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## Re: Regarding the situation in Argentina

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22 de enero de 2024, 10:02

Para: Asociación Argentina de Astronomía <aaacd@fcaglp.unlp.edu.ar>, Piero Benvenuti <iau-general.secretary@iap.fr>, Maria Rosaria DANTONIO <dantonio@iap.fr>

Cc: Mariana Dominga Orellana <morellana@unrn.edu.ar>, Cristina Hemilse Mandrini <cristina.mandrini@gmail.com>

Dear Mariana,

I'm happy to report that the Officers all agree to designate Argentina's National Membership as Category I for the period 2023-2025. At the Executive Committee meeting in 2025, the situation will be reviewed.

We also wondered whether you might find it helpful for the IAU to write you a letter of support for science and astronomy in Argentina. It probably wouldn't have any impact, but perhaps worth a try?

Best wishes,  
Debra

On Sun, Jan 21, 2024 at 2:45 PM Asociación Argentina de Astronomía <aaacd@fcaglp.unlp.edu.ar> wrote:

Dear President Elmegreen,

I appreciate your quick and active response.  
I hope that everyone involved can have the same empathy for our request.

Best,  
Mariana

El dom, 21 ene 2024 a la(s) 12:58 p.m., Debra Elmegreen ([elmegreen@vassar.edu](mailto:elmegreen@vassar.edu)) escribió:

Dear President Orellana,

Many thanks for your letter. I am so sorry to hear of the ongoing struggle in Argentina. I will consult with the General Secretary and other IAU Officers and Head of Administration right away about the possibility of reducing your membership fees in the IAU.

Best regards,  
Debra

On Sun, Jan 21, 2024 at 10:32 AM Asociación Argentina de Astronomía <aaacd@fcaglp.unlp.edu.ar> wrote:

Dear President of IAU  
Dr. Debra Elmegreen

As you may know, Argentina is going through difficult times. Astronomers in our country are, of course, also affected. I have tried to summarize some important facts in this letter, with the help of Cristina Mandrini (in CC), who also provided the English translation of the statement issued a few days ago by our National Academy of Sciences.

Motivated by this context and its negative effects upon us, I have added a request to the information provided. This concerns the reduction of some of our debts with IAU. If the proposed gesture through an exceptional reduction is achievable, or any other possibility you may offer, it may be good for the morale of our colleagues, because our economic situation has worsened with the latest inflationary jump. We highly value the benefits of IAU for Argentina and hope to be better contributors in the future.

I look forward to any consideration you may provide.  
Yours sincerely,

Mariana Orellana  
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