

Buzz Aldrin: New ISU Chancellor

Jerusalem, Israel: the International Space University (ISU) is honoured to announce the new chancellor of ISU, Dr. 'Buzz' Aldrin. ISU has been very selective in choosing Chancellors who are considered by its students as extremely important figures in the space world. The first Chancellor, A. C. Clarke is certainly most reputed as a Science Fiction writer (as one of 'The Big Three', together with Isaac Asimov and Robert Heinlein), but was also a scientist, passionate by Space Travel.

He was then followed by another important space personality, Prof. J.J. Dordain. Prof. Dordain was not only an outstanding figure with educational assignments at universities all over Europe, he was also strongly involved in the European space strategy and became Director General of ESA, the European Space Agency.

After prolongation of his term as chancellor, and in order to have a geographical rotation, the Board of Trustees approved a successor to Prof. Dordain in the person of another famous space pioneer, Dr. 'Buzz' Aldrin.

After engineering studies Buzz Aldrin joined the Airforce as a pilot. Later he earned a doctorate at MIT. After being selected by NASA as astronaut, he was involved in Gemini missions and in particular in EVA experiments. Evidently Buzz Aldrin became most famous during the Apollo 11 flight as one of the first Moonwalkers.

As was expressed during the annual International Astronautical Congress (IAC15) by the new Chancellor, Dr. 'Buzz' Aldrin:

"ISU being the top of space education, I am delighted to be part of the leadership. I am so honoured to be the new Chancellor of ISU following in Arthur C Clarke's footsteps."

The previous ISU Chancellor, Prof. Dordain, stated:

'It was an honour for me to have two turns as ISU Chancellor and to have the privilege to work with the next generation of space experts. It is even more of a honour to be the chancellor between two persons I admired personally since many years and who both inspired my career'.

Symbolically, the transfer of chancellorship has taken place at a special ISU event during the International Astronautical Federation yearly Congress, this year in Jerusalem, Israel.



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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 4000 students from over 105 countries have graduated from ISU.