



## Programme

### ESA Space History Conference

Padua, Italy, 23-24 November 2017

#### Preliminary Programme

*Last updated: 24 July 2017, 13:30:00 (GMT)*

Thursday 23 November 2017

08:30 **Registration of participants**

10:00 **Greetings from local dignitaries**

**10:15 Opening address by ESA Director General**

Johann-Dietrich Wörner

**10:30 Scope and objectives of ESA History Project**

Opening panel by ESA History Project Academic Council (EHPAC) members, moderated by ESA History Project Coordinator

**11:15 Sputnik 60+ : whither space?**

John Krige, EHPAC Chairman, Kranzberg Professor, School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta

**11:45 The moving frontier of space exploration**

Sylvestre Maurice, Deputy Principal Investigator for Curiosity/ChemCam, Mars 2020/SuperCam, ExoMars 2020/ Raman Laser Spectrometer, Research Institute in Astrophysics and Planetology (IRAP), Toulouse

12:30 **Lunch break**

**14:00 International cooperation in space science: a 60 year overview**

Professor Roger-Maurice Bonnet, Astrophysicist, former ESA Science Programme Director, International Space Science Institute, Bern

**14:45 From the Outer Space Treaty to UNISPACE 50+**

**15:30 Space diplomacy, Science diplomacy: how they interact and what is at stake?**

Isabelle Sourbès-Verger, Director of research at CNRS, Centre Alexandre Koyré, Paris  
Piero Messina, European Space Agency, Strategy Department, Paris

16:30 **Coffee break**

**16:45 The Sputnik effect: a comparative international approach**

Panel of Historians led by Antonio Varsori, Political Science Department, Law and International Studies, University of Padua

20:00 **Social Dinner**

Friday 24 November 2017

- 09:00 **Space and social sciences**  
Introductory statements by EPHAC members
- 09:30 **Space History: a tool to support decision-making?**  
Round table discussion featuring historians from organisations and members of air and space academies
- 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 **Pitches by young scholars and students and Q&A session**
- 12:45 **Award ceremony for best paper**
- 13:00 **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 **What contribution can oral history make to the writing of the history of organisations?**
- 14:45 **Witnesses meet young scholars**  
Introduced and moderated by ESPI Director Jean-Jacques Tortora  
(topics: access to space, exploration, applications, industry, space education, space institutions and space diplomacy)
- 16:15 **The Patrimonial dimension of space history**  
Round table discussion featuring representatives of patrimonial institutions and curators
- 17:00 **Closing remarks**
- 17:30 **Adjourn**

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