



# **Letter Agreement between ASE Europe and International Space University Strasbourg**

The Association of Space Explorers European regional committee, ASE Europe,  
represented by the President ASE Europe, Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu,  
and

The International Space University, ISU, Strasbourg,  
represented by its President Michael Simpson

agree on the following principles of their cooperation:

## **1 Scope**

ASE Europe and ISU with this cooperation agreement want to better exploit the value that astronauts and their experience in spaceflight represent to foster and enhance the public knowledge about the benefits of the space exploration. In addition to science and applied research the human presence in space is part of the continuing fascination that space, its secrets, and possibilities have for students and young professionals when choosing their study subjects or taking the first steps of their careers. Both the academic curriculum of ISU and the outreach activities of astronauts are ideal to put this interest on a sound basis and accompany the students quest for knowledge and proficiency.

## **2 Principles of Interaction and Cooperation**

1. Both ASE Europe and ISU during their cooperation will fully observe the bylaws, charters, rules, and legal regulations under which both organisations were founded and are acting at present. Agreements in this letter will be considered void if they are in conflict with the above mentioned terms of reference for either organisation.
2. The cooperation shall be conducted under the principle of “no exchange of funds” on the level of the organisations. Both parties will occasionally consult each other to achieve a satisfying balance of mutual rights and obligations.
3. The cooperation shall be conducted on a non-commercially oriented basis and shall observe binding European or local rules of respecting proprietary and copyrights as well as the rights of individuals to their personal image. Fund raising activities involving this cooperation agreement need to be made known and require mutual written consent.
4. All items coming from this agreement that require coordination or consultation shall be discussed and resolved by consensus of the signatories of this agreement or their successors.



### **3 Interactions**

ASE Europe and ISU interact as follows on these subjects:

#### **1. Host location, registration, organisational status**

ISU agrees to be the seat location of ASE Europe with effect of [month] 2011. It will support ASE Europe to achieve the necessary legal status under French and regional laws and its registration as non-profit non-government organisation. ISU will advise ASE Europe on such matters as financial rules, national tax laws, correct organisational set-up and representation to achieve and maintain the above mentioned status.

#### **2. WWWeb-presence**

Both ISU and ASE Europe will make mentioning of the aim, form and content of their cooperation as appropriate in their public presence especially in the World Wide Web. ASE Europe will do this on the ASE Europe specific websites hosted by ASE USA. Both sides will make full mentioning of this agreement at occasions when events or lectures have been implemented according to this agreement.

#### **3. Conferences**

ASE Europe after receiving a request from ISU will distribute information on upcoming ISU hosted conferences to its membership and encourage participation, the submission of abstracts, or other contributions as appropriate. If required ASE Europe will coordinate presence and contributions of its member astronauts to ISU conferences. ISU will register ASE Europe members under reduced conference fees, regular conditions apply if the astronaut is travelling on an Agency or Industry fully sponsored mission.

#### **4. Astronaut Panels, Executive Course**

ASE Europe on request of ISU will undertake all efforts to provide the presence of European astronauts in the regular astronaut panels held at the occasion of the Masters of Science courses and the summer Space Studies Programme. Travel costs including standard subsistence for European travel will be borne by ISU, the participating astronaut will not ask for and receive a honorarium. The principle applies for the astronaut participation as speaker in the Executive Space Course

#### **5. Lectures,**

Lectures by members of ASE Europe in the frame of the Master of Science course and the Space Studies Programme follow the general ISU principles for visiting lecturers. They may be supported by ASE Europe when the MSc or SSP directors ask for this.

#### **6. Secretarial support**

ISU will nominate a person to support ASE Europe in general at the ISU site in Strasbourg. This person will receive and re-distribute letters and sendings arriving at the ISU site for ASE Europe, and support the ASE Europe president and the board of directors with the distribution of information to the membership. These activities should not comprise more than 4 hours a week on average.



#### 4 Future areas of cooperation

ASE Europe will investigate to financially support applications of young students to the ISU Master of Science courses and the Space Studies Programme.

ASE Europe will apply best effort to supply ISU with opportunities for internships or similar among its membership for the MSc course students.

#### Validity

This agreement remains in force until one of the parties informs the other that it wants to terminate the agreement. This requires [one] year advance notice.

Signed in Vienna, Austria, 14 February 2011

<p>For ASE Europe</p>  <p>Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu President</p>	<p>For ISU</p>  <p>Michael K. Sipson President</p>
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