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Jeff Bezos to receive the 2019 IAF Excellence in Industry Award for Blue Origin

On 22 October 2019, **Blue Origin** Founder, **Jeff Bezos**, is to receive the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) Excellence in Industry Award at the 70th International Astronautical Congress - IAC 2019, to take place from 21 - 25 October in Washington D.C., United States.

The **IAF Excellence in Industry Award** recognizes an industry organization for outstanding and sustainable advancements in space, showing the merits of leadership in developing and executing landmark commercial and civil space missions and for being a role model for cooperation in the global space industry workforce.

For its first awardee, the IAF has selected Blue Origin for its significant and sustainable contribution towards enabling an enduring human presence in space through its New Shepard launch system and BE-3 liquid hydrogen rocket engine. Designed for human spaceflight and operational reusability, New Shepard has made 11 historic flights to space. These missions have long-term benefits destined to ignite a new era of commercial human access to space at a dramatically lower cost and with increased reliability.

The IAF Excellence in Industry Award Ceremony will take place on Tuesday 22 October 2019 from 08:00 – 08:25 in the Grand Ballroom of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. **Jean-Yves Le Gall**, IAF President, **Pascale Ehrenfreund**, IAF Incoming President, and **Bruce Chesley**, IAF Vice President for Industry Relations, will announce Blue Origin as the 2019 Recipient. The Ceremony will be followed by a fireside chat interview with Jeff Bezos.

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