



## **World Space Week 2015 Event Numbers at a Record High**

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World Space Week, declared by the United Nations as October 4-10 annually, witnessed a record celebration in 2015. A total of 1,877 events were held that week in 73 countries, according to World Space Week Association. It passed the previous milestone of nearly 1600 events organized for World Space Week 2014.

The theme for 2015, "Discovery," highlighted the current era of deep space discovery. Events held during World Space Week 2015 highlighted how much humankind has learned about the universe over the last decade. Students and adults alike learned about the spacecraft from many nations which have explored the planets, asteroids, moons, comets, the Sun and even interstellar space.

Major highlights of World Space Week 2015 include special screenings of "The Martian," performance of the Skylight Space Opera across 32 nations, and special celebrations at International Astronautical Congress in Israel, CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory in Ireland, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre in India, ESTEC and Universe Awareness in Netherlands, Airbus Defence & Space in France and Spain, the Mexican Space Agency, and the Chinese Society of Astronautics.

The 10 countries with the largest number of reported World Space Week events were Pakistan (303 events), France (185), Spain (170), India (151), Saudi Arabia (128), United Kingdom (113), Germany (109), Romania (108), Brazil (102), and the United States (72), according to Goran Nikolasevic, Operations Manager for the Association.

"World Space Week has inspired and educated hundreds of thousands on space exploration and technology for yet another year. World Space Week Association congratulates all participants, volunteers, coordinators, sponsors, and partners for this record-breaking year", remarked Timiebi Aganaba-Jeanty of World Space Week Association.

### **About World Space Week**

The largest space event on Earth, UN-declared World Space Week (WSW) is celebrated October 4-10 annually. It is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. World Space Week consists of space education and outreach events held by space agencies, aerospace companies, schools, planetaria, museums, and astronomy clubs around the world in a common timeframe. These synchronized space events attract greater public and media attention. For more information, visit [www.worldspaceweek.org](http://www.worldspaceweek.org).

### **About World Space Week Association**

WSW Association is a non-profit organization which supports the UN in the global coordination of World Space Week. Led by a global volunteer Board, the Association encourages participation in WSW, supports participants, and publicizes the resulting global celebration of space. A key focus of the Association is using space during WSW each year to stimulate STEM education worldwide. WSWA is supported by voluntary contributions by sponsors including Lockheed Martin and Lunar Mission One.

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