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History of Western Asia Contribution to Astronautics (3)

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Abstract

International Astronautical Congress 1973: It has been held the 24th IAC in 1973 in Baku capital of Azerbaijan. It was biggest Congress of the IAF for that time in terms of participants more than 1500 from 30 countries such as USA, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, India, Japan, Iran, Spain, Italy, France, Sweden and embraced topics reflecting a wide range of space science and technology. The slogan of the Congress was “Cosmos must become an area of peace”, “Cosmos must serve humanity: it must be discovered for the happiness of man!” Azerbaijan was one of the republics of the former Soviet Union. The Congress 1973 has created an excellent environment on establishment of entity related to the space science and technology activities. Taking into account of the capacity of country it has been decided engagement of Azerbaijan for Earth study by use of advances of space technology. Establishment of the Caspiy Center: A few months later after the end of the Congress, on 21 August 1974, the south-eastern Scientific Center for Natural Resource Studies – Caspiy was established in Baku. This Center has been transferred into Space Research of Natural Resources Institute behind of National Academy. In 1981, the Institute has become the Scientific Production Association for Space Research (SPASR), which was pioneer of such management system as scientific production within the Academy system of the former Soviet Union. SPASR from 1985 to 1992 operated under the Ministry of General Machine-Building the second powerful ministry after Ministry of Defense of the former USSR. Azerbaijan National Aerospace Agency: Azerbaijan National Aerospace Agency (ANAS) has established on the base of Scientific Production Association for Space Research after collapse of Soviet Union. During all the period space science and technology organization was engaged in various scientific research fields such as astrophysics, development of space-borne and air-borne parts and equipment, and remote sensing devices. In the meantime, number of local and international events have conducted. IAF Memberships: Azerbaijan National Aerospace Agency is the first organization who become the member of the IAF. Today Shamakhy Astrophysical Observatory and Azercosmos are the members of the IAF. Azercosmos: Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos) is providing customized solutions based on advanced technologies for peace and prosperity. Now days Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan services are not limited only deliver a broad spectrum of services and solutions, as well as engage in a wide range of RD activities.