

Annual Report





About International Moon Day

The International Moon Day

The Moon Village Association submitted a proposal for the proclamation of the International Moon Day during the UN-COPUOS 64th Session in August 2021. The proclamation was approved on December 9 2021, by the UN General Assembly.

The International Moon Day is an annual event, held every year, starting with 2022, on July 20, the anniversary of the 1969 first human landing, from the United States of America, with the Apollo 11 mission, taking into consideration the achievements of all States in the exploration of the Moon.

The IMD is celebrated with the general public across the planet, in cooperation with UNOOSA. MVA believes that the International Moon Day is a good opportunity to educate the public and promote and raise each year, at the international level, the awareness on the status and prospects for humanity, the sustainable Moon Exploration and Utilization of the Moon and the need to act together to regulate activities on and around the Moon.

This event will foster increased global cooperation between stakeholders all around the world, as well as promoting increasing participation to this goal of the future generation. Nine Lunar Missions are planned worldwide, in 2022 alone, and the public needs to be part of this global endeavor.

IMD 2022 Theme

Lunar Exploration, Coordination, and Sustainability

Inaugural International Moon Day Celebration



For its inaugural year, the International Moon Day (IMD) was celebrated inperson as well as through local events all over the world.

The Inaugural Celebration of the International Moon Day (IMD) was held on July 20, 2022 in Huntsville, Alabama, USA, hosted by Drake State Community &

Technical College, with sponsorship by the Marshall Association and Lockheed Martin Corporation.

We celebrated Humankind's first steps on the Moon, as well as its return to explore a sustainable living environment, for the first time, from the place where a large part of the Apollo Program has its roots, in Huntsville, where the Marshall Space Flight Center is located. The celebrations took place at Drake State Community & Technical College, at S.C. O'Neal Sr. Library and Technology Center.

The event was celebrated with keynote speeches from Mr. Joseph (Joe) P. Landon, Vice President of the Advanced Programs Development at Lockheed



Martin and from Dr. John C. Mankins, Vice President of the Moon Village Association.



It was then followed by a round table discussion titled *Why we are returning to the Moon, and How will we go?* Panelists include Mr. Jim Odom (Apollo Veteran), Dr. Lisa Watson-Morgan (Program Manager, HLS), Dr. Melissa Sampson

(Lunar Programs, Lockheed Martin), Dr. Dorin Prunariu (GEGSLA Chair), and Dr. Antonino Salmeri (Open Lunar Foundation, SGAC)

The winning logo was also announced at the Inaugural Celebration. The logo was designed by Mr. Mohammed Afzal Rafiq from India.

Global Events



The International Moon Day witnessed over 30 local events from 23 countries all over the world. These events included public astronomy observations, moon lectures, student hackathons, Moon Festival, tele-robotics outreach activities as well as panel discussions. Global events were held within the week of July 20th.









All event reports and videos are available at https://internationalmoonday.org/imd-2022/

Spotlight: Tele-Robotics Experience

To celebrate the International Moon Day (IMD), the Moon Village Exploration Analogues (MVA) Working Group organized an International Moon Day Tele-Robotics event for schools and universities. In this event, groups of up to 4 students from each institution tele-operated a lunar rover prototype in Canada or Hawai'i, USA from any location around the world in partnership with Mission Control Space Services and Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES).

Students from 8 countries and 5 continents participated in the Tele-robotics event.



IMD 2023 Theme

The theme of IMD 2023 is "Beginning the New Lunar Journey for Humanity". This Theme has been chosen to highlight the steady increase of lunar missions and their relevance for humanity.

IMD 2023 Call for Proposals, Organizers, and Sponsors

Applications are now open to host the 2023 International Moon Day Main Event as well as the call for the international community of Governments, Space Agencies, Industry, Academia and NGO's and the public to submit proposals for organizing IMD 2023 Global Events. An information kit is available on the IMD website containing relevant materials for organizing an IMD Global Event. For more information on the calls for proposals, organizers and sponsors, please visit https://internationalmoonday.org/imd-2023/

