

## Open call for Workshop Proposals, 2025–2026

### *International Space Science Institute–Beijing*

Initial deadline: 31 March 2025

<http://www.issibj.ac.cn/program/workshops/>

The International Space Science Institute–Beijing (ISSI-BJ) is calling for proposals to host *high-level Workshops* at its premises in the second half of 2025 or 2026.

ISSI-BJ offers an international platform for research and discussions of topics across the remit of the space sciences (solar and plasma physics, the solar–terrestrial interface, Earth science from space, planetary science, exoplanets, space-based astrophysics) in a stimulating, politically neutral environment. All program activities must be multilateral (with participants representing *a minimum of four nationalities*) and interdisciplinary. ISSI-BJ shares its Science Committee with ISSI in Bern, Switzerland. The Science Committee assesses proposals for scientific meetings twice a year, with their assessment focusing on scientific excellence.

ISSI-BJ Workshops are five-day conferences hosting **up to 50** scientists, including early-career researchers. Participation is **by invitation only**; selection of participants is done by an international team of conveners (the “Scientific Organising Committee”). All participants are invited to participate in the drafting of one or more review articles which will, in first instance, be published (following peer review) in *Space Science Reviews* (2023 Impact Factor: 9.1), for eventual bundling of the chapters into a volume of the *Space Science Series of ISSI*.

#### **The “ISSI-BJ advantage” for Workshop conveners and approved participants**

1. Free accommodation in a 4-star hotel (including breakfast) from the night before their first meeting day until the night of their last meeting day.
2. Lunch catering in the basement cafeteria of the Chinese National Space Science Center.
3. A welcome dinner in their hotel.
4. Free use of ISSI-BJ meeting facilities, including options for remote participation; a selection of snacks available at any time; a coffee machine serving *illy*® coffee.
5. ISSI-BJ does not levy any registration fees.
6. Up to three conveners (or their delegates) are eligible for travel reimbursement.

Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact, at their earliest convenience, the ISSI-BJ Executive Director, Prof. Richard de Grijs, at [richard.de-grijs@issibj.ac.cn](mailto:richard.de-grijs@issibj.ac.cn).

Proposals for consideration by the ISSI/ISSI-BJ Science Committee’s May 2025 meeting are due by **31 March 2025**. Proposal templates can be downloaded here:

<https://www.issibj.ac.cn/program/workshops/202105/P020241028601515692411.docx>

Ensure that your topic has not recently been covered at either ISSI-BJ or ISSI!

For an overview of the facilities offered at ISSI-BJ, see

<https://www.issibj.ac.cn/program/workshops/202105/P020240912394293099748.pdf>

Many Europeans and participants of some other nationalities can travel to ISSI-BJ under China’s new visa waiver program.