

# THE i4is MEMBERS' PAGE

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The i4is membership scheme exists for anyone and everyone who wants to help us achieve an interstellar future. Your membership will help fund our technical research and educational outreach projects. In return, members receive many exclusive benefits, including our program of educational talks, a monthly newsletter, preprints, and access to the members-only area of the website which contains exciting tools and new material added on a regular basis. If you are passionate about an interstellar future for humanity, joining our membership scheme is the perfect way for you to get more involved while also helping us take the vital early steps towards finally reaching the stars. To find out more, visit [www.i4is.org/membership](http://www.i4is.org/membership).

## i4is Book Club

i4is has recently launched a science fiction book club for readers and writers. We read and discuss stories that take the eyes above and beyond the horizon, that inspire minds and hearts to leap from here and now to tomorrow and elsewhere. We examine stories for their readability as well as for what we can learn from them as writers. Due to the worldwide nature of the i4is membership, this book club will be held once a month on Zoom. To join the club, please email [bookclub@i4is.org](mailto:bookclub@i4is.org) for the link.

## Members' Newsletter

The i4is Member's Newsletter is an exclusive newsletter that keeps you up to date with the most compelling interstellar advances, research, and news. Since the last Principium issue, two such member newsletters have been delivered, including coverage of a variety of different developments pertaining to interstellar travel. This includes an announcement on the creation of a short story anthology by i4is members; information on the discovery of the potential remains of an interstellar meteor; summaries of exciting papers on the development of light-sail propulsion and deep space communication systems; and much more. If you are interested, be sure to become an i4is member!

## New Search Facility

Using the alert database access kindly provided by our friends at the Interstellar Research Group ([irg.space](http://irg.space)) we have created an enhanced search facility that searches all database fields as you type. We are working on adding additional features to this search soon, including filtering by category. This is another member's only feature, so remember to join i4is today to gain access to this exciting new tool. You can also request daily alerts from IRG directly by going to [irg.space/interstellar-updates/](http://irg.space/interstellar-updates/) which is a site available to anyone interested in interstellar space - member or not.

## Getting More Actively Involved

i4is is always looking for volunteers to help support humanity's venture onto the interstellar stage. If taking a more active role in our work is of interest to you, we'd love to hear from you! There are many different ways you can help us take our programs forwards, whether your skills are technical, educational, administrative, or financial. The more volunteers we have, the more we can achieve! If you think you could volunteer some time, please get in touch at [info@i4is.org](mailto:info@i4is.org), and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

## The 2024 World Science Fiction Convention - Glasgow Scotland

i4is was at the last UK-based World Science Fiction Convention at Excel London in 2014. The SF world is important to us both in terms of outreach to a community which thinks about our future, our technologies and the "inner space"

which we inevitably

project on to the interstellar vision for our species.

We will be at the 2024 event in Glasgow ([glasgow2024.org/](http://glasgow2024.org/)) with both programme items and an exhibition presence. We already have both writers and thinkers interested in involvement and we will have another Big Object at a similar scale to our 4m high monolith (as in 2001: A Space Odyssey) in 2014.

If you plan to be there next year or if you might think about it then please get in touch - [Glasgow24@i4is.org](mailto:Glasgow24@i4is.org). Scotland is renowned for both its advanced technology and its SF connections (eg Iain M Banks, Charles Stross, Ken MacLeod, Gary Gibson).

