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ISIFAND, A NEW WAY TO FUND NON-STATE SPACE RESEARCHES

Abstract

This paper is about a Nongovernmental Organization in Iran to support Space Applied Researches with the goal to provide a non-biased evaluation system, resulting to the best researches and researchers for following the study to the final application. Iran Space Investment Foundation for Applied Novelty, research and Development, abbreviated as ISIFAND, is the NGO with number of Angel Investors, looking for Purposeful Researches in Space Science and Technology. To achieve this, ISIFAND has a core team with experts from Space Industry and of course, with minimum relation to the governmental programs, to define the Goals, Evaluation Criteria and Prizes. ISIFAND is considered to open the path for Students and all other Scientists who are trying to move Space Tech forward in Iran, with no eye to any governmental funding, not for that they do not need any funding or can supply their financial needs on themselves, but as they cannot get such funding easily, or even it is not possible for them. ISIFAND, as part of Fazadotir which is a startup on Space Education, Engineering and Entrepreneurship, communicates to the ecosystem through Faza website, social media and regular events. ISIFAND, defining Short Term Research Areas and Needs, provides funding for cases compatible with them based on Evaluation Criteria that is published along the needs. By Now, ISIFAND has two annually Prizes, the first to the Most Applied Research in Space Technology, which is granted each year and the second to the Most Talented Researcher of the year, who should pass a list of qualifications. ISIFAND is going to expand in a year and is ready to share the experiences and resources for establishment of branches or similar foundations in Space Emerging Countries with people who has the same Objective and Key Results. IAC2020 may be the best event to find such comrades.