

Ecsite Space Group Annual Meeting 2018

30-31 January 2019

Columbus earth center, Kerkrade (Netherlands)

As agreed during the Ecsite Space Group pre-conference workshop “Space for Life: Engaging audiences” held in Geneva (Switzerland) last June, an invitation to host the next Space Group Annual Meeting was issued to the Ecsite Space Group community. The 2018 edition of the Annual Meeting will be hosted by [Columbus earth center](#) in Kerkrade (Netherlands) this coming January.

The Ecsite Space Group will come together once more to exchange and design collaborative projects to better share European space activities and space science with the general public.

The two-day workshop will give representatives from science engagement organisations the opportunity to explore:

- The latest news from the European Space Agency – ESA and national space agencies
- The third Pilot Project ‘Climate change: Monitoring the atmosphere and oceans from Space’ and other resources
- New collaborations with the European Space Agency – ESA and Airbus Foundation’s Discovery Space programme
- Exchanges with space agency and industry representatives, researchers and peers from the science engagement community
- A behind-the-scenes look at Columbus earth centre and its activity around the ‘Overview Effect’
- Innovative resources, initiatives and ideas from science engagement peers

A draft programme can be consulted below.

For any **questions regarding the programme**, please contact **Barbara Budassi**, barbara.budassi@esa.int, Space Group Coordinator for ESA.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, please **confirm your participation** with **Cristina Paca**, cpaca@ecs site.eu. If already known, please mention your estimated time of arrival in Aachen or Kerkrade to enable us to make the necessary travel arrangements.

About the Space Group

The Space Group aims at improving and extending communication about space by helping specialized science centres and space professionals to work together with non-specialists and develop collaborative projects and events.

The group is chaired by Marc Moutin, Director of Exhibitions at Cité de l’Espace, France, Ana Noronha, Executive Director of Ciência Viva, Portugal, and Maria Menendez, Head of ESA Corporate Exhibitions and Events, France.

Programme

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

Time	Session title	Speaker
10:30-11:00	Arrival and welcome drinks	
11:00-11:15	Welcome address	Hans Gubbels , Director, Museumplein Limburg
11:15-11:25	Ecsite Space Group: objectives of the Group and presentation of the two-day meeting	Co-chairs of the Space Group
11:25-12:15	Tour de Table & taking stock <i>Potentially: an interactive exercise to gather input for the development of the Space Group</i>	All participants
12:15-13:15	Lunch break	
	Keynote addresses	
13:15-13:30	ESA next missions and milestones	Roberto Lo Verde Head of management support and corporate activities office, ESA Communication Department
13:30-13:45	How NSO The Netherlands Space Office works with science centers and museums (tbc)	Jasper Wamsteker Head of Communication and Educational programme, Netherlands Space Office
13:45-14:00	Latest VR and AR trends in the space field (tbc)	Ruud Dullens , Entrepreneur and Board Member, BlueTea B.V.
14:00-14:15	Q&A with speakers	All participants
14:15-15:30	Earth Experience in Columbus earth center <i>Presentation of the center activities and 'Earth Our Planet Our Home' (1h show, immersive projection surface)</i>	
15:30-15:45	Health break	
15:45-16:15	Earth observation resources at ESA	Robert Meisner , Earth Observation Communication Officer, ESA Communication Department
16:15-17:15	Climate change: Monitoring the Atmosphere and Oceans from Space (2019) <i>Collaborative session on the development of the</i>	Led by Ana Noronha , Ciência Viva

	<i>third pilot project</i>	
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A Space Group dinner will take place in the evening of Wednesday, 30 January.

Thursday, 31 January 2019

Time	Session title	Speaker
9:30-9:45	Welcome to the second day & overview of the programme	Co-chairs of the Space Group
9:45-10:15	The Einstein Telescope – a new project in the Province of Limburg	Frank Linde , project leader, and Martijn Rumpen , strategic advisor, Province of Limburg (tbc)
10:15-10:45	Update on Space Group resources and potential new collaborations	Rosa Marti, City of Arts and Sciences – Alive! The Board Game Cristina Paca, Ecsite – ISS kit Co-chairs of the Space Group
10:45-11:00	Health break	
11:00-12:15	The Discovery Space platform and Collaboration with the Ecsite Space Group participants <i>Interactive session, tbc</i>	Representatives from Airbus Foundation, tbc
12:15-13:15	Lunch break	
13:15-14:15	Resource share <i>5 minute pitches followed by 30 minutes of networking to further explore resources and activities</i>	All participants Moderated by Cristina Paca, Ecsite
14:15-15:00	Toward Ecsite 2019 ‘Pushing Boundaries’, 4-5 June 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark <i>Brainstorm together on the upcoming pre-conference workshop, the Space Group session and Business Bistro booth</i>	Co-chairs of the Space Group All participants
15:00-15:30	Conclusions and next steps	Co-chairs of the Space Group
15:30-16:00	Goodbye drinks	