

First Informal Meeting of the IISL Members and Followers
People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, 1 December 2017



Address by the President of IISL, Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Schrogl

Dear participants in the First Informal Meeting of the IISL Members and Followers in Russia,
Dear IISL Board Member Elina Morozova,

It is a particular pleasure for me to address you in the course of this event, which is a first of its kind and which is highly appreciated by the International Institute of Space Law as a whole. A meeting by IISL members and friends in the Russian Federation is most welcome, since it is held in the tradition of a long and extremely substantive contribution to space law research and space law making by your country. The meeting could not come more timely, since we celebrate this year the 50th anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty, to which your predecessors have contributed decisively. How successful they have been, is demonstrated by the fact that the Outer Space Treaty until today is regarded as an exemplary international agreement with visionary strength as well as practical relevance extending even further than half a century.

Under these good auspices, your meeting takes place at a time when space law is responding to continuous evolutions of space activities. To name just a few: the regulation of private space activities through national space legislation, the regulation of new types of telecommunication technologies and services, the search for dealing with cyber activities/security as it relates to space activities, Space Traffic Management, the regulation of the use of space resources, and the search for an approach for the regulation of High Altitude Pseudo Satellites (HAPS). These are only a few, but certainly most prominent space law issues, which are currently discussed in IISL and I invite you to contribute to these discussions and also to bring in additional issues of your specific interest.

I would like to thank Elina Morozova, Member of the Board of Directors of IISL, for taking this initiative. She is a particularly active and influential member in the Board and drives the development of the Institute for which I take the occasion to express my gratitude to her. I would also like, on behalf of the Institute, congratulate the People's Friendship University of Russia on their accession to IISL. Their team contributes significantly in promoting international space law and the IISL activities in Russia. We are confident that the University's membership of IISL will give a strong impetus to continued and expanding cooperation.

With this, I would like to wish you a fruitful and successful meeting, interesting discussions and exchanges and I look forward to learn from the results of your deliberations. IISL looks forward to your contributions on the application and further development of space law.