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ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE SPACE FIELD: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Abstract

I am excited to present a paper abstract for the "Sharing Space Achievements and Heritage: Space Museums and Societies" symposium at IAC 2024. Our paper aims to explore the crucial role played by civil society organizations in advancing space enlightenment and fostering collaboration between the space industry and society.

Drawing on the unique strategy of our organization, which focuses on enlightening and popularizing the space field while connecting and gathering societies around space-related initiatives, our paper delves into the innovative approaches employed to build bridges between the space industry and society. This approach is particularly special due to the diverse backgrounds of our association's founders, who hail from Azerbaijan, an Eastern partnership country, and have established an NGO in Poland. This unique perspective allows us to navigate the complexities of two different societies and serve as a bridge between the space industry and society.

Through a comprehensive analysis of our organization's strategy, we highlight the importance of civil society organizations in promoting space awareness, education, and engagement among the general public. By sharing our experiences and best practices, we aim to inspire collaboration and exchange of ideas among organizations within and outside the IAF family. Our paper also offers novel insights into ways to enhance outreach to young societies and representatives of emerging space nations, fostering communication and collaboration for mutual benefit.

In conclusion, our paper underscores the vital role of civil society organizations in advancing space enlightenment and building meaningful connections between the space industry and society. We believe that by working together, we can unlock the full potential of space exploration and ensure its benefits are accessible to all.