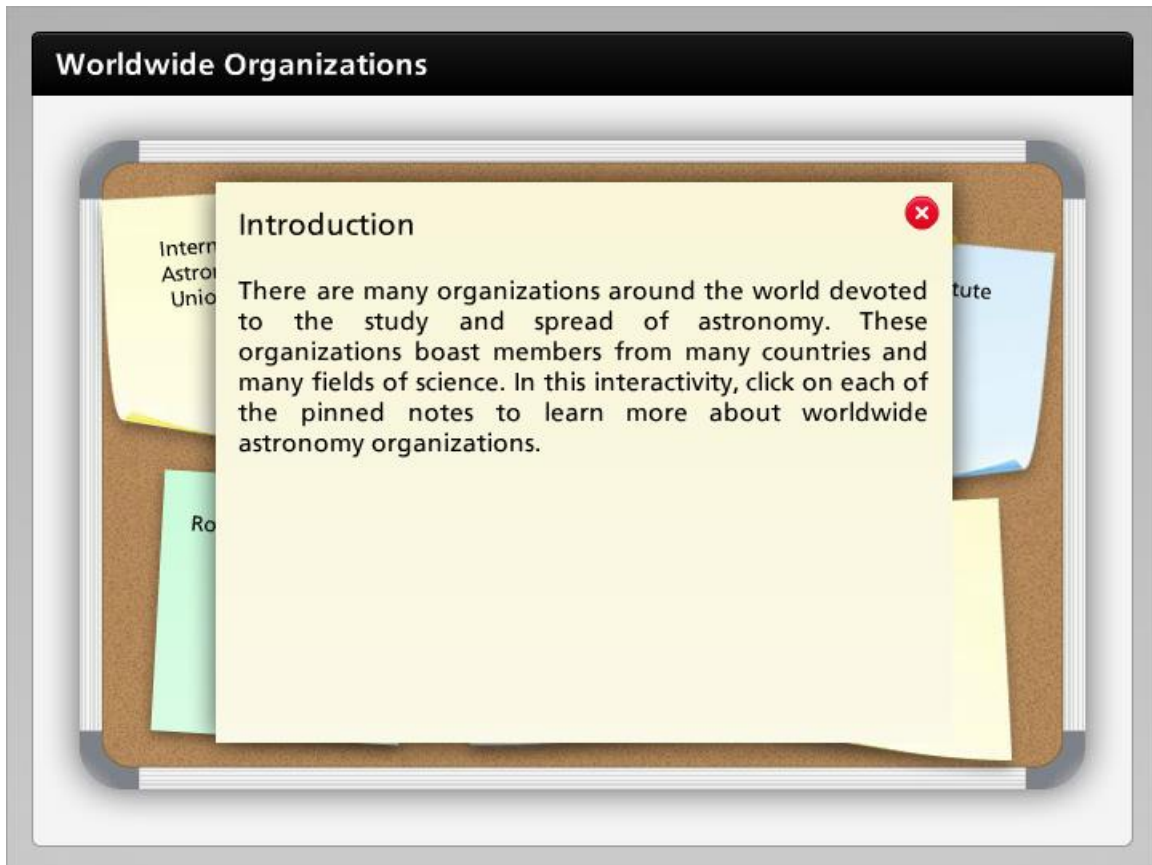


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### Introduction

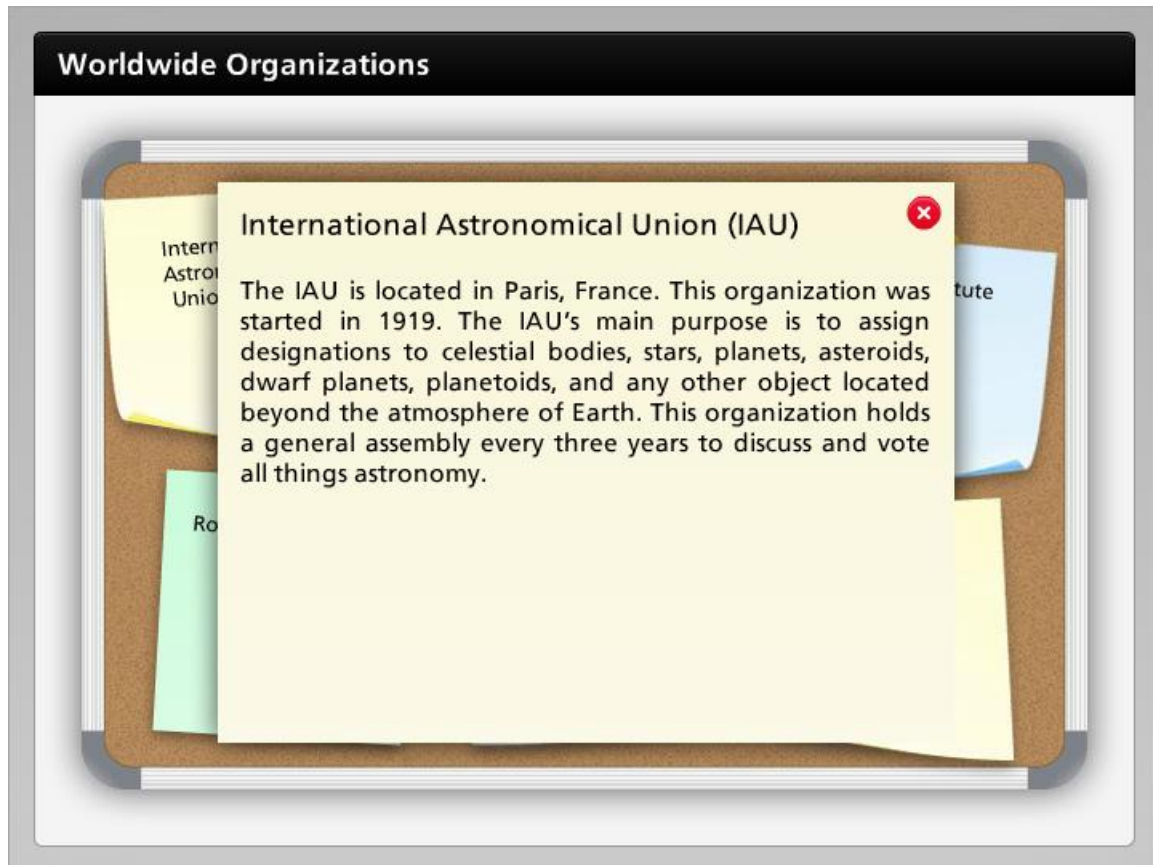


There are many organizations around the world devoted to the study and spread of astronomy. These organizations boast members from many countries and many fields of science. In this interactivity, click on each of the pinned notes to learn more about worldwide astronomy organizations.

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#### International Astronomical Union (IAU)

