

International Scientific Unions Join SCGES!

Gender equality is one of the UN's sustainable development goals. Scientists can and should contribute to attaining it. Joining forces across disciplines is the best way to do this.

To become partners of SCGES, scientific unions and associations sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The main commitments a partner makes by doing so are:

- Endeavoring to promote gender equality in its own structure, proceedings and scientific discipline.
- Appointing a representative and a deputy representative to SCGES; supporting them in contributing to and attending meetings.
- Making a contribution to SCGES's common funds decided on a year-by-year basis; this is currently set at 300 € and is used to run the SCGES website and the SCGES Webinars.
- Actively participating in at least one of SCGES's Working Groups.

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SCGES Partners

[ACM](#): Association for Computing Machinery

[IAU](#): International Astronomical Union

[ICIAM](#): International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics

[IFSM](#): International Federation of Societies for Microscopy

[IGU](#): International Geographical Union

[IMU](#): International Mathematical Union

[INQUA](#): International Union for Quaternary Research

[IPSA](#): International Political Science Association

[IUBMB](#): International Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

[IUBS](#): International Union of Biological Sciences

[IUCr](#): International Union of Crystallography

[IUGG](#): International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics

[IUGS](#): International Union of Geological Sciences

[IUHPST](#): International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology

[IUIS](#): International Union of Immunological Sciences

[IUMRS](#): International Union of Materials Research Societies

[IUPAC](#): International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry

[IUPAP](#): International Union of Pure and Applied Physics

[IUPESM](#): International Union for Physical and Engineering Sciences in Medicine

[IUPsyS](#): International Union of Psychological Science

[IUSS](#): International Union of Soil Sciences

[SCAR](#): Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

[SCOR](#): Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research

[UIS](#): Union Internationale de Spéléologie/International Union of Speleology

[WAU](#): World Anthropological Union



**STANDING COMMITTEE FOR
GENDER EQUALITY IN SCIENCE**



<https://gender-equality-in-science.org/>

Who we are

In 2020, nine ISC member scientific unions and organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding creating the Standing Committee for Gender Equality in Science (SCGES).

The setting up of SCGES was one of the outcomes of the ISC funded 'Gender Gap in Science Project'. The results of this project convinced us of the need to maintain permanent horizontal liaison among scientific unions and associations in order to circulate information about initiatives to promote gender equality in science, and to foster cooperation among them with that goal.

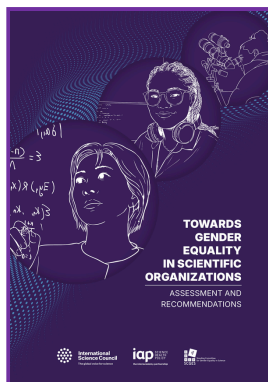
The purpose of SCGES is to circulate information among its partners, and to promote cooperation on initiatives for gender equality among them, and between them and other organizations.



As of October 2026, SCGES has 25 partners. One of our aims is to further enlarge the partnership to all ISC member unions who are concerned with fostering gender equality in the scientific disciplines they represent.

Main activities of SCGES

With ISC and the International Academic Partnership, SCGES has issued a report on 11 February 2026, to mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science:



A webinar series on gender equality is set up by partner unions. Since 2023, an SCGES webinar is part of the Global Women's Breakfast.



SCGES publishes Annual Reports presenting partner unions' initiatives in support of gender equality.



The SCGES Directory of Initiatives

The SCGES has launched a worldwide online directory of initiatives seeking to remedy the gender gap in science, so as to give them better visibility. Due to the recent creation of the directory the list of initiatives is currently very short. **Please help us make it longer!**



How we work

SCGES Partners are international Unions in various science fields. Each of them appoints a Representative and a Deputy Representative. These attend the plenary meetings held twice a year, and serve as liaison between their respective unions and SCGES. Each partner union also appoints a representative or a volunteer to work in one or more of SCGES's seven Working Groups, devoted respectively to: Best Practices, Directory, Interviews, Webinars, ISC Liaison, Web and Social Media, and Annual Report.

SCGES officers meet every other month. They include: Carol Woodward (ICIAM, Chair), Ilona Concha Grabinger (IUBMB, Vice-chair), Catherine Jami (IUHPST, Past Chair), Gillian Butcher (IUPAP, Treasurer), and Marie-Françoise Roy (IMU, Communication Officer).