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NEWS RELEASE

Dr. Jerry Pournelle Named First Patron of the International Institute of Space Commerce

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National Space Society Heinlein Award winner and New York Times Best Selling Author of over thirty works, Dr. Jerry Pournelle, has been named Patron of the International Institute of Space Commerce.

Affiliated with the International Space University (ISU), the Institute is the world's leading think tank dedicated to the study of the business, economics, and commerce of space.

Dr. Pournelle was named in recognition of his instrumental work in space commerce and space economics. He is the first such Patron of the Institute.

Dr. Pournelle's 1979 work *A Step Farther Out* is both foundational and seminal to the economic understanding of space and more especially of the opportunities afforded by the rational consideration of the utilization of space to the benefit of Humanity.

Working in close cooperation with Dr. Pournelle in his role as Patron, the Institute plans to e-publish a revised and updated edition of *A Step Farther Out*, and also a long-awaited second book in the series.

"I am very pleased and honored to be named Patron of this Institute," said Dr Pournelle. "I have been an advocate of developing space commerce for most of my life. Fully 90% of the resources required by mankind are not on this Earth, but in the solar system. Arthur Clarke reminded us that if mankind is to survive, for most of our history the word 'ship' will mean spaceship. We are just at the beginning of that period. The Institute takes a leading role in that development."

"To have the world's recognized thought leader and passionate advocate for the commercialization of space join us is an incredible honor for the Institute," said the Institute's Chairman of the Board, Alex Downie OBE.



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“Dr. Pournelle is uniquely qualified to become the Institute’s first Patron. We look forward to working more closely with him in the years to come.”

Institute Executive Director and ISU President, Dr. Walter Peeters, said: “As with many major initiatives in history, IISC originated with the help of government support. IISC is now entering a new phase allowing it to become self-supporting. There is no doubt that an internationally known person such as Dr. Pournelle as first Patron will act as a catalyst in this ongoing process.”

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Notes for editors:

About Dr. Pournelle

Dr. Jerry Pournelle

Jerry Pournelle, Ph.D., FAAAS, FBIS, FRAS is an accomplished American science fiction writer, essayist, and journalist. He wrote the “Chaos Manor” column for Byte magazine for over 20 years where he described his experiences with computer hardware and software, and he has been maintaining his own website/blog since 1998. He chairs the Citizen’s Advisory Council on National Space Policy and The Lunar Society. He has served as Advisor on Space Policy to the Republican Congressional Leadership and as a Board Member of the L-5 Society.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After Korea, he earned advanced degrees in psychology, statistics, engineering, and political science, including two PhDs. He acquired political experience by serving as Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Director of Research for the City of Los Angeles, campaign manager for Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr. (Republican), and campaign manager for the third (successful) campaign for Mayor Samuel William Yorty (Democrat).

Jerry was an intellectual protégé of Russell Kirk (Kenneth C. Cole, his mentor at the University of Washington, was cofounder with Kirk of *Modern Age*) and Stefan T. Possony with whom he wrote numerous publications including *The Strategy of*



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Technology which was required reading in the U.S. service academies during the latter half of the Cold War. His work in the aerospace industry included editing *Project 75*, a 1964 study of 1975 defense requirements. He worked in operations research at Boeing, The Aerospace Corporation, and North American Rockwell Space Division, and was founding President of the Pepperdine Research Institute.

In his books Jerry delights in again and again creating situations and dilemmas from which the only solution (at least, the only one offered to the reader) is taking an action which is decidedly not “politically correct”. However these stories are not mere one-sided polemics. The protagonists are at the mercy of forces they may understand but cannot control, forces which are very real and which operate in our world today.

If he has specific targets in mind, they are those who for ideological or personal reasons ignore or bypass these truths. The forces involved are the need for resources, especially energy, the inevitable stratification of societies and the consequences of disturbing the existing order, and the tendency of cultures to drift towards the politics of entitlement, as demonstrated by Welfare States throughout history as well as economic oligarchies. Similar themes occur in the work of H. Beam Piper, who was an influence on him.

Jerry’s novels and other books include *1001 Computer Words You Need to Know*, *After Armageddon (There Will Be War, Vol. IX)*, *Armageddon (There Will Be War, Vol. VIII)*, *Beowulf’s Children*, *Black Holes*, *Blood Vengeance (War World)*, *Burning Tower*, *The Children’s Hour*, *Exile—and Glory*, *Falkenberg’s Legion*, *Fallen Angels*, *Footfall*, *The Gripping Hand*, *Guns of Darkness: (There Will Be War, Vol. VI (Eternal Guardians))*, *Higher Education (Jupiter Series)*, *High Justice*, *The Houses of the Kzinti*, *Inferno*, *Janissaries*, *Legacy of Heorot*, *Lucifer’s Hammer*, *The Mercenary*, *The Moat Around Murcheson’s Eye*, *The Mote in God’s Eye*, *Oath of Fealty*, *The Prince*, *Prince of Sparta*, *Red Dragon*, *Starswarm (Jupiter Series)*, and *Tran*. Read the full list of his books!

His articles and musings include *A Day At EPCOT*, *The First Dark Age*, *The Dean Drive and other Reactionless Drives*, *Getting to Space: Prizes*, *Growing up Smart*, *How To Get My Job*, *Megamissions and Space Power*, *National Review and Global Cooling*, *Pournelle’s Iron Law of Bureaucracy*, *Pournelle’s Iron Law and a Defense of the Teacher’s Unions*, *The SSX Concept*, *Star Wars*, *Steroids! Will I look like Arnold?*, *The Voodoo Sciences*, *Why have NASA?*, *William F. Buckley, Jr, RIP*, *Work In Progress at Chaos Manor*, and *XCOR and Space*.



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His awards include the Bronze Medal from the American Security Council in 1964, the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer in 1973, the Prometheus Award for *Fallen Angels* in 1992, and the Heinlein Society Award in 2005. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the British Interplanetary Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, and the Operations Research Society of America.

He is also a Senior Member of the American Astronautical Society and the American Institute of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineers. He has served as a past President of the Science Fiction Writers of America and as Science Editor for *Twin Circle Magazine* and *Galaxy SF*, and as a columnist for *Analog Science Fiction* and *Infoworld Magazine*. His other writing associations include membership in the Author's Guild, National Association of Science Writers, Aviation/Space Writers' Association, and the Mystery Writers of America.

Read *Sci-fi writers join war on terror*, *The facts of fiction*, and the Science Fiction Weekly interview *Jerry Pournelle wields his Hammer on the current state of science fiction*. Check out his *Chaos Manor Reviews*.

About the Institute

The **International Institute of Space Commerce** is the world's leading nonpartisan think-tank dedicated to the study of the business, economics, and commerce of space.

Our goal is to transform the global discussion on space commerce working to solve the issues it faces today and tomorrow by driving forward the conversation with a marketplace of new ideas by providing this home for the exchange, discussion, and creation of new ideas in space commerce.

The Institute is part of the International Space University (ISU) of Boston, Massachusetts and Strasbourg, France. www.iisc.im

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