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SPACE ART

**Abstract**

Good practices and inspiring resources are presented, as well as opportunities for children and students to participate in activities related to the integration of the arts and sciences of space and astronomy. From the observations made during my direct work with the children as the head of the Astro Club and School of Arts, I find a significant increase in the cognitive interest in science and especially in astronomy and space. These sciences are really inspiring for young people and they take great pleasure in participating. Students' participation in drawing contests of the European Space Agency, the Cheops satellite, radio transmission of children's drawings to the moon via the Dwingelo radio telescope, Netherlands, GTTP project are presented. This year, as a member of the EAAE Board of Directors, I resumed the holding of the Spase Art World Children's Drawing Competition. More than 600 drawings from all over the world were obtained with extraordinary children's imagination and creativity. An opportunity for students to participate in the Sally Ride Earth Cam Project - using the camera on board the International Space Station and taking their own pictures of Earth from space - is presented. Many schools that I introduced to the project made exhibitions in their schools. I am the organizer of the National contest for children's drawings "Our Fragile Planet", inspired by the SpaseEU project (EUN), which will become international next year and will give more children and students the opportunity to participate.