

**2023**

# **SASTIC ANNUAL REPORT**


**RESILIENCE AND INNOVATION IN CHALLENGING TIMES**


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*Your involvement in SASTIC is not just about being part of an organization, it's about being part of a movement that is shaping a better future. Let's continue this journey together, with renewed commitment and enthusiasm.*



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# Introduction

SASTIC has been a beacon of innovation and resiliency in 2023, a year that has presented many challenges for Armenia. Throughout these difficult times, our members have played a crucial role in transforming setbacks into chances for development and advancement. Their dedication enhanced our community's sense of cohesion and strength while also propelling technological advancements.

Amazing accomplishments have been made in the face of hardship: from supporting the launch of Armenia's first satellite to providing AI internships to war veterans to empower them.

Each initiative, championed by our members, symbolizes our collective determination to propel Armenia forward, even in the face of hardship.

This report is more than a summary of our year's work; it's a story of perseverance, collaboration, and hope. It's a tribute to the indomitable spirit of our members and a roadmap for our continued journey towards a brighter, more innovative future for Armenia.



# Key Projects of 2023

## 1. **AI Internship for War Veterans**

A transformative program providing Armenian war veterans with hands-on experience in AI/ML, culminating in real-life project applications under expert guidance.

## 2. **Grant to the Armenian Bioinformatics Institute**

Strengthening research in Bioinformatics and Genomics, this initiative enhances educational quality and research capacity in Armenia.

## 3. **Investment in Denovo Sciences**

Pioneering in AI-based drug discovery, this investment accelerates the development of novel small molecule drug candidates, showcasing our commitment to cutting-edge technology.

## 4. **Nu FarmTech Investment**

Revolutionizing agriculture with smart farming technology, this investment aligns with our mission to support STEM entrepreneurship and sustainable farming practices in Armenia.

## 5. **Bazoomq Space Research Lab Collaboration**

A monumental step in space research, supporting the launch of Armenia's first domestic satellite, Hayasat-1, developed by Armenian specialists.

## 6. **Scholarship for Individuals Forcibly Displaced from Artsakh**

Scholarship program empowered individuals displaced from Artsakh, offering them vital tech education and career development opportunities.



# Operation

In 2023, SASTIC's journey was marked by the extraordinary voluntary efforts of our members, whose dedication and expertise have been the cornerstone of our achievements. This year, we witnessed the power of collaborative spirit in action, with each committee and group playing a vital role in advancing our mission.

- **Marketing Committee:** Amplified our vision, reaching new audiences and garnering support.
- **Membership Committee:** Expanded our network, and strengthened our community.
- **Project Review Committee:** Ensured the selection of innovative and impactful initiatives and projects.
- **AI Working Group:** Guided our technological endeavors with cutting-edge AI expertise.
- **Executive Committee:** Provided strategic leadership, integrating efforts towards our goals.
- **Board:** Offered governance and direction, ensuring sustainable and impactful operations.
- **Pro Bono Partnerships:** Special thanks to *Parvanyan Consulting* and *Encore Law* for their invaluable pro bono support, offering expert consulting and legal services.

We extend our deepest gratitude to each member and partner for their invaluable efforts. Your dedication has not only driven SASTIC's progress but has also significantly contributed to Armenia's technological and educational advancement.



# Support Artsakh Scholars Program

At present, our primary focus is on the Artsakh Rising Scholars Program, a key part of our broader efforts to support people from Artsakh. This scholarship initiative aims to offer educational opportunities to Artsakh's youth, particularly those impacted by recent events. You can play a part in their educational advancement by contributing at: [\*\*join.sastic.org/for-artsakh\*\*](https://join.sastic.org/for-artsakh)

## What We Offer

- **Introduction Courses:** This package includes scholarships for introductory courses in various fields. It's a stepping stone towards higher education and professional development.
- **Advance Course Discussion:** We'll also host discussions and mentorship sessions for scholarship recipients, connecting them with experts in their chosen fields.

## Scan to Support



# In Summary

## Engage, Involve, and Empower with SASTIC

As we conclude this report, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all SASTIC members and partners for their unwavering dedication and support. Your involvement has been instrumental in our achievements this year. However, our journey doesn't end here. We encourage you to continue being active participants in SASTIC's mission and to involve your network in our cause.

- **Engage More Deeply:** Your active participation in our committees and initiatives is invaluable. We encourage you to take on roles that resonate with your expertise and passion.
- **Expand Our Community:** Share the vision of SASTIC with your network. Encourage friends and colleagues to join us in making a difference. Direct them to our upcoming webinars for an insightful introduction at: [join.sastic.org/sastic-webinar](https://join.sastic.org/sastic-webinar)
- **Looking Ahead:** As we move forward, your continued engagement and the expansion of our community will be key to our success. Together, we can create more opportunities, drive innovation, and support the bright minds that will shape the future of Armenia.

**Thank You for Being a Part of SASTIC's 2023 Journey!**

