



ASSOCIATION OF SPACE EXPLORERS

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The ASE Mission is to apply the unique perspective of our astronaut/cosmonaut members to promote the global benefits of space science, exploration and international cooperation; to educate and inspire future generations; and to foster better stewardship of our home planet.

ASE supports the Net Zero Space goal “to ensure safe space operations and the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.” This includes “avoiding further generation of hazardous space debris, and by remediating existing hazardous space debris.” ASE has published many papers in support of the larger space traffic management and orbital debris challenge.