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IAF President Pascale Ehrenfreund recognized by Women in Aerospace Europe with the Outstanding Achievement Award

Dr. Pascale Ehrenfreund is the winner of the Outstanding Achievement Award 2020 by Women in Aerospace Europe (WIA-E). The annual WIA-E *Outstanding Achievement Award* acknowledges exceptional technical or scientific achievements and dedication to the advancement of women in the aerospace field. This year, the Award and an Honorary Membership to WIA-E goes to the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) President **Dr. Pascale Ehrenfreund** to recognise her ongoing dedication to gender diversity and her strong presence as a role model to her peers in this area. As one of the few female heads of a space agency, Dr. Ehrenfreund has been great at increasing visibility of women in the aerospace community and to advance the aerospace industry as a whole. Her exemplary scientific career as well as her recognised leadership skills make her a unique and inspiring role model for every young woman aspiring to pursue a career in the aerospace sector.

In her IAF Global Advocacy Agenda 2019 – 2022, Dr. Ehrenfreund has declared her intention to keep the IAF focus on opening the doors to emerging space countries and new communities by fostering the principles of “3G” (Geography, Generation, Gender) Diversity within the Federation and the space sector. This has led to a very positive and sustainable evolution. The creation of the IAF “3G” International Platform for Diversity and Equality in Astronautics (IDEA) has allowed the Federation to take a leading role in the effort to promote and advance diversity and equality principles amongst a global space community, become an exemplary organization in terms of geographical, generational, gender and any other diversity aspects, and live up to its motto Connecting @ll Space People.

Pascale Ehrenfreund has been Chair of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) Executive Board since 17 August 2015 and President of the IAF since 25 October 2019. Born in 1960, Ehrenfreund obtained degrees in Astronomy and Biology at the University of Vienna, where she also earned her doctorate in 1990. Ehrenfreund was appointed as a Fellow of the European Space Agency (ESA) at the Leiden Observatory in the Netherlands, upon completion of her doctoral studies. Ehrenfreund is married with two children.

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