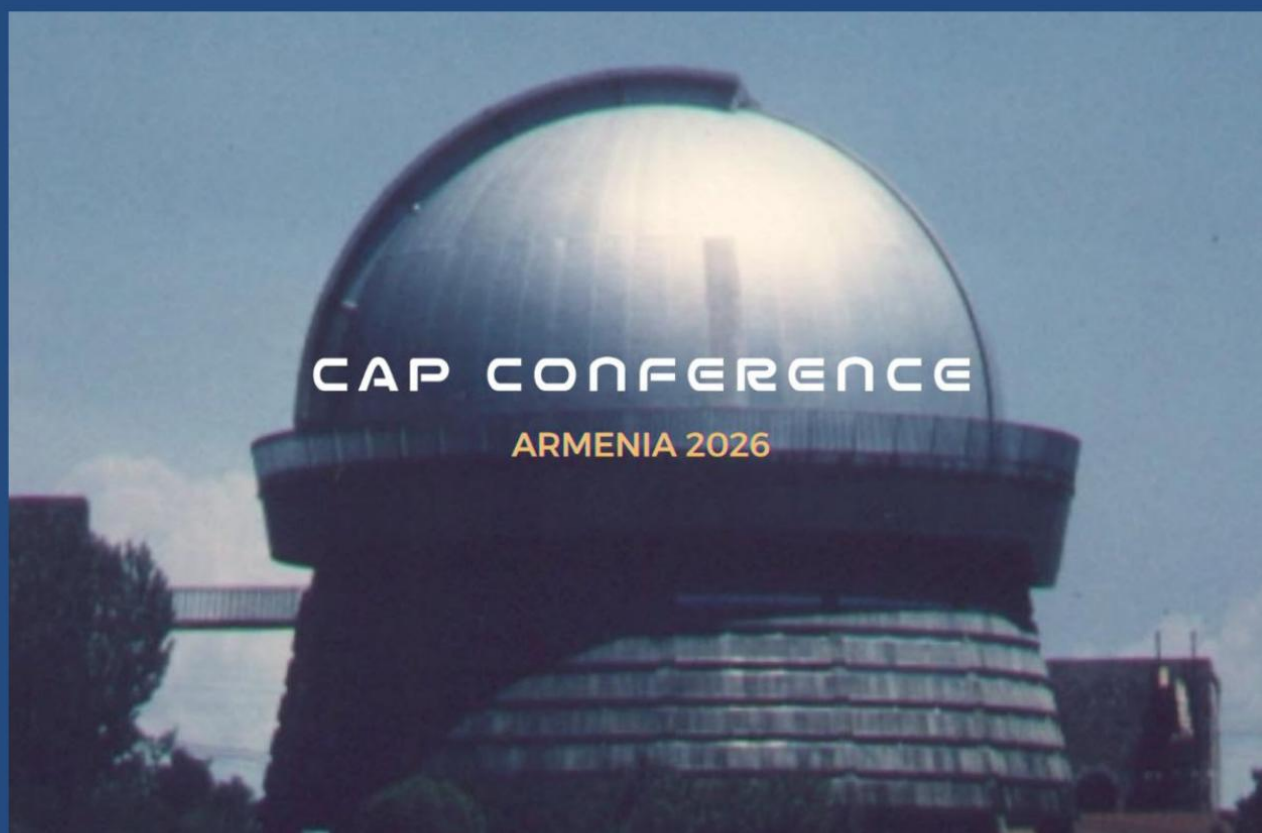




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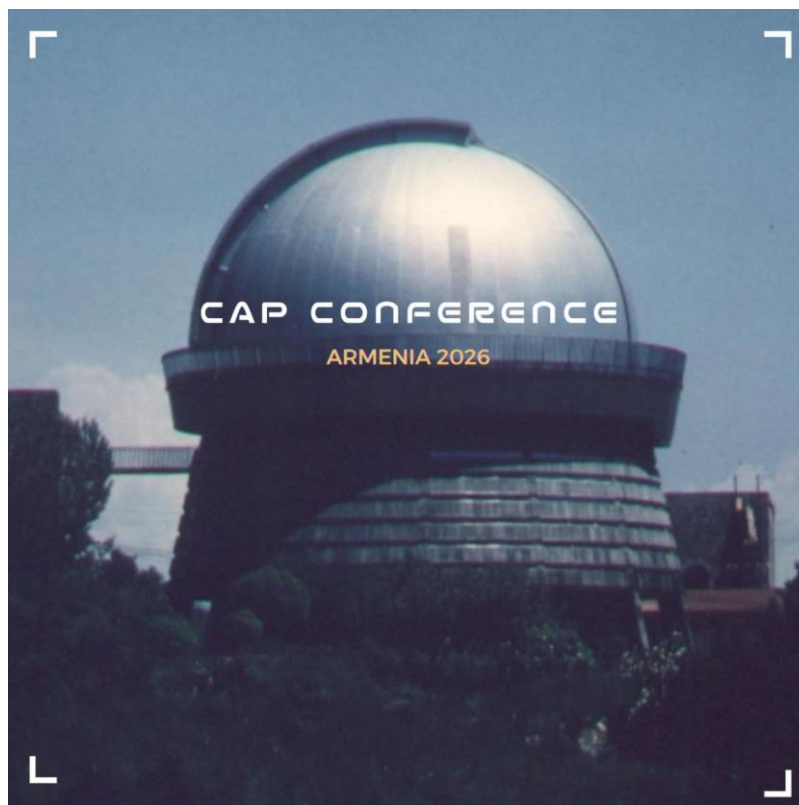
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CAP 2026 to Be Held in Armenia

We are thrilled to announce that the next Communicating Astronomy with the Public (CAP) Conference will be held from 25 to 29 May 2026 in the beautiful city of Yerevan, Armenia! Hosted by the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory and the Armenian Astronomical Society, this premier international event will bring together astronomy communicators worldwide—educators, journalists, science communicators, planetarium professionals, and outreach enthusiasts alike.



CAP 2026 is organized by IAU Commission C2 and the IAU Office for Astronomy Outreach and will be held in a hybrid format, allowing both in-person and virtual participation. Whether you're onsite in Armenia or joining from across the globe, you'll be part of inspiring conversations that shape the future of science communication.

If you're passionate about making astronomy accessible, inclusive, and engaging, this is the event for you. Mark your calendars — CAP 2026 is not to be missed.

Memorandum of Understanding Signed Between Byurakan Observatory and Center for Promotion of Innovation and Research

On March 28, the Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory (BAO) officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Center for Promotion of Innovation and Research (CIPR) LLC. This agreement aims to strengthen collaboration in scientific and technological advancement.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Areg Mickaelian, Director of BAO, and Marie-Hrachouhi Poghosyan, Founding Director of CIPR. This partnership lays the groundwork for joint initiatives focused on promoting innovation, developing cutting-edge technologies, and advancing space and astronomical instrumentation.

The agreement is designed to foster a knowledge-based economy through collaborative research, the development of modern scientific



Left: Areg Mickaelian. Right: Marie-Hrachouhi Poghosyan

equipment, and the implementation of innovative projects across astronomy and related scientific disciplines.

This strategic alliance represents a significant step toward bridging scientific research and technological application, underscoring both organizations' shared commitment to advancing Armenia's innovation ecosystem.

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ArASNews publishes information materials on ArAS, Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory and the Armenian astronomy in general, reports on ArAS Annual Meetings and participation of the Armenian astronomers in important international meetings, articles on occasion of anniversaries of famous Armenian astronomers and ArAS members, acceptance of new ArAS members, achievements of the Armenian astronomers, astronomical education in Armenia, Armenian archaeoastronomy, as well as science articles (reviews) on important studies.

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