

MEDIA ADVISORY #1:

ISDC 2016 to be hosted by NSS-PR Chapter

Title: International Space Development Conference (ISDC 2016)

When: Wednesday, May 18 to Sunday, May 22, 2016.

Where: Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel, 200 Convention Boulevard, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907

What: The annual International Space Development Conference (ISDC) is the keynote event of the National Space Society (NSS), bringing together leading managers, engineers, scientists, educators, and business people from civilian, military, commercial, entrepreneurial, and grassroots advocacy space sectors, to work toward the common goal of developing a spacefaring civilization. ISDC has attracted up to 1300 attendees from over 20 countries, and has featured renowned speakers. ISDC has been held in various locations throughout North America, with the 35th annual conference taking place in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

ISDC 2016 is where space leaders, astronauts, enthusiasts and the next generations of young students and professionals participate on space development; its scientific, economic, technical and social challenges and potentials. We will host various sessions and workshops focused in multiple areas of space development: Moon and Mars exploration and settlement, deep space exploration, innovative technology, science fiction influence in today's technology, collaboration in space, asteroids, living in space, space based solar power, space debris, space tourism, and space law and policy, among others. ISDC 2016 has plenary sessions, keynote speakers, multidisciplinary special topic breakout tracks, exhibit hall, NASA/NSS Space Settlement Design Contest, book signing and much more for executives, managers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, young professionals and students, and space leaders and space enthusiasts. Thought leaders in the space industry will share about past, current and upcoming innovations.

About the National Space Society (NSS)

NSS is an independent, educational, membership, nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of spacefaring civilization. NSS is widely acknowledged as the preeminent citizen's voice on space, with over 10,000 members and supporters, and over 50 chapters in the United States and around the world. The Society publishes the Ad Astra magazine, an award-winning periodical chronicling the most important developments in space. NSS also actively recruits the next generation of young people to encourage their interest in developing math and science skills and foster their interest in becoming a part of the next generation of scientists, astronauts, and explorers.

ISDC Attendance: On average, 800-1000 people attend an ISDC annually; 300-400 are international attendees.

Event website <http://isdc.nss.org/2016>

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