

ARMENIAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



*Workshop “Astronomy in Europe: An Evolving Collaboration”
21-23 Jan 2008, Lorentz Center, Leiden, The Netherlands*

Status of the society

Founded *22 Jun 1999* (16 founding members): bye-laws, membership form, etc. (idea appeared in 1960s)

Official registration in Ministry of Justice as NGO *29 Aug 2001*

Recognized by EAS as an Affiliated Society: *13 Sep 2001*

Also recognized by IAU, EAAS (representative in Armenia), Armenian Physical Society, All-Armenian Scientific Society, Society of Armenian Scientists and Engineers (USA)

Main goals:

- promotion of astronomy
- promotion of collaboration between all astron. institutions in Armenia
- promotion of contacts and collaboration between the Armenian and other astronomers all over the world
- development of the astronomical education and knowledge in Armenia

Based in Byurakan Astrophysical Observatory

Membership

66 members: 58 ordinary (full), 8 junior; also “honorary”

All are professional astronomers, though students and amateurs are also accepted

By countries (10) and institutions (24):

Armenia (BAO: 31, YSU: 5, YerPhI: 4, other: 4)	44
USA	10
Germany	3
Mexico	3
Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Russia, Korea, Jordan (each)	1

ArAS membership advantages: membership card, ArAS (electronic) Newsletter, personal web page, free participation in Annual meetings, discounts in ArAS publications

Administration

President (2001-2002), Three Co-Presidents (since 2002)

ArAS Co-Presidents



Haik Harutyunian



Areg Mickaelian



Yervant Terzian

Vice-President



Tigran Magakian

Secretary



Elena Nikogossian

Treasurer



Tigran Movsessian

Relations with other organizations

IAU: official recognition, H.Harutyunian – official liaison on Educational matters IAU Com. 46)

EAS: affiliated member, EAS membership fees, JENAM-2007, European Natl priorities program

EAAS: official representative in Armenia, A.Mickaelian – EAAS Council and International Bureau member, T.Magakian – member of sci-tech. Committee, EAAS fees

IOC: Official representative in Armenia, A.Oskanian – Council member, olympiads

Proposing members for other organizations

ArAS web page

Creation: February 2002

URL: *<http://www.aras.am>*

Topics:

FOUNDATION

MAIN GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATION

ArAS MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

ArAS NEWSLETTERS

ArAS ANNUAL MEETINGS

ArAS ANNUAL PRIZE

BYURAKAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND ASTRONOMERS

FAMOUS ARMENIAN ASTRONOMERS

LIST OF ALL ARMENIAN ASTRONOMERS

DIGITIZED FIRST BYURAKAN SURVEY

ARMENIAN VIRTUAL OBSERVATORY

JENAM-2007

BYURAKAN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

USEFUL LINKS

Last updated: *September 20, 2007.*

ArAS Newsletter

Published electronically since 2002; 3 issues yearly;
altogether 24 issues distributed

Editors: T.Yu.Magakian (12 issues), L.A.Sargsyan (4 issues), L.Hovhannisyan (8 issues)

Topics: news, announcements, ArAS new members, BAO and Armenian astronomy info, international and national meetings and participation of Armenian astronomers, astronomical education in Armenia, Armenian archaeoastronomy, anniversaries, scientific, scientific-popular and info materials

ArAS Meetings and Schools

Annual Meetings: ArAS activities, sci. contributions, org. affairs

- 2002** 1st ArAS Annual Meeting
- 2003** 2nd ArAS Annual Meeting (combined with Armenian-Georgian Col.)
- 2004** 3rd ArAS Annual Meeting
- 2005** 4th ArAS Annual Meeting
- 2006** 5th ArAS Annual Meeting (combined with BAO 60th Anniv. Meeting)
- 2007** JENAM-2007 (15th EAS and 6th ArAS Annual Meetings)
- 2008** 7th ArAS Annual Meeting (Ambartsumian's 100th Anniv. Meeting)

Council meetings: a few times a year on demand of questions.

New members, current activities, organization of Annual Meetings, collection of fees, etc.

Summer schools (jointly with BAO):

- 2005** Byurakan Summer School for YSU PhysDep students
- 2006** First Byurakan International Summer School
- 2008** Second Byurakan International Summer School
- 2010** ISYA (Third Byurakan International Summer School)

ArAS Annual Prize for young scientists

Established in 2004

Awarded annually to an Armenian astronomer or ArAS member of other nationality younger than 35 for all activities during the given year (research, papers, talks, organizational affairs, etc.)

Donored by ***Prof. Yervant Terzian*** (USA)

Certificate and USD 100

ArAS prize winners:

2004 Lusine Sargsyan (BAO)

2005 Artak Harutyunyan (BAO) and Elena Hovhannessyan (BAO)

2006 Lilit Hovhannisyan (BAO) and Parandzem Sinamyan (BAO)

2007 Igor Chilingarian (Russia / France)

Educational and other activities

Astronomical Olympiads (A.Oskanian, A.Grigoryan,
A.Mickaelian, A.Hakobyan, M.Gyulzadyan, S.Nersissian)

Long-term **educational program** for Armenia

Astronomical Summer School for YSU Physics Department
students in Byurakan; Aug 2005

International Summer Schools for Young Astronomers: Aug
2006, 2008, 2010 (ISYA)

Astronomical TV programs (L.A.Sargsyan)

Armenian astronomers

Complete list of the Armenian astronomers:

204 entries as for 31 Dec 2007

Biographical dictionary of the Armenian astronomy: Armenian astronomers, ArAS members, BAO fellows, astronomers having tight contacts to the Armenian astronomy: *photos, short CVs, scientific achievements, bibliography, etc.*

JENAM-2007

15th Annual Meeting of EAS & 6th Annual Meeting of ArAS

August 20-25, 2007, Yerevan State University, Armenia

6 Plenary sessions, 8 EAS symposia and 5 special sessions

EAS General Meeting and EAS Council Meeting

SOC: 16 members from 10 countries (EAS and ArAS leaders, organizers of sessions)

LOC: 11 members + 40 students (LOC supporting team)

248 participants from 31 countries (79 from Armenia)

79 invited talks, 157 contributed talks, 116 posters

ArAS financial matters

Income:

Annually ~400\$ from fees; 1500\$ from sponsors

Dedicated donations: ArAS prize, ArAS Annual Meetings, JENAM-2007, Summer Schools, Arm. Astronomers dictionary, etc.

Expenses:

Registration, webpage, office and postal expenses, annual meetings, celebration of anniversaries, JENAM-2007 grants