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ASTRONAUT ROUNDTABLE

Abstract

This session begins with an Astronaut Roundtable where an international group of astronauts from the various programmes will discuss their experiences in a roundtable format. There will be an extended Question and Answer period of interaction with the audience. This session concentrates on all aspects of spaceflight that are unique to the presence of astronauts. It encompasses astronaut activities such as selection, training, workload management, and task division between flight and ground segments. It includes spacecraft systems and robotic tools; interfaces; international command, control and communications; payloads; research; and utilization. It addresses the unique spacecraft systems required to safely accommodate astronauts during intravehicular and extravehicular activities. The session includes astronaut pre-mission, mission, and post-mission support of technological and scientific space-based research and utilization of human space complexes and the space environment