

International Space University Confers A Doctor of Space Achievement Degree to Michael Potter

Delft, The Netherlands -- The International Space University (ISU) announced that the Board of Trustees has conferred a Doctor of Space Achievement degree, honoris causa to space and technology visionary and thought leader Michael Potter.

Michael Potter was presented the Honorary Degree from the International Space University, according to the award's citation for, "distinguished accomplishments in support of humanity's exploration and use of space."



Michael Potter is a Founder of the Non-Governmental Organization, Geeks Without Frontiers.

Chairman of the ISU Board of Trustees, Dr. Christian Sallaberger remarked:

"This is a very well-deserved international recognition and honor for Michael Potter.

He combines vision, impact and commercial skills in his effort to move humanity towards a truly multiplanetary species. For decades Potter has informed, inspired, and empowered, the next generation of leaders.”

According to Dr. Sallaberger, “Michael Potter has championed critical space issues and projects on the international stage including his award winning documentary film, “Orphans of Apollo,” the priority to return to the moon, the tireless advocacy for the elimination of anti-competitive monopoly behavior, cyber security, human rights and the need for village connectivity to achieve United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.”

Astronaut Buzz Aldrin is the current Chancellor of the International Space University. Arthur C. Clarke was the founding Chancellor of the university. Potter becomes the 6th Honorary Doctorate conferred in ISU’s 30 year history. Other Honorees include: Dr. Peter Diamandis, Todd Hawley, as well as Astronauts Dr. Gregory Olsen and Anousheh Ansari. Potter is a Non-Governmental Organization executive who has worked in the private sector, and collaborated with universities, national space agencies, the World Economic Forum, and other global organizations. Potter participated in ISU’s original inaugural Space Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1988. He has lectured at the National Academy of Sciences and at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Potter is also the founder of the Ilan Ramon Scholarship at the ISU, and the Dr. Kalpana Chawla Scholarship Project at the ISU. These scholarships have raised more than a million dollars in tuition value and have sent 60 post-graduate students from Israel and India to the ISU.

The **International Space University**, 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 Science in Space Studies program at its Central Campus in Strasbourg. Since the summer of 1988, ISU also conducts the highly acclaimed two-month Space Studies Program at different host institutions in locations spanning the globe and Southern Hemisphere Space Studies Program. 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, 30 years ago, more than 4400 students from over 100 countries graduated from ISU. www.isunet.edu



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GEEKS Without Frontiers is an award-winning NGO focused on addressing global connectivity challenges with a view to closing the Digital Divide and facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

GEEKS was a **Global Grand Challenge** finalist in 2017 for its **Community Connect** initiative and also in 2016 for its **“Dig Once”** initiative, designed to positively impact the lives of a billion people in the next decade, through the innovative use of technology, connectivity, and sustainable social enterprise models.

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