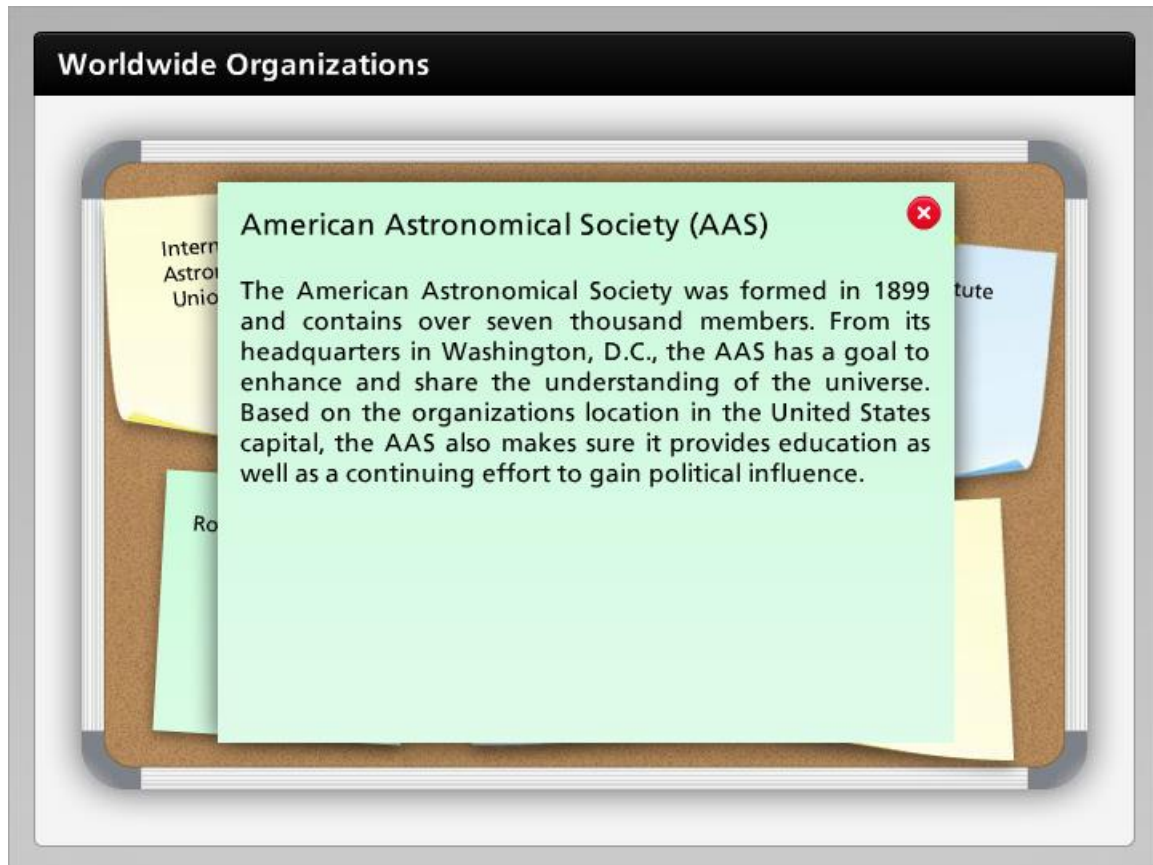


The IAU is located in Paris, France. This organization was started in 1919. The IAU's main purpose is to assign designations to celestial bodies, stars, planets, asteroids, dwarf planets, planetoids, and any other object located beyond the atmosphere of Earth. This organization holds a general assembly every three years to discuss and vote all things astronomy.

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#### American Astronomical Society (AAS)

