



ASE Selects Dr. Julie Patarin-Jossec as 2021 ASE Emerging Space Champion

By its charter, the Association of Space Explorers ASE and its European chapter, ASE Europe, support young emerging space professionals, who early on in their professional life have excelled in their field of space expertise in international undertakings. Over the years, ASE scholarships and personal grants have helped young recipients coming from all over the world to attend conferences and take part in space courses. In analogy to the International Astronautical Federation's honours programmes, ASE Europe in 2021 for the first year has chosen its

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The ASE Emerging Space Champion recognition is awarded to exceptional students and young professionals, who contribute to astronautics in their academic or early careers, reach out to other young people and their communities to share knowledge and experiences, have been engaged with the international space community and contribute to the public space awareness. Eligible are persons in their post-graduate or post-doctorate phase, working in a space related professional environment. The recipients should have shown to extend their space related efforts beyond their personal interests in international organizations of educational, outreach, space political, or professional exchange character. The award consists of financial support to the awardee for expenses related to the presentation of their award winning work and encourage its continuation beyond the year of recognition.



The first winner of the ASE Emerging Space Champion recognition is **Julie Patarin-Jossec** from France, currently working as lecturer in St. Petersburg; Russian Federation. Julie holds a PhD in political sociology from the University of Bordeaux. Says Reinhold Ewald, currently President of the European ASE chapter: "Julie has worked extensively on the impact of human spaceflight and its protagonists, the astronauts and cosmonauts, on societal awareness. In 2019 she initiated the new Space Habitats Committee of IAF, which she chairs until present. That put her into the focus of the European astronaut community. Well done, Julie!"

With references from European astronauts and peers, she has twice been nominated by ASE for the Young Space Leaders recognition programme of IAF and has been among the finalists each time getting appraisals from the IAF Honours and Awards Committee. With ASE's support she will be able to report on her work both at the GLEX 2021 in St. Petersburg and the IAC 2021 in Dubai. Says Julie: "I'm extremely honoured to have such a support from you at the ASE. Be sure that the ASE recognition matters way more than [others] to my work."