



Southern Hemisphere Space Studies Program

MEDIA RELEASE

SOUTH KOREA'S FIRST AND ONLY ASTRONAUT IN ADELAIDE FOR SH-SSP 2018

The **Southern Hemisphere Space Studies Program (SH-SSP)**, run jointly by the University of South Australia (UniSA) and the International Space University (ISU) is pleased to welcome to Adelaide **Dr. Soyeon Yi, South Korea's first astronaut**. Dr. Yi is the SH-SSP's resident astronaut for 2018 and a visiting lecturer, spending close to a week with the 50 program participants from 15 different countries. She is in Adelaide sharing her experience in the Korean Astronaut Program which involved an **11-day mission to the International Space Station in 2006**. As the sole selected Korean astronaut, she was chosen from over 36,000 South Korean applicants for launch aboard Russia's Soyuz spacecraft. She is an alumnae of the ISU Space Studies Program, an ISU adjunct faculty member, and a regular lecturer at ISU since 2010.



Dr. Soyeon Yi is available in Adelaide this Friday and Saturday (January 19th to 20th) for media interviews as South Korea's first and only astronaut and as a representative of SH-SSP 2018. Following on from the great success this past September of the International Astronautical Congress 2017 held in Adelaide, the city remains closely involved in international space activities as the SH-SSP and Dr.Yi's visit attest.

As part of Dr. Yi's involvement in SH-SSP she will be 2018's guest astronaut speaker at the program's '**International Astronaut and Human Spaceflight Panel**' this **Saturday January 20th**

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from 6 to 7:30pm. Held at the Allan Scott Auditorium at UniSA's City West campus this is a free public event. Joining Dr. Yi on the panel are President of ISU Prof. Walter Peeters (formerly of the European Space Agency) and the SH-SSP Director Dr. Omar Hatamleh (on secondment from NASA). Prof. Peeters has previously served as the Head of the Coordination Office of the European Astronaut Centre in Cologne and Dr. Hatamleh most recently served as Chief Innovation Officer, Engineering at NASA Johnson Space Centre. This Saturday's event is open to all members of the public, with free registration available at –
<http://www.unisa.edu.au/Calendar/Astronaut-and-Human-Flight-Panel/>

Background Information

This is the seventh SH-SSP program held at the University of South Australia's Mawson Lakes campus since the program was first established in 2011. It is matter of considerable prestige that a South Australian university has been chosen as ISU's partner in this international space education venture – UniSA is the only university in the world to have a continuing partnership with ISU to conduct an annual program. The International Space University now in its 31st year is headquartered at it's central campus in Strasbourg, France, with over 4500 alumni worldwide, 85% of which are employed in the space sector.

The SH-SSP is ISU's intensive, five week, live-in experience in the southern hemisphere summer, involving the international, intercultural and interdisciplinary educational philosophy for which ISU is renowned. The program is open to participants from all nations with graduate qualifications or who have completed the first two years of their undergraduate studies. The program focuses on space applications, space policy and space services, while giving a well-rounded overview of the principles and concepts involved in space science, space systems engineering and technology, space business and management and space legal and regulatory issues. In 2018, alongside a stratospheric balloon launch and a newly introduced model rocketry component to the program, the participants will for the first time be involved in two separate team projects. The first of these will be investigating the role of space systems in disaster management, while the second will be analysing the role of space agencies in emerging space countries (of relevance to Australia's recent decision to establish a new space agency).

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