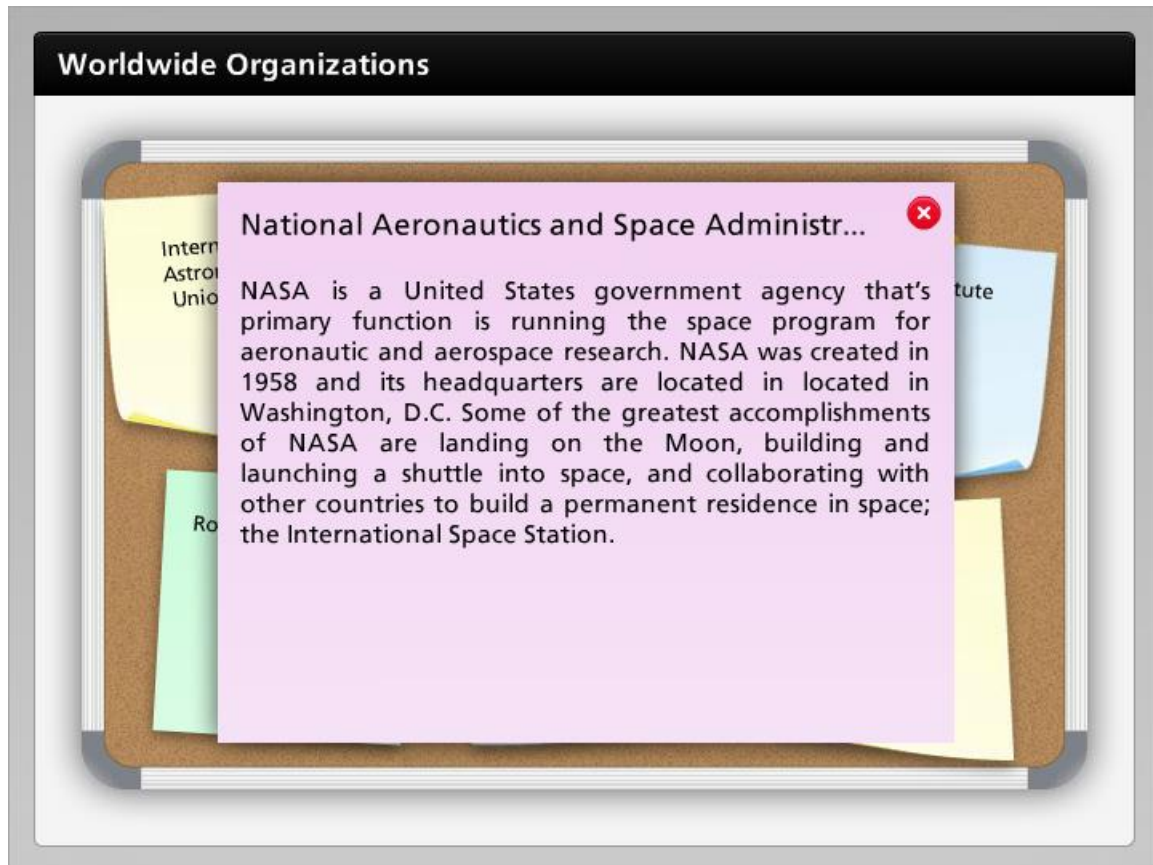


The American Astronomical Society was formed in 1899 and contains over seven thousand members. From its headquarters in Washington, D.C., the AAS has a goal to enhance and share the understanding of the universe. Based on the organizations location in the United States capital, the AAS also makes sure it provides education as well as a continuing effort to gain political influence.

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#### National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

