Dear friends,

We are delighted to invite you to the 4th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics - junior (4rd IOAA-junior), which will be hosted in Piatra Neamț, Neamț county, România, from October 18 (arrival) to October 25 (departure), 2025. The event will bring together young minds from across the globe to engage in collaborative learning, competition.

Accommodation and Logistics:
All participants will be provided full accommodation during the event.

Access:

By car

- **DN15**: Târgu-Mureș, **Piatra-Neamț**, Bacău
- **E58 – E85 – DN15D**: Iași, Roman, **Piatra-Neamț**
- **E85 – DN15C**: Suceava, Tîrgu-Neamț, **Piatra-Neamț**

By plane

The nearest airports are:

Cod ICAO	Cod IATA	Airport name CITY SERVED	County	Distance
LRBC	BCM	**Bacău „George Enescu" International Airport**	Bacău	67 km
LRBS	BBU	București „Aurel Vlaicu" International Airport (Băneasa Airport)	București	350 km
LROP	OTP	București „Henri Coandă" International Airport (Otopeni Airport)	Ilfov	355 km
LRCL	CLJ	Cluj International Airport	Cluj	290 km
LRSB	IAS	**Iași International Airport**	Iași	134 km
LRSV	SCV	**Suceava „Ștefan cel Mare" International Airport**	Suceava	114 km
LRTM	TGM	Târgu-Mureș „Transilvania" International Airport	Mureș	202 km

We strongly recommend the *Bucharest airport* as these offer direct train/bus connections to Piatra-Neamt.

By train

Departure		Train	Arrival	
Bucharest North	14:00	IR 1753	Piatra-Neamț	20:36
Bucharest North	15:00	IR 1657	Piatra-Neamț	20:58
Bucharest North	22:36	IRN 1653	Piatra-Neamț	Next day 07:10

All the participating teams arriving in Piatra Neamt by train will be welcomed at the railway station and then driven to the hotel for accommodation.

All teams that will land in Bacău or Iași will be picked up by the organizers for the trip to Piatra Neamț.

Participation Fee:

- **Main Teams**: 500 EUR per person (for up to 5 students and 2 team leaders). If the main team has at least two students and one team leader, it will be regarded as a guest team.
- **Guest Teams and Observers**: 1,000 EUR per person.

We are preparing for 25 teams/countries and may accept/accommodate guest teams for this edition of the competition provided that we have available space.

Visa and Travel Information:

You need to apply for the Tourist Visa to visit România. For more details, please kindly visit https://eviza.mae.ro/TypeOfVisa

Pre-registration:

The pre-registration form is available at: https://forms.gle/E1oQkz1AtL63tP9VA
Deadline for pre-registration is April 1, 2025. Note that students' names are not required at this stage.

Further announcements will be shared with pre-registered team leaders and national coordinators. If you wish to receive updates, kindly request inclusion in our mailing list.

Further Information:

Details about the program and venues will be updated on our website www.ioaajr2025.ro , which is currently available. For any queries, please contact us at ioaajr2025@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Piatra Neamț for an unforgettable celebration of science and friendship.

With warm regards,

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