

2ND International Forum for Young Space Scientists

Nicosia, Cyprus

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Programme

17–19 November 2026

C-SpaRC · Cyprus Space Research and Innovation Centre
Pigmalionos 18, Nicosia, Cyprus

COSPAR COMMITTEE ON SPACE RESEARCH

Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation

IFYSS 2026 – International Forum for Young Space Scientists

Programme at a Glance • 17–19 November 2026 • C-SpaRC, CSEO's Research Centre, Nicosia, Cyprus

Programme and speakers are subject to change.

Time	Tuesday 17 November 2026	Wednesday 18 November 2026	Thursday 19 November 2026
ROOM	**C-SpaRC & Mission Control Centre**	**Main room – C-SpaRC**	**Main room – C-SpaRC**
09:00 – 09:30		**Registration & poster set-up**	Morning coffee & posters
09:30 – 10:00		**OPENING CEREMONY (09:30)** **OPENING KEYNOTE (10:00)** **Mr Gyula Cserényi** **Chair: George Danos**	**SP/ES-2** **Space Physics & Earth Sciences II: Exploration, Missions, Instruments & Society** **4 talks + discussion** **Chair: Costas Varotsos**
10:00 – 10:30			
10:30 – 11:00		**KEYNOTE SESSION 1** **Chair: Jean-Claude Worms**	
11:00 – 11:30			Coffee Break & Posters
11:30 – 12:00		**KEYNOTE SESSION 2** **Chair: Ji Wu**	**EC** **Early Careers Session** **4 talks + discussion** **Chair: Jean-Claude Worms**
12:00 – 12:30			
12:30 – 13:00		**Lunch**	**LUNCH & MEET THE EXPERTS (joint)** **Informal small-group conversations with the committee members on site**
13:00 – 13:30			
13:30 – 14:00		**SP-1** **Space Physics I: Sun, Magnetosphere & Space Weather** **8 talks + discussion** **Chair: Juan Carlos Gabriel**	**CLOSING WORDS**
14:00 – 14:30	**WELCOME & ICEBREAKER COFFEE** **Meet fellow participants and the organising team**		
14:30 – 15:00			
15:00 – 15:30	**Technical Visit to C-SpaRC CSEO's Research Centre & Keynote from Balázs Bartóki-Gönczy (Ludovika Uni) followed by an informal discussion**	Coffee Break & Posters	
15:30 – 16:00		**ES-1** **Earth Sciences I: Atmosphere, Climate & Disasters** **5 talks, 2 posters + discussion** **Chair: Jiancheng Shi**	
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20:30 – 21:00		**SOCIAL DINNER** **from 20:30** **St George Restaurant** **Plateia Dimarchias 27, Nicosia**	
21:00 – 21:30			
21:30 – 22:00			
22:00 – 22:30			
22:30 – 23:00			

Space Physics sessions · Space-based Earth Sciences sessions · Ceremony, plenary & joint sessions
Coffee & posters (posters on display 18–19 Nov) · Lunch · Social

Opening & Keynotes

Opening and Keynote Sessions

Date Wednesday 18 November 2026

Room Main room – C-SpaRC

Opening Ceremony · 09:30 – 10:00
Opening Keynote · 10:00 – 10:30 · Mr Gyula Cserényi
Chair: George Danos

Keynote Session 1

10:30 – 11:30 · Chair: Jean-Claude Worms

1. **Prof. Ji Wu**
   Co-chair, Scientific Program Committee · Honorary President, Chinese Society of Space Research (CSSR)
   Discovering the Sky at the Longest Wavelength (DSL)

2. **George A. Danos**
   Co-chair, Scientific Program Committee · President, Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO)
   Title to be announced

3. **Prof. Costas Varotsos**
   National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
   Orbital Insights into Earth's Interconnected Systems

4. **Prof. Jiancheng Shi**
   National Space Science Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences
   Water Cycle Study over Tibet

Keynote Session 2

11:30 – 12:30 · Chair: Ji Wu

1. **Dr Juan Carlos Gabriel**
   Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)
   Towards a New Framework for Capacity Building

2. **Prof. Pengfei Chen** Pre-recorded
   Nanjing University, China
   Key Scientific Questions in Solar Eruptions

3. **Dr Philippe Escoubet** Pre-recorded
   Program Scientist, European Space Agency (ESA)
   The SMILE Mission Starts Science Operations

4. **Dr Larry Kepko** Pre-recorded
   NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
   Heliophysics: Past, Present and Future

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SP-1

Space Physics I: Sun, Magnetosphere & Space Weather

Date	Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time	13:30 – 15:00
Room	Main room – C-SpaRC
Chair	Juan Carlos Gabriel

Speakers

1. Vitaliy Kapytin
2. Longxing Ma
3. Himanshu P
4. Ze-Fan Yin
5. Longchang Sun
6. Kylee Branning
7. Roshini Srinivasarajagopalan
8. Sathyanarayan Iyengar N

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ES-1

Earth Sciences I: Atmosphere, Climate & Disasters

Date	Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time	15:30 – 17:00
Room	Main room – C-SpaRC
Chair	Jiancheng Shi

Speakers

1. Gegen Tana
2. Husi Letu
3. Emanuele Sciortino
4. Tianjie Zhao
5. Yipeng Cao

Poster presentations

3-minute spoken presentations after the talks; posters on display 18–19 November

1. Francesco D'angelo
2. Yihan Wu

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SP/ES-2

Space Physics & Earth Sciences II: Exploration, Missions, Instruments & Society

Date	Thursday 19 November 2026
Time	09:30 – 11:00
Room	Main room – C-SpaRC
Chair	Costas Varotsos

Speakers

1. Péter Püspöki
2. Nestor Jacovides
3. Barbara Horváth
4. Orsolya Júlia Erős

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EC

Early Careers Session

Date	Thursday 19 November 2026
Time	11:30 – 12:30
Room	Main room – C-SpaRC
Chair	Jean-Claude Worms

Speakers

1. Juan Carlos Gabriel
2. Marius Anger
3. Don Koulaouzos

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