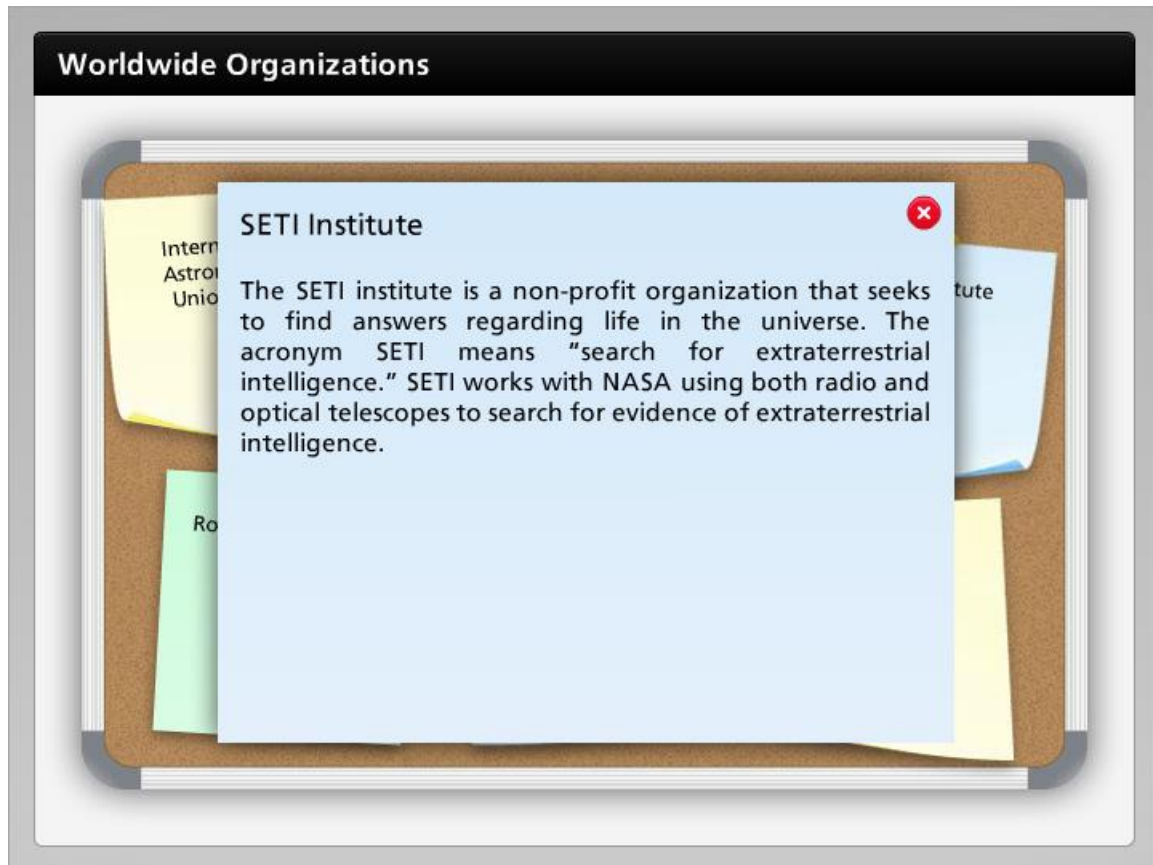


NASA is a United States government agency that's primary function is running the space program for aeronautic and aerospace research. NASA was created in 1958 and its headquarters are located in located in Washington, D.C. Some of the greatest accomplishments of NASA are landing on the Moon, building and launching a shuttle into space, and collaborating with other countries to build a permanent residence in space; the International Space Station.

