

Where Space Meets Popular Culture: The Inaugural International Space University Arthur C. Clarke Event to be held at Ohio University

Strasbourg, France – Ohio University is to host the inaugural *Where Space Meets Popular Culture* as part of the International Space University (ISU) Space Studies Program (SSP). The June 24th event, organized by the International Space University will focus on the intersection of Hollywood and science, where STEM meets STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).



Panelists include five time Hugo Award winning science fiction author (from 37 nominations), **Mike Resnick**. Resnick is one of the top science fiction writers ever published.

John Beck-Hofmann has been an award winning Writer/Director/Editor/DP and Composer at NASA/JPL for over 20 years. His most famous work “7 minutes of Terror”, viewed over 20 million times, won him NASA’s Exceptional Achievement Medal” in 2013. He received an Emmy for his work on National Geographic’s “Five Years on Mars” and just recently aired his latest documentary, “Red Planet Rover” on the Discovery Channel.

Daniel St. Pierre, partnered with Christopher Reeve on the animated feature - Everyone's Hero. Directing credits also include -Quantum Quest - A Cassini Space Odyssey with Dr. Harry Kloor and Legends of Oz – Dorothy’s Return - also serving as Production Designer on each. “Legends of Oz” was honored with a ‘Best Animated Feature’ award nomination – the coveted Annecy “Cristal” in 2013. St. Pierre also served as Art Director on Tarzan and Quantum Quest.

Co-chairs of the event are **Michael Potter** and **Dr. Harry Kloor**, both are graduates of the ISU and award winning filmmakers in their own right.

Mr. Potter is the Director of the award winning documentary film, “Orphans of Apollo”, and he is Executive Director of a new documentary about the Singularity University, “The University” will be released shortly.

Dr. Kloor is the Writer, Director and Producer of “Quantum Quest”, and just completed writing “ILL Wind” for Fox Features based on Kevin Anderson and Doug Beason's book of the same title. He was also a writer on Star Trek Voyager. Dr. Kloor is the first person in the United States to earn two PhDs simultaneously in two distinct academic disciplines: Physics and Chemistry. This summer he begins work on first of series of features based on Edgar Rice Burroughs’ “Venus” book series.

The event is open to the public and is to be held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 from 8:30pm-10pm in the Baker University Center Ballroom at Ohio University. There will be a book signing after the event followed by a reception.

The audience will get a special address from Dr. Joe Pelton, Pulitzer Prize nominated author, and author of nearly 40 books, including a recent book about Arthur C. Clarke entitled, "The Oracle of Colombo". Dr. Pelton is the founder and vice chairman of the Arthur C. Clarke foundation and former dean of ISU.

The International Space University is holding the 28th annual Space Studies Program at the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio in the United States **from June 8 to August 7, 2015.**

The SSP is an intense nine-week program which offers the participants a unique and comprehensive professional development experience covering all aspects of space programs and enterprises. Disciplines highlighted include space physical sciences; space engineering; space policy, economics and law; space management and business; space and the humanities; space applications; and human performance in space. This program targets young and seasoned professionals from all disciplines as well as post-graduate university students. The team projects allow participants to refine the topic as a team, and also produce professional quality reports and final presentations, all in the span of a few weeks. Every summer, the SSP takes place in a different location around the world. Recent sessions have convened in Graz (Austria), the NASA Ames Research Center, Beijing and Melbourne (Florida). This year the SSP will take place in Athens, OHIO, USA, in collaboration with OHIO University.

Further information about the Space Studies Program can be found under:
www.isunet.edu/programs/space-studies-program

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The International Space University (ISU), founded in 1987 in Massachusetts, US and now headquartered in Strasbourg, France, is the world's premier international space education institution. It is supported by major space agencies and aerospace organizations from around the world. The graduate level programs offered by ISU are dedicated to promoting international, interdisciplinary and intercultural cooperation in space activities. ISU offers the Master of Space Studies program at its Central Campus in Strasbourg. Since the summer of 1988, ISU has also conducted the highly acclaimed Space Studies Program at different host institutions in locations spanning the globe. ISU programs are delivered by over 100 ISU faculty members in concert with invited industry and agency experts from institutions around the world. Since its founding in 1987 on the campus of MIT, with Sir Arthur C. Clarke as its Founding Chancellor, more than 3900 students from over 100 countries have graduated from ISU.