

SGAC UK Newsletter: February 2017

Hi all,

Below is our February edition (just!) of the SGAC UK Newsletter, including some recent UK orientated space policy and law news, a few upcoming events in the UK and abroad, and news of SGAC opportunities.

The biggest news of the month concerns the Launch UK event and the publishing of the Draft Spaceflight Bill by the Government. The UK Space Agency and the other drafting organisations have asked for feedback on this and we will be submitting a response on behalf the SGAC UK membership. If you have comments or feedback you would like included in this response, or to help with writing it please do get in contact with us!

Key News in January & February

[Launch UK brings together UK commercial space sector](#): Grants worth £10 million are made available to help develop the UK's capability for spaceflight.

[Draft Spaceflight Bill Published by Government](#): Sets out how the government plans to regulate launch-to-orbit and sub-orbital spaceflight activities from UK spaceports.

[Importance of space in a post-Brexit UK](#) (para 10.13): Agreement to continue the valuable work the UK does with the EU in its space programmes.

[Competition to uncover space entrepreneurs of tomorrow](#): The SatelliLife Challenge, run by the UK Space Agency, is offering a prize of £10k to young people who can think of the best ways to use satellites to help in daily life.

[UK Space Agency funds satellite solutions for developing countries](#): International Partnership Programme (IPP), a 5 year, £152 million programme to get UK space to help developing nations.

[The Centenary Sir Arthur Clarke Awards Open for Nominations](#): The Sir Arthur Clarke Awards recognise and reward those individuals and teams that have made notable or outstanding achievements in, or contributions to, all British space activities. Nominations close 31st March.

Upcoming Events in March

4-5th March - [UKSEDS National Student Space Conference](#), Exeter. Tickets still available.

6th March - [SGx](#), Washington, USA: A series of TEDx style talks to connect the ideas of students and young professionals with the experience and insight of aerospace industry leaders.

14-15th March - [Disrupt Space](#), Berlin

20th March - [Satellite Finance Network \(SFN\)](#), London

24th March - [European Center for Space Law - Space Insight Day](#), Paris.

25th - 26th March - [E-SGW \(European Space Generation Workshop\)](#), Paris. If you are attending let us know in advance as we will have to jointly give a UK cultural presentation.

SGAC News

Akash Trivedi, UK NPoC was at the 54th session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs in Vienna as part of the SGAC delegation. [Here](#) are a few words that he wrote about his visit.

[Current SGAC Scholarships:](#)

- [SGAC-GSA – New Navigation Horizons Scholarship](#) (Deadline 7th March): \$2000 of funding available to assist with attending the Space Generation Fusion Forum (2nd - 3rd April) and the Space Symposium (3rd - 6th April) in Colorado Springs, USA

[Current SGAC vacancies:](#)

- [Membership Managers](#) (Deadline 5th March): This position is in charge of compiling membership statistic, and providing insights on the membership base of SGAC to help determine growth of our organisation, and shape the SGAC annual strategy.

[Project Groups](#): If you want to get more involved with the work of SGAC, there are 8 different project groups to get involved in where you will be able to contribute to publications that have the possibility to be presented at UNCOPUOS subcommittees in Vienna and SGAC conferences.

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Akash and Graeme

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