IDA**Fact**Sheet

International Dark-Sky Association
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What is the IDA?

Established in 1988, the International Dark-Sky Association is an educational, environmental 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting and preserving the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through quality outdoor lighting.

Membership

Membership dues are annual unless otherwise noted.

Individual: $35(electronic Nightscape only), $50 and up for printed Nightscape.

Corporate partnership opportunities are available. For information, please contact us at +1 520 293 3198 or *ida@darksky.org*.

Who Belongs?

IDA is rapidly growing, and currently has members from all 50 states in the USA and over 70 countries.

About 5% of memberships are organizations, including astronomy departments and amateur astronomy clubs. Others include lighting companies, engineering firms, architectural companies, observatories, cities, municipalities, and conservation entities. IDA is grateful for the generous and on going support of our membership.

Sections and Affiliates

Light pollution issues are local, regional, national, and international. Active IDA Sections are able to organize at the grass roots level, creating an effective route to progress in regions worldwide.

Affiliates are independent organizations that work with IDA to reduce light pollution across the globe.

Light Pollution

Any adverse effect of artificial light, including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night, and energy waste.

IDA's mission

To preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies. preserve and protect the nighttime environment and our heritage of dark skies through environmentally responsible outdoor lighting.

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Goals

1. Stop the adverse effects of light pollution
2. Raise awareness about light pollution, its global effects, and its solutions;
3. Educate about the values of quality outdoor lighting.

To achieve these goals, IDA takes an award-winning, unified approach that supports the individual efforts of our members and of others who advocate for quality outdoor lighting. In fighting light pollution we collaborate with a variety of communities, astronomers, ecologists, lighting professionals, and more. We are active on local, national, and international stages and have already accomplished much, but our work is not yet done.

Conferences & Meetings

Annual General Meeting
Annual Asia-Pacific Conference
Annual European Conference
Annual Fall Regional Meetings
Local Section Meetings

Programs

* Dark Sky Communities, Parks and Reserves
* Educational Outreach
* Fixture Seal of Approval (FSA)

Resources

* Dark Sky Friendly Lighting Fixture Directory
* Dark Sky Friendly Manufacturers Directory
* Dark Sky Advocacy
* Images & Multimedia
* Information Sheets & Practical Guides
* Lighting Laws
* Simple Guidelines for Lighting Regulations

Publications

* Bi-monthly e-News
* Information Sheets
* *Nightscape*—Award winning quarterly publication
* Practical Guides
* Specifier Bulletin For Dark Sky Applications

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