

SPESIF 2010 Call for Abstracts (for Papers and Presentations)

Event: SPESIF 2010 Conference

Track: Second Symposium on Astrosociology

Dates: February 23-26, 2010

Location: Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
(Laurel, Maryland)

Important Deadlines

July 15, 2009 – Initial Abstract Submission

August 15, 2009 -- Draft Manuscripts Due*

November 15, 2009 – Camera Ready Manuscripts Due*

* - for manuscripts only

Papers approved by the Technical and Editorial Committees will be published in an American Institute of Physics (AIP) proceedings.

Conference Link: <http://www.ias-spes.org/SPESIF.html>

Author's Link: http://www.ias-spes.org/SPESIF2010/SPESIF_Author_page.html

(Note: the SPESIF conference replaces the well-regarded STAIF conference held in the past).

The following sessions comprise the symposium:

- C01. Astrosociology: Definition, Scope, and Relevance/Astrosociology in the Classroom**
- C02. Science Fiction and Scientific Actuality**
- C03. Space Policy and Space Law in a Societal Context**
- C04. Astrosociology and Astrobiology (and SETI)**
- C05. Planetary Defense and Societal Protection**
- C06. Space Societies/The Settlement of Space Environments**
- C07. Technology Transfers and Spinoffs: How Space Technologies Improve Life on Earth**
- C08. Spacefaring Societies**
- C09. Medical Astrosociology**
- C10. Overview Effect**
- C11. Space and Society: a Cultural History of the Space Age, 1900-2009**
- C12. Cosmic Political Economy**

We are looking for session chairs and co-chairs for several sessions. Please review the attached file for details.

The Astrosociology Research Institute (ARI) will become a cooperative organization with the SPESIF conference. ARI is a California 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization that seeks to support astrosociological research, including promoting student participation in astrosociology sessions and providing funding assistance for them when this becomes possible in the future.

See the ARI website (www.astrosociology.org) for a complete definition of astrosociology and description of ARI's mission.

Important Note: participants are not required to write formal papers, so a PowerPoint presentation is adequate to become part of the program. For those who do not have enough time to write a paper, participation is still a possibility. Participants must submit abstracts for both papers and presentations, the latter of which summarizes the major theme/purpose of the PowerPoint slideshow presentation.

Together, we can put the human dimension in its rightful place as a complementary component to the traditional STEM subjects that are common in space research and practice. This is a perfect opportunity to continue a new tradition at the SPESIF conference, one that helps to ensure that astrosociology becomes a mainstream academic field.

We require abstracts! All sessions have open slots.

We also require attendees for those who wish to familiarize themselves with the field without presenting this time.

Faculty *and* students welcome. I strongly urge you to participate or attend!

Please pass along this invitation to colleagues who may wish to participate in our symposium based on the session topics above. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jim Pass, Ph.D. (sociology)
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