

MoU between ISU and WIA-E on Cooperation to Support Education in Aerospace Related Activities

Strasbourg, France: The International Space University (ISU) and Women in Aerospace – Europe (WIA-E) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to seal their existing long-term collaboration and provide a framework for future cooperation.

ISU and WIA-E affirm their common interest in pursuing the highest quality standard in education and professional development in subjects related to the peaceful exploration, development and utilization of space. Some modes of potential collaboration include WIA-E members teaching in the educational programs of ISU, including the ISU Master program, the Space Studies Program, whereas WIA-E may invite ISU faculty and lecturers to deliver seminars in their conferences.

As part of the MoU, ISU will offer discounts to WIA-E members who meet the academic requirements for and are admitted to ISU academic programs or register for ISU professional development programs. Further information can be found under www.isunet.edu.



Walter Peeters, ISU President and alumni including Claudia Kessler, CEO of HE Space and Chair of the WIA-E Board, at IAC11.

Women In Aerospace - Europe is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. WIA-E endeavours to engage and inspire more women to seek careers and advancement in aerospace as one strategic component to filling the workforce needs of the field.

"I believe our shared values of diversity and collaboration will serve our common goal of achieving excellence and continued development of the space sector," said Simonetta Di Pippo, WIA-Europe President and Co-Founder. "WIA-Europe is looking forward to working closely with ISU in the coming months and pursuing exciting projects together."

Walter Peeters, president of ISU comments:

"There is still a striking gender imbalance in the European Space sector. By providing talented women with the right educational background, ISU is hoping to assist in helping to partially close this gap, and therefore this joint initiative is a big step forward. A related aspect is to highlight the role of women in the Space sector, in order to demonstrate the potential career opportunities. Therefore ISU is highlighting the careers of its female alumnae, see also <http://www.isunet.edu/academics/isu-women>."

About the International Space University - www.isunet.edu

The International Space University (ISU), founded in 1987 in Massachusetts, US and now headquartered in Strasbourg, France, is the world's premier international space education institution. It is supported by major space agencies and aerospace organizations from around the world. The graduate level programs offered by ISU are dedicated to promoting international, interdisciplinary and intercultural cooperation in space activities. ISU offers the Master of Space Studies program at its Central Campus in Strasbourg. Since the summer of 1988, ISU has also conducted the highly acclaimed Space Studies Program at different host institutions in locations spanning the globe. ISU programs are delivered by over 100 ISU faculty members in concert with invited industry and agency experts from institutions around the world. Since its founding, 25 years ago, more than 3900 students from over 100 countries graduated from ISU.

Women In Aerospace - www.wia-europe.org

Women in Aerospace- Europe is a dynamic network of women and men committed to promoting a more competitive, fair, and innovative aerospace industry with a balanced representation of women at all levels. Co-founded in 2009 by Simonetta Di Pippo and Claudia Kessler, WIA-Europe now has more than 400 individual members in 8 local groups throughout Europe as well as numerous corporate sponsors who support WIA-Europe's objectives, events and projects.

WIA-E organizes conferences; training and mentoring programmes; offers awards and grants; as well as regular networking opportunities in our key aerospace communities.

For information about WIA-E local groups, activities and membership, go to www.wia-europe.org

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