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2023 IAF Spring Meetings: The Way Forward For IAF's Global Events

31 March 2023 – Paris, France. From 28 – 30 March 2023, the IAF Spring Meetings were successfully held. During the IAF Spring Meetings the International Programme Committees (IPC) of both, the 74th International Astronautical Congress – IAC 2023 and the IAF Global Space Conference on Climate Change 2023 – GLOC 2023, met and agreed upon the Plenary and Technical Programmes. Both events will offer a rich and diverse programme featuring timely agendas, representing all expertise and experiences from knowledgeable speakers, once again confirming the IAF as a leader in space gatherings. Both GLOC 2023 and IAC 2023 are now open for registrations.

During the IAC 2023 IPC General Meeting on Thursday 30 March 2023, Dunay Badirkhanov, IPC Co-Chair and Azercosmos Vice-chairman/CTO, announced that the IAC 2023 call for abstracts received the impressive number of 3532 abstracts from 95 countries, marking a record for the highest number of countries, clearly setting the basis for the IAC 2023 to become one of the most diverse IAC ever. Final results of the selection will be available by mid-April 2023, with the target of 2800 papers for oral and interactive presentation formats.

The IPC Steering Group also selected 18 Special Sessions out of 51 proposals. Plenaries and Highlight Lectures have been chosen and will focus on several interesting topics including Earth-Moon Ecosystems, Space Sustainability, and Environment.

Two new IAF Committees were officially inaugurated:

- The IAF Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Administrative Committee (IDEA);
- And the IAF Administrative Committee for Connecting Emerging Space ecoSystems (ACCESS).

Winners of major awards of the Federation have also been selected and will be announced soon.

The IAF Bureau also met during two sessions to review the status of the Federation activities and take important decisions:

- The Early Bird Registration deadline for the first ever IAF Global Conference on Climate Change, GLOC 2023, has been extended to Tuesday 11 April 2023;
- The next IAF Global Conference will be on Secure Space, GLOSS 2024, in collaboration with the Israel Space Agency, in Tel Aviv, Israel, in May 2024;
- In 2025 the IAF Global Conference will travel to India and in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will focus on Space Exploration, GLEX 2025.

Members of the press are invited to save the date, and register for GLOC 2023 and IAC 2023 to ensure that they receive accreditation. Please send confirmation of your registration to media@iafastro.org to make sure that you are properly accredited.

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