

Second meeting of IISL members and followers in Russia
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Address by the President of IISL
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Dear colleagues, members and friends of IISL in Russia,
dear IISL Director Elina Morozova,

It is my particular pleasure to send you my greetings already for the second time. I am happy that IISL Board of Directors member Elina Morozova has established a continuous dialogue amongst space lawyers in Russia under the roof of IISL. I am grateful about this effort and the Institute highly appreciates this exemplary activity, which now turns into a landmark of the calendar every December.

I am also aware that this year, new elements of interaction with a wider community are foreseen, in that video messages from abroad are shown and discussed. This innovative approach is wonderful and I am keen to learn what the outcome of your deliberations will be.

Regarding the substantive matters of space law development, the year since your last meeting has been a very busy one. I just might mention UNISPACE+50, the results of the deliberations on Long-Term Sustainability in UNCOPUOS and the Joint Statement by IAA, IAF and IISL on Space Traffic Management. We also commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Astronauts Rescue Agreement and next year we will see the 40th anniversary of the Moon Agreement.

Furthermore, a lot of space activities have happened, which are of relevance to space law development, be it in human spaceflight or robotic exploration. All this demonstrates the relevance of space law and regulation and it is an extremely positive message, which is sent in this respect by your meeting. If I should make only one single statement in this respect, I would stress the importance of maintaining the rule of law in outer space and the peaceful development of space activities.

Let me conclude by expressly welcoming the new IISL members and to encourage the friends and followers of IISL to consider joining the Institute. I also would like to promote the participation in our Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, which is often the entrance point to a space law career. In finishing, I would again like to acknowledge the leadership, Elina Morozova is taking for this outstanding promotion of space law. Thank you and wishing you a successful event.