italian National Institute for Astrophysics - INAF)

Wednesday, 5 August | 21:00

- **Title:** The Space to Come
Speaker: Andrea Patassa (Test Pilot for the Italian Air Force and member of the ESA Astronaut reserve)

Thursday, 6 August | 21:00

- **Title:** Gravitational Waves and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics from Space
Speaker: Marica Branchesi (Full Professor of Astrophysics at the Gran Sasso Science Institute)

Full details and info on public events: <https://firenzeonstage.com/it/events/cospar-off-lo-spazio-incontra-firenze/>

Reservation by sending an email to: teatroniccolini@firenzeonstage.com



Haven't Registered Yet? Last Chance!

It's not too late to secure your spot alongside thousands of researchers, engineers, and space leaders. Join us in Florence and be part of shaping the future of space exploration!

👉 **Registration available on-site only** at the venue:

- Saturday, 1 August 14:00 – 19:00
- Sunday, 2 August to Friday, 7 August 08:30 – 19:00
- Saturday, 8 August 08:30 – 16:00

👉 **Explore the Full Scientific Programme:** <https://cospar2026.org/programme/>

Pack your bags and get ready for an inspiring week in (the warm and vibrant!) Florence.

See you very soon in Firenze!



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