

SGAC UK Newsletter: March 2017

Hi all,

Below is our March edition of the SGAC UK Newsletter, including recent UK orientated space news, a few upcoming events in the UK and abroad, and news of SGAC opportunities.

Key News in March

[UK Space Agency announces new Chief Executive](#): Graham Turnock has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the UK Space Agency.

[Funding awarded to schemes to support space entrepreneurs](#): The UK Space Agency has awarded just under £150,000 to three business incubation centres across the UK.

[UK Space Agency's SatelLife competition winners announced](#): Nine young space entrepreneurs have won a share of £50K for innovative ideas on how to use satellite data to improve life on Earth.

[Impact evaluation report of the Herschel SPIRE instrument published](#): Impact evaluation on the public investment in SPIRE, a UK led science instrument which flew on board ESA's Herschel mission (launched 2009).

[New Chair of trade organisation UKspace](#): Richard Peckham, UK Strategy & Business Development Director – Airbus Defence and Space Ltd, has assumed the role of Chair UKspace.

[New interim Group Managing Director at SSTL](#): Sarah Parker, part of SSTL's team since 1997, has been recently appointed.

[Call For Papers for the 15th Reinventing Space \(RISpace\) conference](#): Opened on Monday 30 January 2017 and will close on Friday 2 June 2017. The conference will be held in Glasgow between Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 October 2017.

[Win a trip to Kourou to see a rocket launch!](#): Competition for young people to submit a Project Idea to make space sustainable. (Deadline: 23rd April)

Upcoming Events in April

3-17 April - [The Black Holes Science Show](#), [Make a Quasar](#), and [Meet the Expert](#), Jodrell Bank

10th April - [UKspace SME Forum update on the UK space sector](#), Satellite Applications Catapult, Harwell.

11th April - [RAS Public Lecture: Our dynamic sun](#), The Geological Society, London

12th April - [Yuri's Night: The Race for Space Live](#), Edinburgh

18-21 April - [7th European Conference on Space Debris](#), ESOC, Darmstadt, Germany
22nd April - [BIS West Midlands Talks – Spring 2017](#), The Gardeners Arms, Vines Lane, Droitwich, WR9 8LU
25th April - [The future for the UK space industry – infrastructure, post-Brexit growth and developing the new space strategy](#), Central London.

SGAC News

Akash Trivedi and Graeme Taylor, the two UK NPoCs were at the 2nd European Space Generation Workshop at ESA HQ in Paris as part of the SGAC UK delegation. We contributed in working groups to present our findings on four major issues: Space accessibility, Space exploration, Space diplomacy, and Space economy. [Here](#) are a few words that Akash wrote about the workshop.

[Current SGAC Scholarships:](#)

- SGAC-Space Tech Expo USA 2017 Competition (Deadline 23rd April): 2 winners will each receive a 3 day pass to the Space Tech Expo USA conference
- Space is Business Competition (Deadline 30th April): Up to 2000 USD in order to attend SGC and IAC, this year in Adelaide, Australia.
- Move an Asteroid Competition (Deadline 30th April): Up to 2000 USD in order to attend SGC and IAC, this year in Adelaide, Australia.
- SGAC-IAASS Space Safety Competition (Deadline 8th May): Up to 1350 EUR for 3 winners in order to attend the 9th IAASS conference "Know Safety, No Pain"

[Current SGAC vacancies:](#)

- [Event Manager for the 3rd South American Space Generation Workshop](#) (Deadline 20th April)

[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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