Critical Issues in Space Law

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Dr. George S. Robinson passed away on February 4, 2018. He was born October 19, 1937 in Washington, D.C., and spent his youth in Northern Virginia. George held degrees from Bowdoin College (B.S., biology and chemistry), the University of Virginia, School of Law (LL.B.), and McGill University and the Institute of Air and Space Law (LL.M.). George was the first recipient of a degree of Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.) awarded by the Institute.

George entered federal civil service in 1964 and served as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Smithsonian Institution. George was well known for the avant-garde international conferences he organized dealing with legal issues and practical problems of doing business in space and establishment of self-sustaining extraterrestrial settlements. George taught and lectured in law and business at numerous universities and served on the Boards of Directors of various science research facilities, foundations, and hospitals. He served for twenty years on the Planetary Protection Subcommittee of the NASA Advisory Council.

George has hosted the IISL Galloway Symposium at the Cosmos Club and was also a major supporter of the IISL Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition. George authored more than 100 articles and more than half a dozen books, some co-authored, in various topics of space law. He also authored works on aviation law, science/technology law and maritime law.

The above is excerpted from the In Memoriam for Dr. George S. Robinson on the IISL web page located at:

http://iislweb.org/george_s_robinson/
Agenda

8:00-8:30  Registration & Coffee

8:30-9:00  Opening remarks from Marcia Smith (on behalf of Jonathan Galloway)
Welcome by Kai-Uwe Schrogl, President, International Institute of Space Law
Presentation: Joanne Gabrynowicz: IISL Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. George S. Robinson

9:00-9:30  Morning Keynote - Kevin O'Connell, Director, Office of Space Commerce, Dept. of Commerce
"Advancing Space Commerce: What does "Light Touch, Permissive Regulation Mean?"

9:30-10:45  Panel: Coordinating Space Traffic: Crafting Sustainable Solutions
Moderator: Diane Howard, Executive Secretary, IISL
Panelist: Moriba Jah, University of Texas, Austin
Panelist: Bhavya Lal, IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute
Panelist: Philip Cunio, ExoAnalytics

10:45-11:15  Coffee Break

11:15-12:15  Gabriel Swiney, Office of Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State
"Thoughts on 'Due Regard' in Exploration and Use of Outer Space"

Jonathan McDowell, Astrophysicist, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
"Where Space Begins: Revisiting the Karman Line"

Discussion with Messrs. Swiney and McDowell regarding Implications of "Due Regard" and "Karman Line" for National Security and "New Space" Commerce

Jack Beard, Professor, University of Nebraska College of Law
Chris Johnson, Secure World Foundation, Adjunct Law Professor, Georgetown University

"NASA International Partnerships: Diplomacy, Unity and Diversity"

13:45-14:45  Panel: Legal Solutions for International Partnerships for Exploration
Moderator: Sumara Thompson-King, General Counsel, NASA
Panelist: Frank Riemann, Legal Officer, Legal Services Department, ESA
Panelist: Masami Onada, Director, Washington, D.C. Office, JAXA
Panelist: Robin J. Frank, Special Assistant to the General Counsel for International Law, NASA
Panelist: Mike Gold, Chairman, Regulatory and Policy Subcommittee, NASA Advisory Council

14:45-15:15  Coffee Break

15:15-16:15  Panel: Rule of Law in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space
Moderator: Joanne Gabrynowicz, Prof. Emerita, University of Mississippi
Panelist: Hdeel Abdelhady, Professorial Lecturer, Islamic Law, George Washington University
Panelist: James Feinerman, Professor of Asian Legal Studies, Georgetown University
Panelist: Kai-Uwe Schrogl, President, IISL

16:15-17:30  Panel: Careers in Space Law - What does a Space Law Career Involve? What Paths to Follow?
Moderator: Matthew Schaefer, Professor, University of Nebraska College of Law
Panelist: Michelle Kley, Senior V.P. and General Counsel, Maxar Technologies
Panelist: Michael Mineiro, V.P. for Legal and Regulatory, Hawkeye 360
Panelist: Courtney Bailey, Associate General Counsel, NASA
Panelist: Carlos Nalda, Managing Principal, LMI Advisors
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