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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