64th International Astronautical Congress (IAC)
23-27 September 2013, Beijing, China

Promoting Space Development for the Benefit of Mankind
The International Astronautical Congress (IAC)

*The world’s premier space event*

**What is the IAC**

The IAC is the ONE place and time of the year where ALL space actors come together. The event attracts more than 3000 participants each year.

Global and covering all space sectors and topics, it offers everyone the latest space information and developments but above all networking opportunities, contacts and potential partnerships.

Each year, the IAC changes country, theme and local organiser, enabling all to learn more about, and be a part of the world space scene.

**The structure behind it**

**Technical programme** – presenting scientific and technological breakthroughs, technical sessions provide the latest advances in space science, research, technology, exploration, regulation and education. More than 1300 papers are presented annually.

**Plenary programme** – high level speakers present the latest trends and insight in space research, technology and exploration during experts’ discussion plenaries, highlight lectures on dedicated topics and breaking news sessions, on the latest space developments

**Associated and side events** – complement the content of the IAC, covering niche topics or the needs of dedicated stakeholders within the space community

**Exhibition** – the one place where the space sector showcases the latest it offers and develops

**Social programme** – introducing the local space and cultural environment
A platform for ALL

**Scientists, researchers and engineers:** present your latest during the technical sessions and see what others have to say about it.

**Agency officials:** highlight your latest developments, interact with and get feedback from the full range of space stakeholders.

**Industry representatives:** showcase your latest and strike new partnerships.

**Students and young professionals:** a dedicated programme provides you with maximum networking opportunities.

**Policy-makers:** see how space services can be the answer to a range of national and international needs and challenges.

**Astronauts:** share your experience and vision for space exploration with one of the most heterogeneous audiences world-wide.

**Press members:** hear the latest on space developments and exploration, from the mouth of the leading space actors.

**General Public:** learn more about the world, science and actors of space.

**Local organiser:** attract the global space community and highlight your local space activities.
The process behind it

• **Call for hosting:**
IAF member organisations interested to become an IAC host are invited to submit a proposal detailing the theme, organisation and local space interest and involvement in an IAC.

Detailed information on the latest call for hosting, for IAC 2016, is available online at www.iafastro.org

• **Call for papers for technical sessions: in the areas of**
  » Science and exploration
  » Space life sciences
  » Space debris
  » Applications and operations
  » Earth observation
  » Space communication and navigation
  » Integrated applications
  » Technology
  » Astrodynamics
  » Space propulsion
  » Infrastructure
  » Space systems
  » Space transportation
  » Space and society
  » Space education and outreach
  » Space policy, regulations and economics
  » Space law
  » and more

The current call for papers, for IAC 2013, is open from 11 November 2012 to 21 February 2013.

For detailed information, see www.iafastro.org or contact the IAF Secretariat at support@iafastro.org

• **Sponsorship and exhibition**
The IAC is an unique opportunity to be seen, heard and appreciated by one of the biggest and widest space audiences of the year. Multiple opportunities to get involved and be visible, in the organisation or programme of the Congress, exist.

For detailed information on sponsorship and exhibition opportunities at IAC 2013 see www.iac2013.org

• **Registration**
Registration normally opens in April and is detailed and accessible on the IAC website developed for each Congress.

See www.iac2013.org for registration for the 2013 IAC in Beijing, China.

For more on the IAC, see www.iafastro.org/index.php/events/IAC
The actors behind it

The IAC is the joint effort of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) and a local organiser.

The IAF, alongside its partners the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) and the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), coordinates the overall programme and content of each IAC and ensures the high level of excellency reflective of the longer than 60-year history of the event.

The local organiser, or ‘Host’, coordinates the structure holding the Congress together, ensuring local space actors and developments, and the local culture and customs, become an integral part of the event.

About the International Astronautical Federation

Connecting space people

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.

For more on the IAF, see www.iafastro.org
About the IAC 2013

The 64th IAC, on the theme ‘Promoting Space Development for the Benefit of Mankind’ and hosted by the Chinese Society of Astronautics (CSA), will take place in Beijing, China, 23-27 September 2013.

In addition to a rich technical programme, come and discover the secrets behind one of the most rapidly growing and fascinating space nations today. With a local organising committee (LOC) comprising high-level representatives of all key space actors in China, ranging from government to industry and academia, IAC 2013 promises one of the most thorough introductions to the Chinese space world to date.

All relevant and latest information is available online at www.iac2013.org