

Announcement from the IUTAM President

Dear IUTAM Colleague,

I hope this finds you well in the new post-pandemic era when travel has re-opened for most of us, and we can look forward with anticipation to ICTAM 2024 after an 8 year gap of not meeting in person. Please note that ICTAM 2024 and the attendant committee meetings of IUTAM will all be in-person and NOT run in a hybrid mode. This is to maximise the professional and social interactions between attendees, and to promote international collaborations and friendship as much as possible. Decision-making and research creativity frequently require off-line discussions over a coffee, lunch or dinner and this is best done in-person, in 3D.

IUTAM Symposia and Summer Schools have returned to their pre-pandemic mode of global operation, and I hope that this can continue in the future. Please note that the 2026-2027 call for Symposia and Summer Schools is now open, with a closing date for submissions of 15 April 2024. IUTAM funding is generous for these events, and we actively seek ways to make these activities more diverse, with additional funding to achieve this purpose. Please refer to (<https://iutam.org/notices/call-for-proposals-for-iutam-symposia-and-summer-schools-2026-27-now-open>)

As we plan for the IUTAM General Meeting of Members (GMM) at ICTAM 2024, it is opportune for the IUTAM Adhering Organisations to reflect upon their membership. Ideally, the representatives of the Adhering Organisations are diverse (in geography, gender, subject and age/career stage), and be able to attend ICTAM 2024. Continued efforts are needed in order to ensure that the Adhering Organisations are as diverse as possible.

IUTAM continues to be a member of the International Science Council (ISC), based in Paris. The ISC works at the interface between Science and Policy, and attempts to address current global issues. For example, it has recently published the report *Protecting Science in Times of Crisis: How do we stop being reactive, and become more pro-active?* See:

(<https://council.science/publications/protecting-science-in-times-of-crisis/>)

In summary, I do hope to see many of you at ICTAM 2024, after the pandemic-induced 8-year gap. It will be an opportunity to re-connect with old friends and make many new ones.

Norman A Fleck, IUTAM President, 15 March 2024.