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### SETI Institute

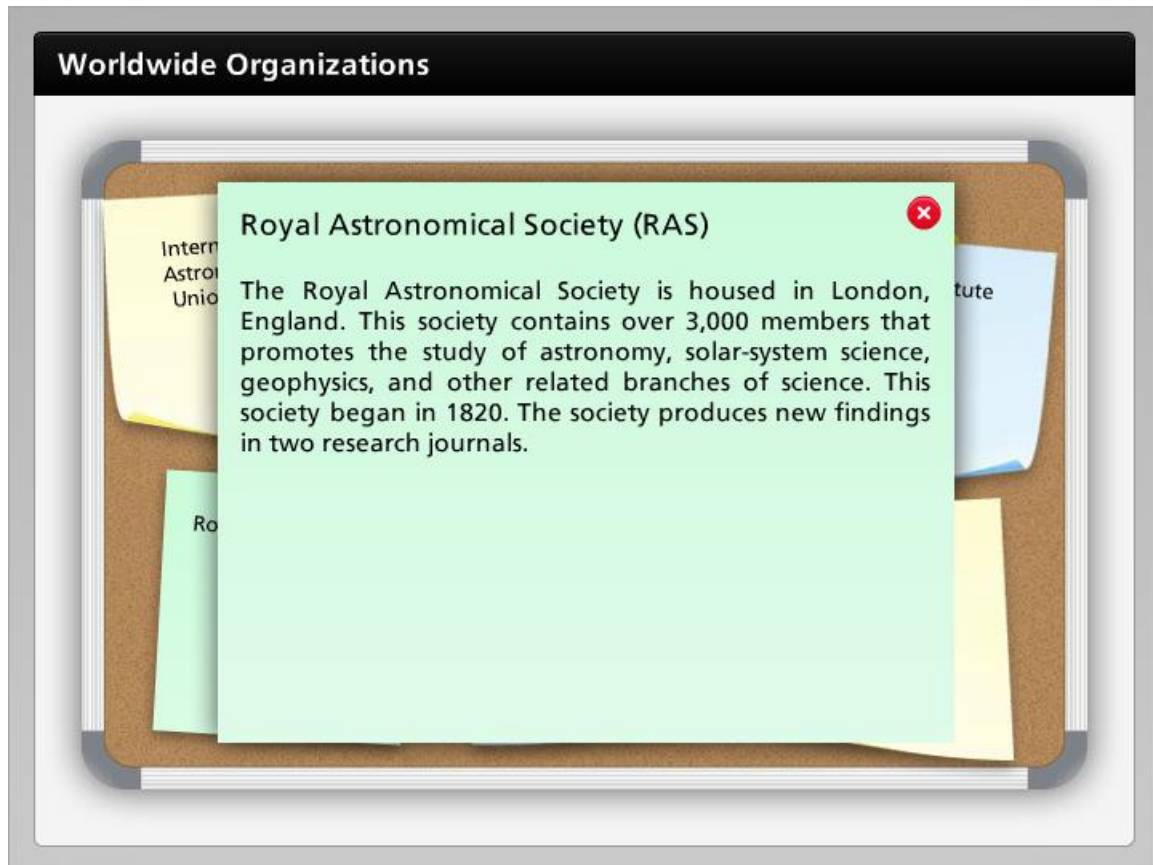


The SETI institute is a non-profit organization that seeks to find answers regarding life in the universe. The acronym SETI means “search for extraterrestrial intelligence.” SETI works with NASA using both radio and optical telescopes to search for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence.

