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## The International Astronautical Federation to increase the number of Emerging Space Leaders (ESL) grants

**11 February 2022** — The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) was one of the organizations selected by **Blue Origin**, in 2021, to receive a generous grant as part of their **Club for the Future** initiative. Club for the Future is a foundation whose mission is to inspire future generations to pursue careers in STEM and to help invent the future of life in space.

This contribution will greatly be supporting the Federation to further develop its Students, Young Professionals and Next Generation activities. **The donation has also allowed the IAF to increase the number of IAF Emerging Space Leaders (ESL) grants from 25 to 30 Students and Young Professionals!**

The ESL Programme enables Students and Young Professionals between the age of 21 and 35 to participate in the International Astronautical Congress (IAC). The programme encourages especially applications from candidates in nations with emerging space capabilities and interests who would otherwise not be able to attend. Since 1951, the International Astronautical Federation actively encourages the development of astronautics for peaceful purposes and supports the dissemination of scientific and technical information related to space.

This increase in ESL grants is an exciting first step, and the IAF is looking forward to further strengthen its Students and Young Professionals Programmes within the Federation with more initiatives to come!

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