

IAU-OAE SHAW Regional Meeting 2024/5
Contract for the transfer of funds

Between the International Astronomical Union, represented by its General Secretary Diana Worall as the funding body (hereafter referred to as "IAU") and the final recipient of the funding (hereafter referred to as "recipient"), Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, with address in Av. Haya de la Torre s/nº, Pabellón Argentina, piso 2º, Ciudad Universitaria, Córdoba, República Argentina, represented by [PERSON WHO SIGNS THE DOCUMENT] the following is contractually agreed:

PREAMBLE

Whereas the International Astronomical Union is receiving funding from the Shaw Prize Foundation for organising Shaw-IAU Meetings on Astronomy for education, and
Whereas the recipient has submitted to the IAU Office of Astronomy for Education (OAE) a proposal for organising and conducting a regional Shaw-IAU Meeting that has met with the approval of the IAU OAE and thus of the IAU;
the IAU and the recipient resolve as follows regarding the hosting of a regional Shaw-IAU Meeting (in the following "the regional meeting") by the recipient:

§ 1 SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS AGREEMENT

The IAU will support the regional meeting applied for, organised, and conducted by the recipient in the framework of the Shaw-IAU Regional Meeting, as described in Appendix 1, through project funding in accordance with the binding finance plan in Appendix 2.

§ 2 FUNDING VOLUME, TYPE OF FINANCE, FINANCE PLAN

2.1 The IAU will transfer to the recipient the maximum total amount of **22100 EUR** (Appendix 2) for the entire duration of the project funding.

2.2 This amount will be paid by the IAU in full after this contract comes into force.

2.3 The grant may only be used to carry out the work designated in the approved application as summarised in Appendix 1. The grant is earmarked and may only be used for the project as approved.

2.4 The enclosed version of the finance plan (Appendix 2) forms part of this contract and is binding in terms of the overall amount and type of item. Individual items can be exceeded by up to 20% as long as any such excess can be compensated by corresponding savings in other items.

Additional items and the complete removal of items are subject to approval by the IAU.

§ 3 TIMING AND MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

3.1 Transfer of the grant (see Clause 2.2) will happen as soon as all parties have agreed to the conditions laid down in this contract. Any remaining funds at the end of the project must be returned to the IAU.

3.2 Payment is to be made to the following account: Account holder: __
Account Number: __ IBAN: __
SWIFT CODE: __
Bank: __ Address: __

The accuracy of these bank details are confirmed by the recipient's signature of the funding contract.

3.3 If the estimated total expenditure for the purpose of the grant decreases after having been approved, the grant will be reduced by the full amount of the decrease.

§ 4 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

4.1 The recipient undertakes to use the grant cost-effectively/efficiently, economically, and in a way that is appropriate for its intended purpose. Any alternative use is only possible upon prior consultation with the IAU's Office of Astronomy for Education. It is not permitted to transfer the grant to third parties.

4.2 When the financing of personnel expenses or of administrative outlays for physical items are incurred as part of the project, the recipients may not offer its employees better terms than those offered to comparable federal employees (prohibition of preferential treatment).

§ 5 REPORTING

5.1 After the project is concluded, but no later than [PUT IN DATE THAT IS FOUR MONTHS AFTER WORKSHOP DATE], the recipient will provide the OAE with a written report documenting the workshop, including an evaluation with respect to the goals formulated in Appendix 1. The report will include information about the specific use to which the grant money has been put, in accordance with the financial plan Appendix 2.

5.2 As part of the astronomy-education research that is part of the programme, the OAE will provide the recipient with one or more surveys asking questions about various aspects of the workshop organised and conducted by the recipient. The recipient will return the survey forms in good time.

§ 6 RIGHT OF AUDIT

The IAU or its authorised representative is entitled to request books, receipts, and other business documentation as well as to make on-the-spot checks of whether the grant has been used for its intended purpose and in a cost-effective manner. The auditing rights of the responsible Courts of Auditors remain unaffected. The recipient will make available the relevant information within 60 days of the IAU's formal request.

§ 7 FINAL PROVISIONS

7.1 The relationship between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement is regulated in full by the text of this Agreement.

7.2 The Parties shall be liable to one another only with respect to wilful intent and gross negligence.

7.3 No termination, amendment, and supplement, or cancellation of this Agreement shall be effective unless made in writing.

7.4 If any provisions of the Agreement become invalid, the Parties shall be obliged to replace the invalid provisions with other valid provisions that are sufficiently close equivalents to the invalid provisions that it can reasonably be assumed that the Parties would also have entered into this Agreement with these provisions.

7.5 If such provision cannot be found, the invalidity of one or more provisions of the Agreement shall not affect the validity of the Agreement as a whole, unless the invalid provisions are of such fundamental importance to the Agreement that it can reasonably be assumed that the Parties would not have entered into the Agreement without the invalid provisions.

7.6 Conflict Resolution: In the event of a conflict in the interpretation and/or application of the provisions of this agreement, as well as all the obligations arising therefrom, the parties submit to an Arbitration Tribunal composed of one member from each party and another designated by mutual agreement.

7.7 Appendixes to this agreement form an essential part of the agreement.

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Córdoba,

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Diana Worall
General Secretary of the IAU

Fill in signatory's name and role

Signature

Signature

Appendix 1: Project description

The development of an in-person Regional Shaw-IAU Meeting in South America is a big challenge. South America is a huge geographical region, integrated by several countries, all of them Spanish speaking except of Brasil and a few small countries or European colonies. We consider that this is an important opportunity to bring together people from most countries who are dedicated to Astronomy Education, in particular through the NAECs (National Astronomy Education Coordinators) appointed by the Office of Astronomy for Education of the International Astronomical Union (OAE-IAU).

The Meeting is expected to include as many people as possible, in order to promote Astronomy Education in South America and develop future common actions. It will include NAEC representatives from ten (10) South American countries: Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina.

The Meeting will be held at the Astronomical Observatory of the National University of Córdoba, with no rental costs for the venue, and will last for three (3) days. The OAE-IAU has approved funding from the corresponding budget to cover all travel, meals and hotel costs for the international NAECs and catering during the meeting for all participants.

The proposal includes the participation of local and regional astronomy teachers and researchers in astronomy education (estimated at 20 people). This participation would not require any venue or travel costs on the part of the organizers.

Appendix 2: Estimated Budget

1. Venue costs

- Meals: € 2.000
- Lodging: € 3.600
- Catering: € 800

Subtotal 1: € 6.400

2. NAECs travel costs

International air tickets: € 14.200

Domestic air tickets: € 1.500

Subtotal 2: € 15.700

TOTAL: € 22.100



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