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#### Royal Astronomical Society (RAS)

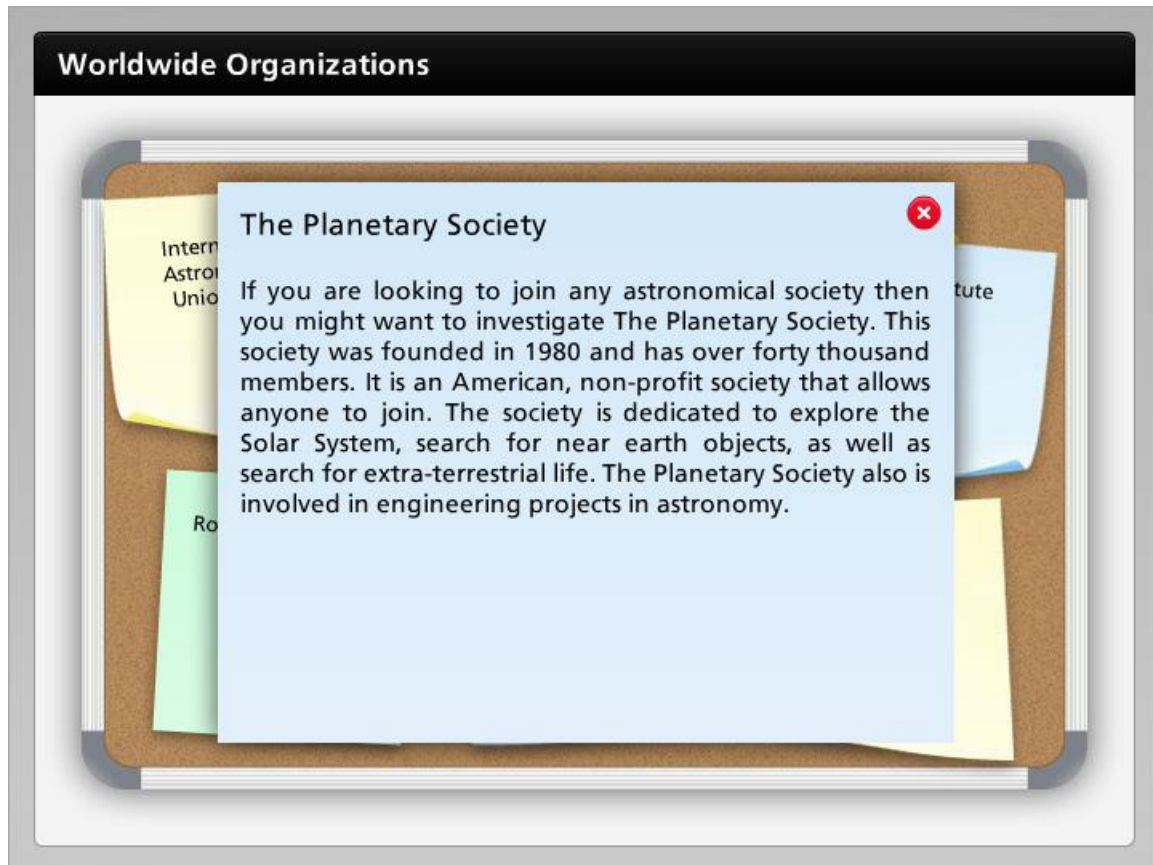


The Royal Astronomical Society is housed in London, England. This society contains over 3,000 members that promotes the study of astronomy, solar-system science, geophysics, and other related branches of science. This society began in 1820. The society produces new findings in two research journals.

