

i4is 10th anniversary

The Initiative for Interstellar Studies founded 2012



In this, our 10th anniversary year, we are even more optimistic that our species will reach out to the stars in the foreseeable future - Initially via probes crossing the space to the nearest stars in timescales similar to existing deep space missions such as the NASA Voyagers and ultimately via presence in an ever-widening sphere. There are already no boundaries in principle to this and advances in technology will enable this to happen more quickly and our sphere of knowledge and presence to extend more widely.

Our team includes scientists, engineers and broader expertise both science- based and with a wider perspective extending to all the capacities and dreams of our species. We are working with academics, professionals, other institutions engaged in similar endeavours and the widest possible circle of humanity.

The Initiative for Interstellar Studies (i4is.org) was founded in the UK in 2012 and incorporated in 2014. The Institute for Interstellar Studies was founded and incorporated in the state of Tennessee, USA, in 2014. The two are legally separate but act as a single international organisation with board members in UK, USA, Luxembourg and Germany - and volunteers worldwide. Both organisations are registered as non-profit making companies, as a Company Limited by Guarantee in the UK and as a Public Benefit Corporation (Nonprofit Corporation - Domestic) in Tennessee, USA. The Initiative for Interstellar Studies is applying for Institute status in the UK.

Our activities are technical, scientific and educational and we also strive to promote a wider vision of humanity as a species going out into our solar system and into the galaxy beyond. More about all of this and the whole of Interstellar Studies in our quarterly Principium published free since our founding - all editions available free at (i4is.org/publications/principium/).

Our membership scheme was launched in 2019 with the objective of encouraging and reinforcing Interstellar Studies. Subscribing members receive several newsletters each year. They have access to early preprints of Principium draft articles, exclusive access to some of our online presentations and to our annual report. We are a low overhead organisation with all our core team working pro bono and members fees support necessary overheads such as web hosting, the Alpha Centauri prize and our technical, educational and outreach activities.

The next ten years will bring humanity closer to achieving an interplanetary culture and an interstellar outreach. The i4is will work with like-minded people and institutions to achieve this.

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