

International Planetarium Society Strategic Plan Vision, Mission and Values Objectives and Strategies Summary 2016

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Vision

The International Planetarium Society will be the creative and supportive resource for innovation, advancement, and cooperation among the planetariums worldwide.

Mission—*Why do we exist?*

To provide the planetarium community professional development, science literacy and arts/humanities awareness, innovative ideas, and partnerships in order to enhance the world's appreciation and understanding of our universe.

Values—*What do we stand for?*

Science as a way to understand the world; Inclusivity of and respect for cultures; Sharing knowledge; Openness to discovery and new ideas; Service excellence; Leadership in our field.

Objectives – What are we committed to do?					
<i>I. Provide education and share knowledge</i>	<i>II. Support discovery and innovation</i>	<i>III. Connect to the broader scientific community</i>	<i>IV. Serve our Members</i>	<i>V. Thrive as an Organization</i>	<i>VI. Lead international collaborations</i>
Strategies: How will we achieve our long-term goals?					
A. Help planetarians to communicate new discoveries, data, education experiences and practices	A. Support research in education related to planetaria	A. Foster members' links with science and education professionals	A. Provide professional development programs in education	A. Grow our membership—be the professional organization of choice	A. Work with other planetarium organizations
B. Participate in other conferences and education events	B. Seek data and content related to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM)	B. Build awareness of planetariums' power & opportunities with the scientific and education communities	B. Gain recognition for our members' efforts and results in STEAM education	B. Create a sound organizational structure for the future (e.g., paid staff)	B. Work with other astronomy education groups
C. Promote the impact and benefits of planetariums as immersive environments	C. Apply innovations in educational tools	C. Prepare planetaria for big data streams from next generation technology	C. Provide a variety of communication tools and web-based content systems	C. Plan succession for our governance (e.g., term limits)	C. Work with international groups to encourage planetarium efforts in developing countries
D. Host an international database of shows, dome sequences, and planetarium education resources	D. Sponsor competitions in technical, design and educational content development	D. Set and recommend standards for scientific content distribution	D. Engage members at global, national and regional levels	D. Seek other sources or structures (e.g., foundation) to expand funding	D. Continuously seek new international opportunities for membership
E. Provide learning experiences, conferences on trends in education, new tools, technology and design		E. Building strong cross-disciplinary relationships	E. Hold conferences and education oriented events in and outside the dome	E. Utilize broad communication strategies	