



## IAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP OF JUNIOR MEMBERS MEETING NAPLES 2026 - TOWARDS THE IAU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2027

The first in-person meeting of the **IAU Executive Committee Working Group of Junior Members**, bringing together early-career researchers from around the world.

Hosted at the **Capodimonte Astronomical Observatory, Naples, Italy, from 9–11 September 2026**, the meeting will bring together the next generation of astronomy leaders to help shape the future of the international astronomical community ahead of the **XXXIII IAU General Assembly** in Rome 2027.

### **Special Event | 8 September 2026**

Strengthening strategic collaboration between INAF and the IAU through a high-level gathering of institutional and scientific leaders.

### **WELCOME**

**Pietro Schipani**, Director of the Capodimonte Astronomical Observatory

### **OPENING REMARKS**

**Roberto Ragazzoni**, President of the National Institute for Astrophysics (INAF)

**Willy Benz**, President of the International Astronomical Union

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