



The Hellenic Astronomical Society (Hel.A.S.)

Ελληνική Αστρονομική Εταιρεία (ΕΛ.ΑΣ.ΕΤ.)

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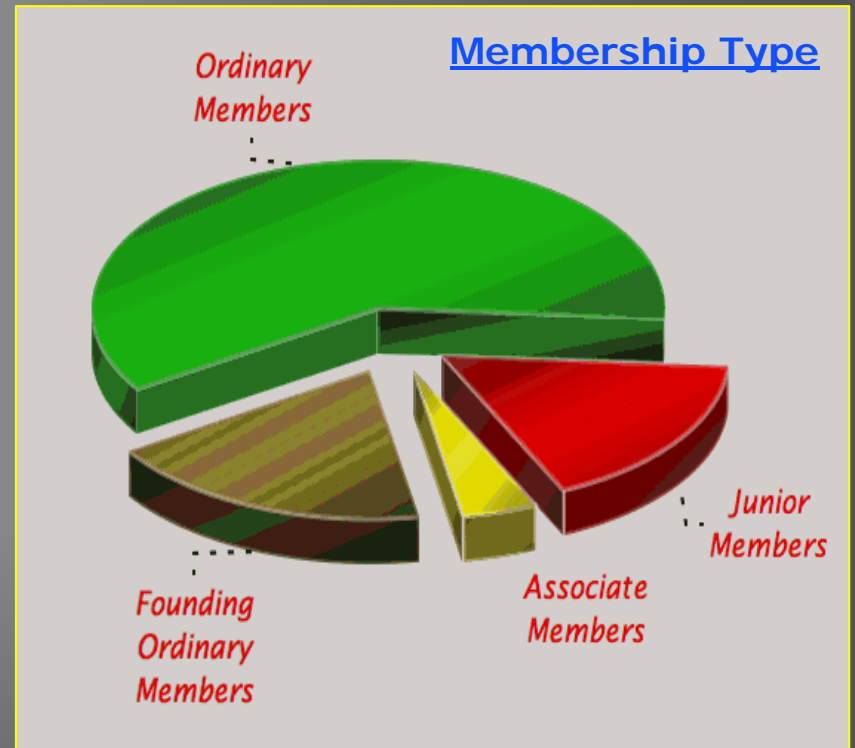
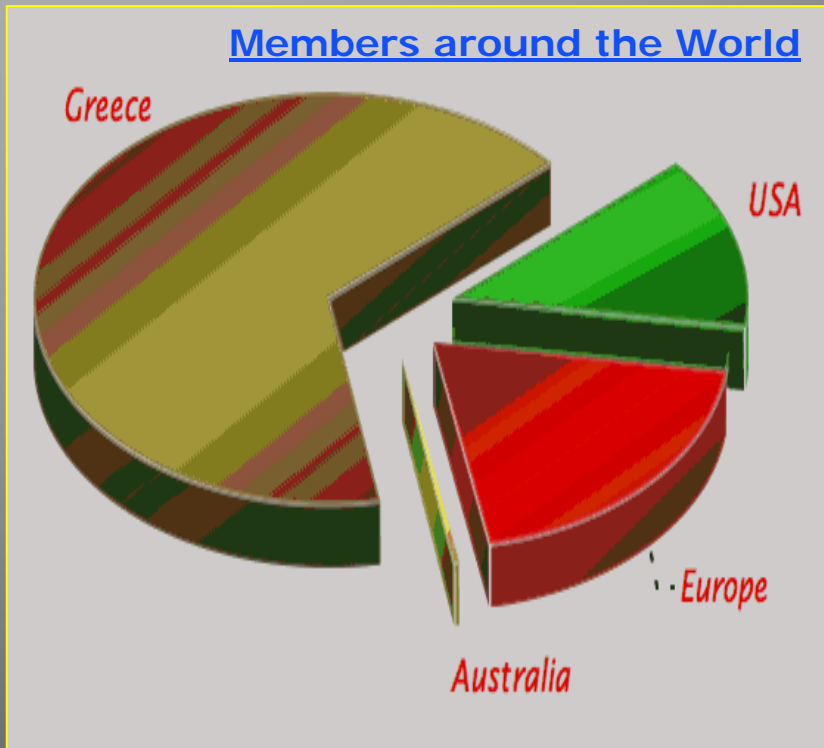
Vassilis Charmandaris
Secretary of Hel.A.S.



