

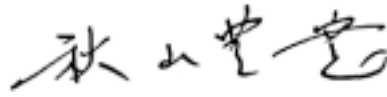
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**Commemorative Poster  
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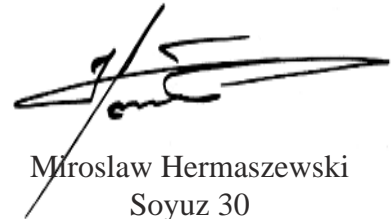
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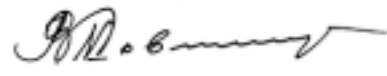
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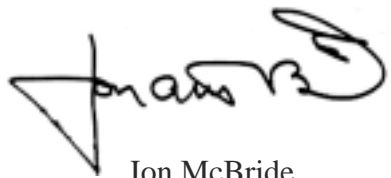
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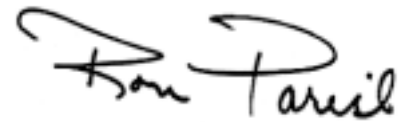
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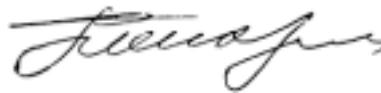
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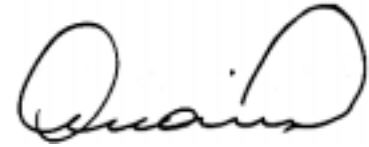
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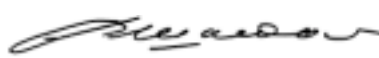
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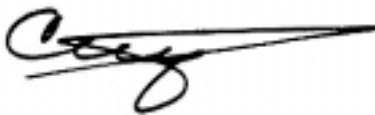
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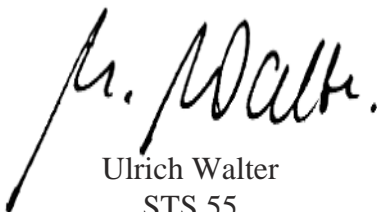
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The poster on the cover commemorates the 12th Planetary Congress of the Association of Space Explorers (ASE). The Congress took place September 28-October 4, 1996 in Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City, Canada. Bearing the authentic signatures of thirty-five of the participating astronauts from ten nations, it is part of a series of limited Collector's Edition posters that have been produced and signed at each ASE Congress since the Association was founded in 1985.

The poster has three headings, the main headings in English and French at the top, with the Russian displayed at the bottom. Around the periphery are printed translations of "Association of Space Explorers" in the native languages of all individuals who have flown in space. The background is taken from NASA archive photo # 83 HC 213 which has been used for each set of posters in the series.

The central image of the poster represents the Congress theme "Cooperation in Space-Progress for Humanity." The image features a view of the Aurora Australis in a photo taken from Space Shuttle mission STS 51-B. The image illustrates the conviction of ASE members that space holds great promise both as a new environment for human and other life as well as a source of intellectual illumination and inspiration for all humanity. At the 12th Congress, the participating ASE members discussed the contributions that space law, manned space exploration and space flight technologies make to the development of modern society and to the improvement of the human condition on our home planet.