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Airbus Presents New and Innovative Space Solutions at the IAC

Airbus supports the 69th International Astronautical Congress in Bremen

Highlight Lecture by Airbus CEO Tom Enders

Current key missions on display

Moon Race Challenge to be announced

More than 50 technical presentations by Airbus engineers

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Bremen, 25/09/2018 - During the 69th International Astronautical Congress from 1-5 October 2018, Airbus will present its latest innovations and major space projects. As one of the main sponsors of the world's largest space congress, Airbus will also actively participate with a large number of contributions to the conference programme.

Airbus CEO Tom Enders will address the IAC audience with the so-called Highlight Lecture, looking at future space opportunities and endeavours, but also looking at what decisions need to be taken now in order to secure humanity's future aspirations in space.

At the Airbus stand (#5d70), the company will showcase several large-scale models of its current key missions, among them the new NASA spacecraft Orion, for which Airbus is building the service module on behalf of the European Space Agency (ESA). Also the Airbus ExoMars Rover and the AI-based astronaut assistant CIMON, which is currently waiting to be deployed on the ISS space station are on display, and visitors can immerse themselves in outer space through Virtual Reality.

Monday will see the announcement of The Moon Race competition, a global initiative founded by Airbus and international partners, aiming to boost the movement around Moon exploration and enable the demonstration of key technologies required for a sustainable lunar exploration. On Wednesday, experts from Airbus will present a potential European industry contribution to a future human base in lunar orbit, called the Gateway.

In addition, Airbus engineers will give more than 50 technical presentations during the specialist programme, among them two special sessions addressing the new ISS payload hosting facility Bartolomeo, and giving an overview of the Columbus mission (now in its 10th year) and the upcoming Orion programme.

The Airbus Foundation will present its new STEM programme "Discovery Space" on Thursday, Oct. 4 and will hold a "Little Engineers" workshop with young students from Bremen. IAC delegates will also have the opportunity to visit the Airbus Space premises in Bremen.

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About Airbus

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2017 it generated revenues of € 59 billion restated for IFRS 15 and employed a workforce of around 129,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as one of the world's leading space companies. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

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