



The International School for Young Astronomers (ISYA) is a three-week-long intensive graduate school that targets countries where astronomy is not fully developed, as well as isolated graduate students around the globe. Typically, invited lecturers to the schools are researchers in faculty positions with international career paths, familiar with the region. So far 401 lecturers, including assistant instructors, have served in the ISYAs over its 52-year lifespan. These are mainly IAU members from the international community and the host country of the school.

We have extracted the names of lecturers from the school reports in the ISYA web page<sup>1</sup>. The country assigned to lecturers is that of the current sovereign state of their home institutes, not necessarily their country of origin. For the analysis, people from the former republics of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and the USSR are assigned to countries according to the current sovereign states of their institutes at the time they attended the school.

Each person is counted only once, even if they attended several ISYAs: 18% of lecturers participated in more than one ISYA, and a third of these lecturers were ISYA alumni from previous schools.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.iau.org/education/school\\_for\\_young\\_astronomers/list/](https://www.iau.org/education/school_for_young_astronomers/list/)  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.naturalearthdata.com/>

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### The ISYA lecturers

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*Figure 6: Distribution of the 44 countries of the 401 lecturers of 42 ISYA schools. Boundaries are as defined by sovereign states in Natural Earth<sup>2</sup>. Source: OYA.*