Structure of Hel.A.S.

- ❑ Founded in 1993
- ❑ A total of 241 members (145 Ordinary, 41 Junior, 10 Associate)
- ❑ Governing Council (GC): President & 6 Ordinary Members of GC
- ❑ Auditors: 3 Ordinary Members
 - ❑ *The Governing Council (GC) and the Auditors are elected for 2 year terms with a maximum time of service of 2 consecutive terms (4 yrs)*
- ❑ 2006-2008 Board
 - ❑ *President: Prof. Kanaris Tsinganos (Univ. of Athens)*
 - ❑ *Vice President: Prof. Kostas Kokkotas (Univ. of Thessaloniki)*
 - ❑ *Secretary: Assist. Prof. Vassilis Charmandaris (Univ. of Crete)*
 - ❑ *Treasurer: Assoc. Prof. Apostolos Mastichiadis (Univ. of Athens)*
 - ❑ *Members: Dr. M. Plionis (Obs. of Athens), Dr. I. Daglis (Obs. of Athens), Assist. Prof. I. Papadakis (Univ. of Crete)*
- ❑ Past presidents:
 - G. Contopoulos (1994-1998), J.H. Seiradakis (1998-2002), P. Laskaridis (2002-2006)*
- ❑ Annual Membership fee: 30 € (Junior members 15 €)

Membership Statistics



- ❑ 66% of the members live in Greece - 18% in Europe - 14% in the USA
- ❑ 79% Ordinary Members - 17% Junior - 4% Associate
- ❑ 88% are affiliated with Universities or Research Institutes
- ❑ 98% have e-mail access, 45% have personal web pages

Major Activities of the Society

- ❑ An International Meeting every 2 years (odd years, 8 so far)
 - ❑ *Typical duration 3 days, attendance of ~120 participants*
 - ❑ *Include ~6 Invited Plenary Speakers from outside Greece*
 - ❑ *Financial support to ~15 graduate students to attend the meeting*
 - ❑ *Hosted JENAM 1997*
- ❑ The Newsletter of the Society “**Hipparchos**” printed ~2 times a year
- ❑ The Monthly e-Newsletter since 1997 (120 issues so far)
- ❑ A recently refurbished up-to-date web page which includes:
 - ❑ *Online members directory (mySQL database)*
 - ❑ *All job - fellowship openings in Greece & links to major world job centers*
 - ❑ *All astronomy conferences & events organized in Greece*
 - ❑ *All past issues of e-Newsletter & Hipparchos newsletter.*
 - ❑ *Astronomy resources.*
- ❑ Financially contributes to an annual national high school written competition in Astronomy – The winners (one boy + one girl) sent to NASA for 1 week and to the international Astronomy Olympiad.

[Our web page: http://www.helas.gr](http://www.helas.gr)



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Welcome to the Hellenic Astronomical Society



Astronomy, the "law of the stars" or "αστρονομία" in greek, is one of the oldest sciences. Many of the developments in early astronomy have their origin in the ancient greek world. These include the first estimates on the size of the Earth, the distances to the Moon and the Sun, and the explanation of the eclipses. The motions of other objects in our solar system were also understood and it was suggested that the Milky Way consists of numerous stars like our Sun. More than two millennia since, the tradition in astronomy is still alive in Greece. These web pages contain information about the Hellenic Astronomical Society (Hel.A.S.), the major organization of professional astronomers in Greece. The Society was established in 1993 and it follows the usual structure of most modern scientific societies. It currently consists of nearly 250 members and it is an affiliate of the [European Astronomical Society](#).



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