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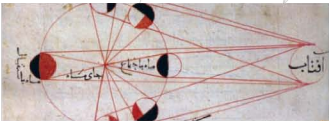
# WHAT IS IAS?

[www.ias-worldwide.org](http://www.ias-worldwide.org)

## WHY THE IAS?

Academies of sciences are authoritative institutions that can marshal the world's best scientists to provide expert knowledge and advice to countries, governments as well as policy and decision-makers on a broad range of science-related issues.

In response to the need for an international organisation that can play such a role, the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) came into being in Amman (Jordan) in 1986 as the academy of sciences of the 57-countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the OIC science community worldwide.



## WHAT IS IAS?

As well as being a science advisory body of the OIC, the IAS combines four other different functions. Firstly, it is a learned society that promotes the values of modern science, honours high achievement and disseminates scientific breakthroughs through meetings and publications.

Secondly, it is a forum where science and scientific issues are debated. The IAS also leads the scientific community of the OIC in its relations with societies, governments and academies of sciences worldwide.

Thirdly, it is an academic repository of the history of science - particularly in the context of the Islamic civilisation - as many of its Fellows and associates are noted experts in this field.

It is moreover a facilitating agency that supports the best OIC individuals to undertake imaginative and far-reaching research.

In short, the IAS is designated by many as the voice of science and technology in the Islamic world.

## IAS STRUCTURE

The IAS is governed by a General Assembly in which all IAS Fellows are member. The Fellows of the IAS represent the scientific elite of the Ummah (OIC community). Today, the IAS boasts a total membership of over 107 Fellows from 40 countries. Furthermore, the IAS also has Nobel Laureates, heads of state as well as top OIC business leaders among its select group of Honorary Fellows.

An 12-member Council, elected by the General Assembly for a 4-year term of office, oversees the management of the IAS. Its Amman-based head office is the executive arm responsible for maintaining its institutional set-up and implementing its programmes.

Jordan, as well as offering the IAS an annual maintenance grant, accorded it the diplomatic immunities and privileges normally granted to non-governmental organisations that are based in Jordan.



## IAS ACTIVITIES

### Conferences

The Academy Conferences are open fora that aim at developing a common understanding of certain topics, and formulating core policies that can assist developing countries overcome related development difficulties. So far, the IAS has addressed the following topics through conferences it has organised all over the world:

S&T Policies  
New Technologies  
S&T Manpower  
Health and Nutrition  
S&T Education  
Biotechnology  
Science for the Future  
STI: Towards Vision 1441  
STI: Policies and Politics

Technology Transfer  
Environment  
Water  
Information Technology  
Knowledge Society  
Higher Education  
Energy  
Nanotechnology



### Publications

Medical Journal of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (printed and web format)

[www.medicaljournal-ias.org](http://www.medicaljournal-ias.org)

Conference Proceedings  
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Specialised Reports  
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COMSTECH, IDB, OFID, Perdana Leadership Foundation, UNESCO, ISESCO, IAP, Academy of Sciences Malaysia, US National Academy of Sciences, Pakistan Academy of Sciences, and the OIC General Secretariat.

### Awards

An award was instituted by the IAS in the name of the late Prof. Mohammed Ibrahim, Founding Fellow of the IAS from Bangladesh. It has been awarded biannually to outstanding young medical scientists from OIC-member countries.