

# Why join IPS?

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Many people ask, “What am I getting beyond a quarterly magazine and a biennial conference (that I usually can’t attend)?”

**Resources** – IPS is growing its role as a *portal*, a central hub for relevant information and resources. These features are continually expanding on the [IPS website](#), including:

- [Free show media](#), from [fulldome movies](#) to [audio](#) to [graphics](#).
- Member-only access to special videos, such as the [Apollo anniversary series](#).
- [Planetarium-specific papers](#) on marketing, fundraising, educational research, facility development and more.
- Access to the [IPS planetariums directory](#).

**Involvement** – There are opportunities for travel like the [“American Operator in Italy”](#) program. You can gain professional development by volunteering to serve on a committee or working group.

**Communications** – In addition to the quarterly [Planetarian](#) magazine, members now get the monthly IPS [Communicator](#) and periodic Bulletins about special opportunities and member highlights. You can access [back issues of Planetarian](#) and view the latest issue before it hits the mail. Don’t miss this opportunity to connect with your colleagues and friends from IPS. Follow us on [Facebook](#).

**Career Center** – Access to a centralized location for [position announcements](#).

**Input** – Members have opportunities to provide ideas and proposals to a [network](#) that can assist in making contacts for support, contract work or cooperation. Member input also allows IPS to grow, become more communicative and effective.

**Innovation** – Members can learn about [trends](#) in equipment and programming through webinars, articles, workshops, and conferences. Script writers, programmers, artists and musicians can experiment and get feedback. Members benefit from this infusion of new ideas/techniques.

**Professional Development** – A growing number of live (and recorded) [video seminars](#) are available free to IPS members.

**International Support for Planetariums in Crisis** – Members can reach out to the [Executive Council](#) for letters of support, access to marketing strategies, advice on generating local support, and more.

**Fellowship** – Many in this field are separated by vast distances. IPS can foster intercommunication, collaboration, and [access](#) to a community of passionate professionals that work directly or indirectly in the planetarium world. It fosters relationship building among specialists who speak the same language.

**Increase Your Impact** – Members who take advantage of [what we offer](#) increase their skills and become more valuable in their planetariums and communities. Members can access testimonials that demonstrate how IPS has helped them.

