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Space Generation Forum Highlights

Today a press conference will take place at which the Space Generation Forum (SGF) will present its "Declaration of the Space Generation", including the recommendations that were derived in the last week. The press conference will start at 10:00 in the Press Briefing Room.

Monday's Highlights

The second week of the SGF started with a dynamic speech, delivered by Mr. Mac Evans, President of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA). Mr. Evans spoke on the topic of International Cooperation. He said of the Space Generation Forum (SGF) participants, "You are the leaders of the future. But you have been given the opportunity to lead now... this forum is a golden opportunity for you to bring forward your ideas." He gave the participants ten "Golden Rules" which included thinking outside the box ("it is my generation who designed the box we are in now"), challenge the givens, and maintain your enthusiasm.

Monday saw also the birth of the "Declaration of the Space Generation". In concept the declaration will serve as a forum for the ideas and visions which resulted from the deliberations during UNISPACE III. It is this "Declaration of the Space Generation" that will be presented at the press conference today at 10:00.

A group of fourteen participants from eight Latin American countries came together to speak on space issues pertaining directly to Latin America. This group will address the press on the results of the meeting directly after the SGF press conference, starting on Tuesday, 27 July 1999 at 10:00.

Monday was the high point for the SGF, as the top ten recommendations for the Vienna Declaration were presented to Committee I, for them to consider including these recommendations in the UNISPACE III report.

In the afternoon Austrian Aerospace invited 25 SGF participants to visit their facilities. The tour included a presentation of the company and its activities as well as a guide through the laboratories and the clean-room. In the evening the SGF participants enjoyed an interactive presentation at the Kuffner Observatory in the western outskirts of Vienna.

Tuesday's Highlights

Deliberations of the SGF participants will continue, with the focus on the strategies for implementations of the recommendations, derived during the SGF.

The Space Generation Forum is a forum for young space professionals organized by the alumni of the International Space University with the aim to express the visions and perspectives of the youth with regards to future space activities. The Space Generation Forum is attended by over 160 participants from more than 60 nations.

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