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International Space University Appoints Dr. John Wensveen as New President

Experienced Leader to Drive ISU's Strategic Vision in the Expanding Global Space Economy

Strasbourg, France – September 3, 2024 – The International Space University (ISU) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John Wensveen as its new President. Dr. Wensveen, a seasoned expert in higher education, the aerospace industry, and entrepreneurship, will succeed acting President Nicolas Peter, who will be returning to the European Space Agency after having admirably guided the institution through a significant period of transition.

Dr. Christian Sallaberger, Chairman of ISU's Board of Trustees, expressed his enthusiasm for the appointment, stating:

"Dr. John Wensveen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the International Space University at a pivotal time for the global space industry. His proven track record in innovation and strategic development will be instrumental in keeping ISU at the forefront of the space world. We are confident that under Dr. Wensveen's leadership, ISU will continue to thrive and expand its influence in academic, industrial, and governmental facets of global space activities."



Dr. John Wensveen

Dr. Wensveen joins ISU from his most recent position as Chief Innovation Officer at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and Executive Director of the Alan B. Levan | NSU Broward Center of Innovation, where he spearheaded a successful public-private partnership in South Florida. His extensive background and leadership in various sectors will guide ISU as it develops and implements a long-term strategic plan that will solidify the university's role in advancing space exploration and innovation.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed as the President of the International Space University," said Dr. Wensveen. "ISU has a proud legacy of fostering international collaboration and innovation in space education, and I am committed to ensuring that our university remains a leader in this dynamic field. As we enter this next phase, our strategy will focus on understanding and leveraging the trends, challenges, and opportunities within the growing space economy, for the betterment of Earth and both inner and outer space applications. Additionally, this strategic plan will include a global fundraising campaign

aimed at securing the resources needed to grow our programs, partnerships, research, events, and services. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Professor Nicolas Peter for his exceptional leadership during this transitional period and to the Board of Trustees for their confidence in my vision for ISU's future."

About the International Space University (ISU):

Founded in 1987, the International Space University (ISU) is the world's leading institution for the interdisciplinary study of space. From its central campus in Strasbourg, France, ISU offers a range of academic programs and professional development courses, both in Strasbourg and around the world, that cover all aspects of space exploration and development, including engineering, science, policy, and business. With a global network of alumni, faculty, and industry partners, ISU is dedicated to fostering international cooperation and innovation in space activities. The university's unique educational philosophy emphasizes a multidisciplinary, multicultural, and international approach, preparing students to become leaders in the space sector.

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