

FACT SHEET



Space: unlocking Imagination, fostering Innovation and strengthening security

68TH INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL CONGRESS ADELAIDE. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

25 -29 September 2017.

Background

The IAC is the world's largest annual gathering of space professionals and its parent organisation is the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) that is based in Paris (see: <http://www.iafastro.org>).

IAC's have been held every year since 1950. In 1998 the Congress was held in Melbourne and the 2017 event will be only the second time it has been held in Australia.

Host organisation

Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA), a small not-for-profit entity that exists to promote space activities in Australia notably in the civil, commercial and open research domains.

Delegates

We anticipate that more than 3,000 space professionals, including astronauts, heads of space agencies, engineers, scientists, innovators, legal and policy specialists, interested parliamentarians and students will attend IAC2017 in Adelaide.

Delegate and partner registration will open in early 2017 through the IAC2017 website.

A dedicated partner program is being developed.

Arrangements are being made with organisations in other parts of Australia to welcome IAC2017 delegates who wish to extend their stay in order to visit, for example, the NASA tracking station at Tidbinbilla near Canberra and the radio telescopes in Western Australia and in New South Wales.

The Congress Program

The IAF organises the congress program. Abstracts will be called for later this year with submissions closing in February 2017. There will be 30 separate tracks for papers organised

around five themes: Science and Exploration, Applications and Operations, Technology, Infrastructure and, Space and Society.

Adjunct Organisations

Three other international space organisations will hold their annual conferences in association with IAC2017. They are:

- The International Institute for Space Law (IISL)
- The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- The Space Generation Advisory Council (for young space professionals, SGAC)

2017: A year for anniversaries

- The 60th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik 1
- The 50th anniversary of the signing of the Outer Space Treaty which remains the foundational international instrument regulating human activity in space
- The 50th anniversary of the launch of Australia's first satellite, WRESAT, which was designed and built in Adelaide and launched from Woomera.

Showcase

IAC2017 will be used to showcase Australian innovation, in and beyond the space sector, to a very well-informed global audience. We also plan to place a strong emphasis on STEM education, with emphasis being placed on best practice with regards to the teaching of science.

Exhibition and Sponsorship Packages

A large exhibition, with Australian and international exhibitors, will be an integral feature of IAC2017.

Rates and sponsorship packages, when finalised, will be available on the IAC2017 website.

Adelaide: A Jewel of a City

Adelaide is a city of 1.3 million people – large enough to comfortably host the IAC and small enough to involve the entire community. Adelaide is the capital city of the State of South Australia.

Several of Australia's premium wine-producing regions are within a one-hour drive from the city.

To the south is Kangaroo Island which is a favourite tourist destination and, to the north are the Flinders Ranges and beyond that the Outback.

Further Information

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