We are pleased to announce that the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad in collaboration with the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), Paris and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is organizing a one-day International Conference on contemporary issues and challenges in the field of Space Law with a special focus on the role and relevance of countries in Asia-Pacific region which are pioneering the research on space technology and its myriad applications.

This Conference is part of a prestigious annual event held for developing space law and space jurisprudence and impressing the importance of space technology and related legal issues on the vibrant and enthusiastic student community across the globe. The event comprises of the Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds of the Space Law Moot Court Competition held in the memory of the eminent Judge and President of the International Court of Justice, Manfred Lachs, and an annual International Conference where current legal issues are discussed by experts in the field of space law and space technology. The important contribution of this event is imparting the legal fraternity with knowledge of space law and legal issues, and developing space jurisprudence in the region.

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, is a renowned institution promoting excellence in legal academics and research in various contemporary issues. The University has achieved a global status as the center of excellence and is known globally. One of several contemporary issues which are often neglected in the study of air and space law. To fill the void, the University established the advanced Centre for Air and Space law (CASL)
in 2005. Since then, CASL has conducted various National and International Conferences, Workshops and has published newsletters, books and articles in the aerospace law field. One of these conferences was held from September 24-28, 2007 in collaboration with International Institute of Space Law (IISL) during the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Hyderabad. NALSAR also hosted the World Finals of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court competition that year, where three sitting judges of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) judged the final round of the competition.

In continuation of the above traditions, it is planned to organize a one day International Conference entitled **Contemporary Space Law Issues – A Focus on the Asia-Pacific Region** with participation from major Global and Indian legal experts. The events (Moot Court and Conference) will be held at the University campus from 21st to 24th June, 2012.

As part of this event, we are planning to publish pre-conference publication in book form, which will be circulated on the conference day to all participants. In this context, we invite you to send an article to the editor at nalsarskies@gmail.com for the forthcoming publication.

**Articles are invited focusing on legal aspects of the following topics:**

- Commercialization of India’s Space Activities: the Need for a Legal Framework
- Joint Ventures and FDIs in Space Industry: Emerging Legal Issues
- Competition Law, Consumer Protection and Space Activities in India
- Intellectual Property Rights in Space: Does India Need Divergence or Convergence?
- Public Private Participation and Taxation Issues in Indian Space Industry
- Special Economic Zones and Space Industry
- Key Features of Construction and Engineering Contracts in Space Industry
- Due-Diligence Know-how in Space Investments
- Scope for Teaching and Research of Space Law and Space Technology in India
- India’s Views on Legal Controls and Safeguards of the Geostationary Orbit
- India’s Approach on Space Debris and Re-useable Launching Vehicles
- Space Medical Issues
- Current Status and Prospects for Space Finance and Insurance in India
- METALAW: Is It a Fantasy?
- Aerospace Terrorism
- Commercialization and Privatization of Indian Remote Sensing Activities: Need for Regulatory Regime
Private International Space Stations
Traffic Rules for Astronauts and Satellites: Parallels with Air Traffic Rules?
Space Technology Exports
Space Tourism: Future Policy and Legal Challenges
Protecting Space Assets: A Legal Analysis of “Keep-Out Zones”
Role/Importance of Space Law in Developing Society And Culture
Outer Space Activities: Issues and concerns of State Liability & State Responsibility
Legal Aspects of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and Sub-orbital Activities
Legal Framework for Spaceports
Use of Remote Sensing Data in Educational Institutions
Do we need a Common Space Law and Space Policy in the Region?
Space Elevators
Settlement of Disputes in Space: Do we need an ADR Mechanism?
Interplanetary Contamination
Activities on Moon: Legal Issues and Concerns
Institutional Framework for Activities in Outer Space: lessons for law making
Space Communications advances: Imperatives for legal developments

Note: Authors may choose any of the above topics, or another relevant topic of their choice. Acceptance of the paper will not ensure publication. The final decision about the publication of each paper will be taken by the editor/publisher.

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Word Limit: 4,000 to 5,000 words. (Around 12 - 15 pages including endnotes)
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