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Space Expectations: How the Public Views Space Activities (2)

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SPACE EXPECTATIONS: LATEST SURVEY RESULTS

Abstract

At the 59th IAC in Glasgow, a paper was presented describing two studies being carried out by Commission VI of the International Academy of Astronautics on the impact of space activities upon society. One of these studies sought to discover the hopes and aspirations of those outside the space field – the person in the street – regarding space activities. The paper reviewed the thought processes and decisions leading up to the commencement of the survey, documented the reasoning behind the questions which the public were; described the efforts to translate the questionnaire into the six Unesco languages to achieve wider participation, and provided an overview of results to date.

This present paper will provide an update on this Space Expectations survey including respondent's thoughts regarding the visions and costs of space activities, how much people feel part of them and whether and how they would like to be more involved. The paper will discuss the addition of new languages for the questionnaire, the drive to make the survey better known and encourage participation worldwide, as well as an analysis of the latest results of opinions.