

# 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE MEMBERS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPACE LAW

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# Report of the 1st Meeting of the Members and Followers of the International Institute of Space Law

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On 1 December 2017 Moscow hosted the *1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Members and Followers of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL)*. Held in the conference room of the Academic Board of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), the meeting drew 35 participants, including institutional, individual, and prospective members of the IISL, other experts in the field of international space law and related sciences, representatives of the Russian space industry and relevant business media, as well as students of Russian universities.

The meeting was opened by the video message of **Prof. Kai-Uwe Schrogl**, the IISL President, who welcomed the participants and noted the timeliness of the meeting being held in the year of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty. **Prof. Schrogl** emphasized that space law was responding to continuous evolutions of space activities and named just a few for further discussion at the meeting: the regulation of private space activities through national space legislation, the regulation of new types of telecommunication technologies and services, the search for dealing with cyber activities and security as it relates to space activities, Space Traffic Management, the regulation of the use of space resources, and the search for an approach for the regulation of High Altitude Pseudo Satellites (HAPS).

**Ms. Elina Morozova**, member of the IISL Board, spoke about the activities of the Institute, its publications, colloquia, and competitions providing opportunities for people from all parts of the world to exchange ideas concerning space law and space policy. **Ms. Morozova** ended with a description of the efforts of Soviet and Russian lawyers, diplomats and

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scholars in space law research and making, and encouraged Russian specialists to join the Institute and contribute to its activity.

The meeting went on to welcome new Russian members of the IISL. Opening the congratulatory part, **Mr. Victor Veshchunov**, Executive Director of the Intersputnik International Organization of Space Communications, individual member of the IISL since 1999, gave a rundown on the Soviet and Russian school of space law, its problems and prospects. In this connection he welcomed RUDN University on becoming an institutional member of the IISL. In his reply, **Mr. Aleksandr Solntsev**, Deputy Head of the International Law Department at RUDN University, described the Department's principal areas of space law studies, noted the barest necessity to publish a new edition of the manual on international space law having encouraged Russian scholars to contribute to this cause, and invited the participants to attend the *Blishchenko Congress of 2018*, where a roundtable discussion on space law was planned to be arranged. Also, the participants congratulated new individual members of the IISL – **Iaroslav Vasianin**, **Almira Duskalieva**, and **Ksenia Shestakova**, – as well as **Daria Balta** as a new prospective member of the IISL.

The formal part followed as participants made their presentations. **Ms. Olga Volynskaya**, Second Secretary, International Public Law Section, Legal Department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an individual member of the IISL, described Russia's legal standpoint with respect to the mining of space resources and gave details about another approach of some countries, for example, the USA and Luxembourg. **Mr. Dmitry Ogorodov**, Arbitrator of the International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation, suggested carrying out an interdisciplinary study and inquiry of international and civil law experts to define and analyze the variety of opinions of Russian scholars concerning the legality of the commercial exploitation of space resources. **Mr. Ogorodov** expressed the opinion that this would help step up studies and teaching of international space law in Russia and would consolidate the links between legal theory and practice. **Mr. Valentin Uvarov**, member of the Outer Space Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences, spoke about plans to establish a group of experts within the framework of the Outer Space Council, to identify problems in the field of space law and address other legal aspects, pressing from both theoretical and practical points of view in the contemporary stage of development of the rocket and space industry. **Mr. Anton Burdanov**, TSNIIMASH official, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Cosmonautics, dedicated his presentation to fundamental space research, its areas and prospects.

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After closure of the official part, the meeting continued in an informal manner as the participants discussed other pressing issues of international space law and exchanged ideas and opinions on a variety of topics related to exploration and use of outer space.

