

# Call for Abstracts

November 17 - 19, 2026  
Nicosia, Cyprus

## WELCOME MESSAGE

We are excited to announce that the 2nd International Forum for Young Space Scientists (IFYSS) will be held from November 17 to 19 in 2026 in Cyprus. The forum is co-organized by the Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO), the Chinese Society of Space Research (CSSR) and the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR).

The forum aims to further facilitate exchanges of the recent developments and collaborations among young scientists worldwide in space science, and will focus on the thematic areas in heliospheric physics and space-based Earth science, as an opportunity to discuss the discoveries in light of the recent space missions, numerical simulations, current status and future directions of space science.

The forum will include invited talks from senior scientists and presentations from young scientists with discussions and dialogues. Additionally, technical tours will be arranged during the event to visit local universities in Cyprus.

The forum is open to young space scientists who hold an academic/research position at the postdoctoral level or full-time researchers from universities, research institutes or enterprises.

**Please check whether you need a visa to Cyprus. If so, please apply for the visa in time.**

Visa Requirements For Cyprus <https://www.cyprusvisa.eu/>

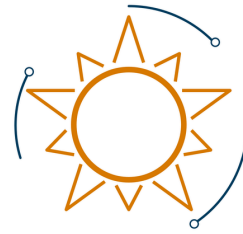
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### Important Dates:

**June 15, 2026:** the IFYSS website is open for submitting abstracts.

**August 15, 2026:** deadline for submitting an abstract, which will be reviewed by the Program Committee.

**September 15, 2026:** Notification letter sent to applicants.

**Submit Abstracts at:**

[www.ifyss2026.com](http://www.ifyss2026.com)



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The Scientific Organising Committee of IFYSS 2026 encourages young scientists and researchers (*under 45 years old*) to submit abstracts for consideration as oral or poster presentations. All submissions will be reviewed by the Committee and placed in the most relevant session.

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

Space science is a comprehensive science with many cross-discipline research branches, such as: **space astronomy** using satellite platforms; **space solar physics** studying the Sun as a closer example of the stars, also using satellite platforms; **space physics** focusing on the physical phenomena near Earth and throughout the solar system, including electrical and magnetic fields, particles, and neutral atmospheres above all the planets; **planetary science** covering all geophysical problems of the solar system's planets and their satellites; **space-based Earth sciences**, concentrating on our planet Earth at the system level but also offering direct applications to serve the people living on it; **space life sciences** studying the phenomena of life in space and the origin of life; and **microgravity science** studying the laws of matter when the 1g gravity veil is removed.

In order to limit our focus for this forum, we selected two fundamental branches of space science, namely space physics and space-based Earth sciences.

### 1. Space Physics

Also known as plasma physics, it is one of the first research areas in space. Before humans entered space with artificial satellites, we could only reach the sky using radar. Therefore, the limit to reach space was a few thousand kilometres, and the magnetosphere existed only in theory, described by equations.

The radiation belts were discovered in 1957, followed by the discovery of the solar wind. Space physics is the first and fundamental research branch in space science that provides foundational knowledge of the space environment. This is the knowledge needed for all other space activities whenever we venture into space.

More recently, space physics has become more applied due to its study of the effects of solar storms on our space environment where satellites operate, as well as on complex technical facilities such as power grids in high-latitude regions. This field is known as space weather study and forecasting.

### 2. Space-based Earth Sciences

This research area became feasible only after we entered the space age. With optical and microwave sensors placed in orbit a few hundred kilometres high, humanity's field of view expanded significantly.

Changes and variations in weather or other geophysical phenomena, such as earthquakes, have shown Earth as one interconnected system. The lithosphere, water cycle, atmosphere, and even the biosphere are all connected.

Energy is transformed between them across different time scales. Most recently, with human activities such as the emission of CO<sub>2</sub>, this system has become more complex. Space observation of Earth and studying it as a whole system has therefore become more demanding and increasingly urgent.

More Information, Scientific Programme and Abstract Submissions at:  
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## ABOUT NICOSIA

Nicosia, the vibrant capital of Cyprus, offers a unique blend of ancient history and modern energy. As the last divided capital in Europe, it boasts a fascinating cultural tapestry woven from centuries of diverse influences.

With over 4,500 years of continuous habitation, Nicosia has been the island's capital since the 10th century.

Within its Venetian walls, you'll discover a maze of narrow streets lined with historic buildings, charming cafes, and bustling markets. Nicosia is also a significant hub for trade, commerce and culture, boasting a thriving arts scene, numerous museums showcasing archaeological treasures and Byzantine art, and a lively nightlife.

This dynamic city, showcasing a blend of historical influences and contemporary urban energy, promises an unforgettable experience for attendees of the IFYSS 2026.

## VISA FREE ENTRY TO CYPRUS

The Republic of Cyprus offers visa-free travel for up to 90 days to citizens of many countries. If you have any questions regarding visiting the Republic of Cyprus, please contact the Cypriot diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in your country or the one nearest to you.