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#### The Planetary Society

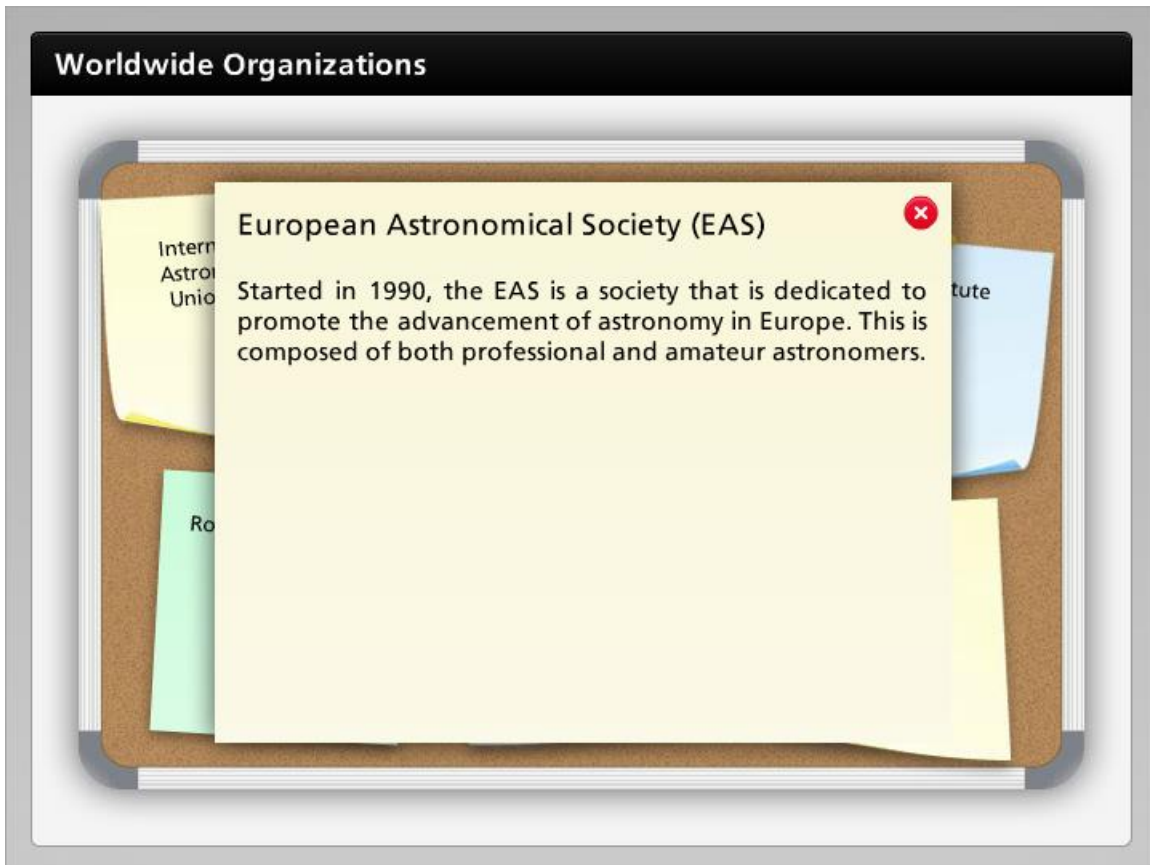


If you are looking to join any astronomical society then you might want to investigate The Planetary Society. This society was founded in 1980 and has over forty thousand members. It is an American, non-profit society that allows anyone to join. The society is dedicated to explore the Solar System, search for near earth objects, as well as search for extra-terrestrial life. The Planetary Society also is involved in engineering projects in astronomy.

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#### European Astronomical Society (EAS)



Started in 1990, the EAS is a society that is dedicated to promote the advancement of astronomy in Europe. This is composed of both professional and amateur astronomers.