**World Space Week 2025**

*“Living in Space”*

World Space Week is an international celebration of science, technology, and their contribution to improving the standard of living for all people. The United Nations General Assembly announced in 1999 that World Space Week would be celebrated annually from October 4 to 10. These dates commemorate two events:

a) October 4, 1957: Launch of the first artificial Earth satellite, Sputnik 1, paving the way for space exploration

b) October 10, 1967: Signing of the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

World Space Week events are held around the world in schools, universities, science centers, planetariums, museums, companies, etc. In 2024, more than 15,000 events took place worldwide in 90 countries.

As part of this celebration, the [Institute of Astrophysics](https://www.ia.forth.gr/) of the [Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas](https://www.forth.gr/en/home/), in collaboration with the [Astronomy Student Group of the University of Crete](https://astro.culture.uoc.gr/) and the science communication group [Periastron](https://periastron.gr/en/) is organizing an event at the **Science and Culture Center of the Foundation for Research and Technology on Monday October 20 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.,** with free entrance. Some books by [Crete University Press](https://www.cup.gr/) will be given and the event's activities will be suitable for people aged 6 and above.

More information about this celebration can be found on the official WSW website <https://www.worldspaceweek.org/>, where you can also see the institute's corresponding event [here](https://www.worldspaceweek.org/events/event-details/?eventID=100345).

Hashtags: **#WSW2025 #WorldSpaceWeek**

For any clarification, please contact the Astronomy Outreach Officer of the Institute of Astrophysics, Panagiotis Evangelopoulos, at 2810394237 and [**pevangelop@ia.forth.gr**](mailto:pevangelop@ia.forth.gr). Below is the detailed program of the event.

**Event program**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

· Space bingo by the Astronomy Student Group of the University of Crete (forecourt)

· "The day I painted the sky"

Painting for children aged 6-9 (Ground floor)

**6:00-6:45 p.m. and 7:00-7:45 p.m.**

Workshop by the Periastron team: "Astronaut's Academy" (1st floor lecture hall)

**8:15-9:00 p.m.**

Lecture: *"Our Life in Space & Its Impact on Earth"*

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(1st floor lecture hall)