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ANNEX: Global Events

COUNTRY	EVENT	ORGANIZER
AUSTRALIA	The (Re)birth of Australia in Space: Towards Sustainable Lunar Exploration	American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Adelaide Section, Moon Village Association (MVA)
BRAZIL	The New Race to the Moon and the unprecedented Brazilian engagement: A Landmark for our History	MVA Brazil - Suyan Cristina Malhadas/ Brazilian Space Agency
BRAZIL	2nd Cabo Frio Astronomy and Astronautics Meeting	Lunar Commission of the Brazilian Astronomy Union
CHILE	International Moon Day from Chile	Asociación Chilena del Espacio (ACHIDE)
CZECH REPUBLIC	The return to the Moon under the wings of Artemis	Brno Observatory and Planetarium and the US Embassy in the Czech Republic
EGYPT	International Moon Day: A Journey around the Moon	MVA National Coordinator, Egyptian Society for Astronomy
EGYPT	EgSA's Fly-by the Moon	Egyptian Space Agency
GREECE	COSPAR General assembly: Lunar science and exploration session organised by COSPAR Commissions B (Moons and Planets) and Exploration Panel	Representatives from Cyprus Space Research Organization, Lockheed Martin, International Lunar Exploration Working Group
INDIA	The Moon Kidz	Space Kidz India

COUNTRY	EVENT	ORGANIZER
INDIA	International Moon Day (Hackathon, Lightning Talks, Poster-making)	MVA India, Gracio Joyal Lobo
INDIA	Lunarothon 2022 & Lunar Master Class	Society for Space Education, Research and Development (SSERD), Genex Space, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
INDIA	International Moon Day	Hex-Star Universe
JAPAN	International Moon Day "Jump on the Moon!"	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
JORDAN	Sustainable Development Goals and the Moon Village	MVA National Coordinator, Sahba El- Shawa, Jordan Space Research Initiative (JSRI)
KUWAIT	Analogue Missions and Arts	Ghanim Khalid Alotaibi
MEXICO	El Futuro de la exploración lunar, especulaciones y propuestas (The Future of Moon Exploration, Speculation and Proposals)	México National Coordinator, Xitlali Chávez, Mexican Space Agency (AEM)
MEXICO, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, SPAIN AND GUATEMALA	International Moon Symposium for Spanish and Portuguese Speakers	MVA National Coordinators
NEW ZEALAND	Workshop on Surviving the Lunar Night	MVA National Coordinator, Eric Dahlstrom, SpaceBase Limited
PAKISTAN	Mastruk Jagek	MVA Coordinator Pakistan, Muhammad Rayan Khan, Cosmic Tribe

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PAKISTAN	IMD22-Moon Over Us Online Workshop	MVA Coordinator Pakistan, Muhammad Rayan Khan
PHILIPPINES	Lunar Exploration and Moon Viewing Lecture	Philippine Space Agency, MVA National Coordinator
PHILIPPINES	MVA Philippines local event: Moon Lecture	Manila Street Astronomers
ROMANIA	The Astronomical Institute of the Romanian Academy goes to the Moon	Astronomical Institute of the Romanian Academy
SAUDI ARABIA	The Lunar Calendar	Dr. Ma'arib Alsahhaf, Saudi Society for Applied Sciences at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University (PNU)
SAUDI ARABIA	International Moon Day – Eyes from Space	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)
SOUTH KOREA	Korea Moon Festival	MVA Regional Coordinator, Antonio Stark / SpaceWave
TÜRKIYE	Tuesday Talks – International Moon Day Special Episode	Anıl Akyol, Ankara Bar Association Air and Space Law Board
TÜRKIYE	FOR ME - (Future opportunities right to Moon exploration)	Anıl Akyol, Altair Association
TÜRKIYE	Traveling To the Moon – From The Past into The Future	MVA National Coordinator, Dr. Itir Toksöz
UNITED KINGDOM	Celebration of International Moon Day	Monkton Stargazers

COUNTRY	EVENT	ORGANIZER
UNITED KINGDOM	International Moon Day at Imperial College, London	Imperial College, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University
UNITED STATES	MOON RUNNINGS! Life & Times of First Jamaican on the Moon	Dr. Claire A Nelson, Future Forums, The Aerospace Corporation
UNITED STATES	Moon Society: Lunar Development Conference 2022	Moon Society
UNITED STATES	U.S. Space & Rocket Center: Moon Walker Week	U.S. Space & Rocket Center
UNITED STATES	Inaugural UN declared International Moon Day Event	Palos Verdes Library District, Prof. Madhu Thangavelu
UNITED STATES	Chesley Bonestell and the Moon	Douglass M. Stewart, Jr.
UNITED STATES, CANADA, GLOBAL	International Moon Day Tele – Robotics	Moon Village Exploration Analogues (MVA) Working Group, Mission Control Space Services, Pacific International Space Center for Exploration Systems (PISCES)
GLOBAL	The Lunar Vision of the Space Generation: Ensuring Long-term Sustainability of the Moon through Policy	Space Generation Advisory Council

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