

# EAS Individual Members' benefits

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The European Astronomy Society (EAS) has been very active in the last years in the service of its individual members. It is worth summarising the benefits that result from this activity.

As of the end of 2014 the EAS

- Publishes a yearly Newsletter that is printed and distributed to its members. The Newsletter includes articles on matters of relevance to members of the Society, but also of relevance to the whole European astronomical community.
- Provides e-information to its members several times per year. This information pertains to the community at large.
- Developed and keeps an updated web site providing society's information, informations on prizes, schools, members, jobs etc. The site is well maintained, its style has been regularly updated.
- The society runs a job market information webpage available free of charge. The job market resides on the EAS web pages. It is regularly maintained. The society is taking steps to further the links between astronomers and potential employers outside the academic circles.
- The Society maintains a database of its membership, available on the web. It's administration sends notes and invoices regularly to members and keeps its books in good order.
- The EAS awards yearly the prestigious Tycho Brahe prize.
- The EAS awards yearly the Lodewijk Woltjer lecture to outstanding scientists.
- The EAS awards yearly three consequent prizes to young European astronomers, the MERAC prizes. These are linked with well endowed fellowships.
- Individual members participate to the election of Council, they may nominate candidates for the MERAC prizes and have a right to vote at the General Assemblies of the Society.
- The EAS holds a yearly European Week of Astronomy and Space Science (EWASS). These one week long meetings bring together the European community, they include typically 6-8 EAS-symposia, a number special sessions and plenary events with, inter alia, the prize lectures. EAS members are granted a discount for EWASS registration fees.
- The EAS awards yearly a number of grants to young scientists to attend the EWASS events.

- The EAS runs the EAS publication series with more than 50 titles available.
- The EAS has established a procedure to develop position papers and to have the positions validated by the EAS members. A first report on Astronomy from space has been published.
- The EAS has set up working groups to prepare further position papers on:
  - The practices of funding the publication part of the astronomical work.
  - Ethics and good practices in astronomical research.
  - Other subjects are being considered.
- The EAS maintains close working relationships with most of the European national astronomy societies, and sponsors twice-yearly meetings where society representatives meet with EAS, exchange impressions, share good practice, and develop closer collaboration. As a result, the EAS, in collaboration with a number of these national societies, is now close to establishing a lobbying presence in Brussels.
- The EAS is the most important independent scientific society in our field. It maintains very close links to the main international organisations and collaborations in astronomy and space science, such as ESA, ESO, ASTRONET, or RADIONET, as well as to private partners who are organisational members, but is and will always remain independent of them.
- The EAS has established working relationships with the European Physical Society.