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### **Dr Edward C. Stone announced as winner of the first IAF World Space Award**

*IAF PR 08-2013, 30 August 2013 – Kiyoshi Higuchi, President of the IAF, is pleased to announce the result of the 2013 IAF World Space Award. This inaugural award will be presented to Dr Edward C. Stone, at the opening ceremony of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Beijing.*

The IAF World Space Award is presented to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contribution or contributions in space science, space technology, space medicine, space law or space management. The award recognizes an exceptional impact on the world's progress in astronautics.

The first recipient is Dr Edward C. Stone, professor of physics at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech), and former director of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Dr Stone became a well-known public figure through his work with NASA on the Voyager spacecraft, and has since been principal investigator on nine NASA spacecraft missions. A brief biography of Dr Stone follows.

The award will be presented by the IAF President and Mr Greg Hamilton, President of Aviation Week magazine, who have generously sponsored the award. This will take place at the opening ceremony of the IAC on Monday 23 September 2013.

#### **DR. EDWARD C. STONE**

Edward Stone (born 23 January 1936) earned his MS and Ph.D. in physics at the University of Chicago in 1964, and in 1972 was appointed Project Scientist for NASA's Voyager mission, which brought his name into the public domain. Voyagers 1 and 2 were launched in 1977, and recently made headline news as Voyager 1 is thought to be nearing the solar system's edge.

In 1991 Dr Stone was appointed Director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a position he held for 10 years. In the same year he was also awarded the National Medal of Science, an award bestowed by the President of the United States. During his time at NASA, Dr Stone became the principal investigator of numerous high-profile missions.

In addition to his prolific work with NASA, he has also been a member of the US National Academy of Sciences since 1986, the International Academy of Astronautics (of which he was president from 2003-2009), COSPAR (as Vice –President and US representative), the IAF and many more organisations, making him both a prestigious and highly involved member of the space community. In 2007 Dr Stone was awarded the Philip J Klaas Award for Lifetime Achievement. Currently, he holds the position of Morrisroe Professor of physics at Caltech.

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### **About the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation is the world's leading space advocacy organisation with 246 members including all major space agencies, companies, research institutions, societies and associations worldwide. Dedicated to "A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity", the Federation advances and promotes space cooperation, knowledge and achievements.

Supported by over 40 committees gathering more than 500 world space experts, the IAF coordinates the International Astronautical Congress and the IAF Global Networking Forum (GNF), has dedicated regional activities and activities for students and young professionals, and recognises and awards space achievements.