

Media Advisory

The **United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna** and the **United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)**

invite you to

Space Days at the United Nations

featuring astronauts and cosmonauts panel, space food at a press briefing and the opening of a space exhibition

1 - 10 June 2011

UNOOSA invites the media and the public to meet astronauts and cosmonauts, touch a Moon rock or join a Space Tour at the Vienna International Centre on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of human space flight and the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS).

Journalists are invited to attend the events listed below.

Please register in advance and indicate the event you would like to attend by writing to [press\[at\]unvienna.org](mailto:press[at]unvienna.org)

1. Press Briefing

Wednesday 1 June 2011, 1 p.m., Room M7, Vienna International Centre (VIC)

50 years of human space flight and 50 years of Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Speakers include **Franz Viehboeck** (Astronaut, Austria), **Aleksei Leonov** (Cosmonaut, Russian Federation, tbc), **Yury Fedotov** (Director-General United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)), **Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu** (Chair of COPUOS) and **Mazlan Othman** (Director, UNOOSA).

Deadline for registration: 12 noon, Monday 30 May 2011

2. Opening of Space Exhibition

Wednesday 1 June 2011, 6 p.m. Rotunda, VIC

A touchable Moon rock and models of the International Space Station, rocket, satellite and spacecraft models will be among the items on display in this international exhibition, with more than 25 States and organizations displaying national space accomplishments. **Heads of Space agencies (European Space Agency (ESA), Argentina, China, Iran, Italy, Nigeria, Romania, Ukraine) will attend the opening.** Speakers include Yury Fedotov (Director-General UNOV), Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu (Chair of COPUOS), Mazlan Othman (Director, UNOOSA).

Deadline for registration: 12 noon, Monday, 30 May 2011

3. Astronauts and Cosmonauts Panel

Thursday 2 June 2011, 7 p.m., Vienna City Hall, Volkshalle

Astronauts and Cosmonauts Leland Melvin, Chiaki Mukai, Claude Nicollier, Thomas Reiter, Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, Liwei Yang, So-yeon Yi and others will take part in a panel discussion "The Future of Humankind in Space", to be followed by questions and answers and an autograph session.

Deadline for registration: 12 noon, Monday, 30 May 2011

4. Space Day at the United Nations – Space Tours

Saturday 4 June 2011, 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m., Rotunda, VIC

The public is invited for space day at the UN and can meet astronauts and take a space tour through the exhibition. **Space tours** will be offered at 10 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m.

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