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'Big Data' issues to be discussed at GLIS 2016

The **Global Conference on Space and the Information Society – GLIS2016** will analyze how Space is affected by big data in numerous ways; in that, it is a producer of big data sets - e.g. the European Earth Observation and Monitoring System Copernicus; it is confronted with the transmission of big data sets - e.g. Satellite Communication Systems, and it is itself a user of big data sets - e.g. by multi-temporal data analysis, data management and information extraction technologies.

A special plenary on **Big Data** will be deeply discussed during the **GLIS 2016**. This panel, moderated by **Mr. Norbert Frischauf** from SpaceTec Capital Partners, will address the opportunities and challenges that come along with the use of big data from, with and for space systems. Renowned experts from the EC, ESA, the Italian Space Agency, EUTELSAT, the University of Vienna and a well-known law firm in Cologne will provide insights into the ongoing discussions and will present options and ways ahead to better utilize the benefits of big data for the human society. The panelists are **Prof. Roberto Battiston**, Italian Space Agency President, **Dr. Hector Fenech**, Director of Future Satellite Systems at EUTELSAT, **Dr. Josef Aschbacher**, ESA's Head of Program and Planning, **Mr. Andreas Veispak**, Head of Unit at the European Commission, **Prof. Irmgard Marboe**, Professor of International Law (University of Vienna) and **Dr. Ingo Baumann**, Lawyer/Partner at BHO Legal.

GLIS 2016 will take place in **Geneva, Switzerland** from **6 -7 June 2016** at the headquarters of the **International Telecommunication Union – ITU**.

Members of the press are invited to register for the GLIS 2016 to ensure that they receive accreditation. Please send confirmation of your registration to glis2016@iafastro.org so that we can ensure that you are properly accredited.

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