

**Media Advisory**

The media is invited to attend the celebration of

**World Space Week: 50 Years of Human Spaceflight**

on

**7 October 2011**

at the Permanent Exhibit of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs,

D-Building, Vienna International Centre (VIC)

“50 Years of Human Spaceflight” is the theme for World Space Week 2011, celebrated at the UN in Vienna on 7 October. The first human spaceflight took place on April 12, 1961, when cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made one orbit around the Earth aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft.

**On 7 October at 12.30**, a sculpture of Yuri Gagarin will be given to the United Nations Office at Vienna by the Government of the Russian Federation. The ceremony will take place at the permanent exhibition of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs.

Speakers include the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV), Yury **Fedotov** and the Head of the Russian Permanent Mission, Vladimir **Voronkov**. The event will be moderated by the Director of the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) Mazlan **Othman**. UNOOSA will also launch its newest publication “Space Matters”.

World Space Week is celebrated in over 55 nations every October 4-10 and constitutes the largest public space event on earth.

**Please register for the event by 5 p.m. Wednesday 5 October by writing to:**  
[press@unvienna.org](mailto:press@unvienna.org)

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