

# PLANETARY DEFENSE CONFERENCE PDC 2021 Vienna, Austria

**Role of SGAC in Global Planetary Defence Outreach** 

# SGAC Origins



SGAC is a global *non-governmental, non-profit* organisation and network which aims to represent *university* students and young space professionals ages 18-35 to the United Nations, space agencies, industry, and academia.

Conceived at the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) in Vienna in 1999.

#### 6 Regions, 150 Countries, 15,000+ Members

"To create, within the framework of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, a consultative mechanism to facilitate the continued participation of young people from all over the world, especially young people from developing countries and young women, in cooperative space-related activities [...]"



# SGAC The Five Pillars





Events

Project Groups Professional Development Scholarships

UN-related Activities

# SGAC Project Groups





Near Earth Objects



Space Safety and Sustainability



Space Law and Policy



Space Exploration



Space and Cybersecurity



Commercial Space



Space Medicine and Life Sciences



Small Satellites



Space Technologies for Earth Applications



Ethics and Human Rights

# Near Earth Objects Project Group



- The Near Earth Object (NEO) project group is dedicated to helping the worldwide planetary defence community to meet one of nature's greatest challenges
- The group provides a youth perspective to planetary defence through annual reports, competitions, conference attendance, and public outreach projects related to Near Earth Objects



https://spacegeneration.org/projects/near-earth-object

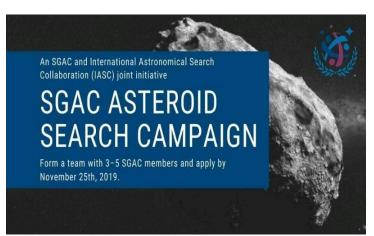


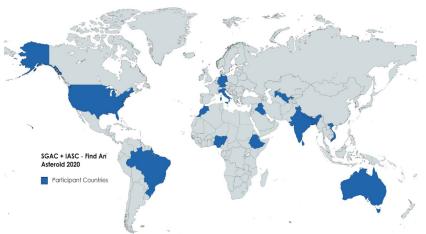
# INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

# Find An Asteroid (FAA)



- The campaign was a collaboration between SGAC and the International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC)
- Applicants from around the world were invited to participate in this 4 week event with special focus on teams from schools and universities
- The campaign started on schedule receiving a total of 181 participants from teams of 3-5 members located in different countries over the globe. 50 teams were selected to participate this year from more than 15 countries

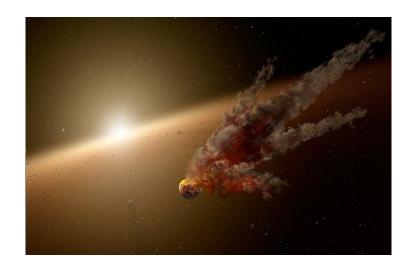




# Move An Asteroid (MAA)



- This opportunity challenges students & young professionals worldwide to develop original ideas relating to Near-Earth Objects
- Winners will attend the 2021 SGC and IAC in Dubai
- Topics:
  - Planetary Defence, Exploration
  - NEO Study, Characterisation and Detection
  - NEO Impact Consequences
  - Global NEO Impact Warning System
  - NEO Resource Utilisation
  - Proposals and Concepts for NEO Missions Aiming at NEO
     Technologies and Resources to Support United Nations
     Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
  - Utilisation of NEO Technologies for Deep Space Exploration and Interplanetary Missions



https://spacegeneration.org/sgc-2020move-an-asteroid-competition

# **Mars City Design**

A flagship cross-collaboration between teams from different SGAC Project Groups (PGs)

The SGAC team made it to the top 10 finalists for their design

**NEO PG contributed by adding** detailed research on Mining Technologies - on ground and the asteroid belt



**Provided insight into** planetary defense technologies-incorproation into the mars city design

SGAC report to be published in the Mars Society's design book titled "Mars City States: Societies for a New World"



### **NEO Renaissance**



 An initiative by NEO PG members to help people by expressing their creative ideas in this stressful time of COVID-19

 NEO themed poster competition where people from space, science and artistic fields came together to submit their imaginative visual ideas as posters on following topics:

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- Planetary Defense Heroes
- New Near-Earth Alternative Destinations
- How asteroid impacts led to the extinction of the Age of Dinosaurs?



#### Collaboration with IAF NEO Technical Committee: International Asteroid Day 2020

- In collaboration with IAF NEO Technical Committee, NEO PG released its First Newsletter on 30th June 2020
- This was the First Newsletter issued by NEO PG with the First Special Edition featuring our SGAC NEO PG founder: Alex Karl, Chair of IAF NEO Technical Committee
- NEO PG Collaborated with Alex for this interview to celebrate the International Asteroid Day
- NEO PG is also supporting the Planetary Defense Conference
   2021 organised by UNOOSA through sharing participation calls on the NEO PG monthly newsletters



https://mailchi.mp/spacegeneration/happy-international-asteroid-day-2020



# Collaboration with IAF NEO Technical Committee: AIAA - LA Planetary Defense Virtual Panel

- NEO PG collaborated with Nancy C. Wolfson, the Vice-Chair of IAF NEO Technical Committee
- The Vice-Chair invited Smiriti Srivastava, the NEO PG Co-Lead for a virtual presentation on the topic "Planetary Defense from Near Earth Objects (NEO's)" at AIAA - LA Planetary Defense Virtual Panel in Dec, 2020 together with Mariella Graziano, an IAF NEO Technical Committee member



## Conferences



- NEO Project Group is an annual participant in international conferences like Planetary Defense Conference, IAC, GLEX and SGC
- Projects Focus on Planetary Defense, Readiness levels of Asteroid Mining industry, Space resource utilization missions and Educational, outreach activities to support goals of UNOOSA









# UN-RELATED ACTIVITIES

## COPUOS



- Permanent Observer status at United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN COPUOS)
- Consultative status at United Nations Economic and Social Committee Representatives (UN ECOSOC)
- SGAC presents the outcomes of all of its conferences and projects at:
  - Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of COPUOS
  - Legal Subcommittee of COPUOS
  - COPUOS General Assembly



### COPUOS

The NEO Project Group of SGAC annually submits and presents the results of :

- FAA Campaign
- MAA Competition
- NEO Renaissance Competition
- Published papers at IAC, PDC and GLEX
- NEO Projects that raise awareness about Planetary Defense
- NEO Projects that support UN Sustainable development goals

at the annual session of the UN COPUOS General Assembly, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and Legal Subcommittee



#### IX. Near-Earth objects

170. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 69/85, the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee considered agenda item 11, "Near-Earth objects".

171. The representatives of Egypt, Germany, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States, as well as the representative of Chile, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, made statements under agenda item 11. During the general exchange of views, statements relating to the item were made by representatives of other member States and by the observers for ESA. SGAC and SWF.





# INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL, LOCAL AND ONLINE EVENTS

#### **Space Generation Congress**







- Held in conjunction with the International Astronautical Congress
- +150 delegates from +50 countries
- High-level speakers and Subject Matter Experts from space agencies, academia and industry
- Working Group topics on key issues related to Near Earth Objects
- > 75 SGAC scholarships and awards available

Don't miss out your opportunity to join our next **SGC 2021** in Dubai!

21st - 23rd October 2021

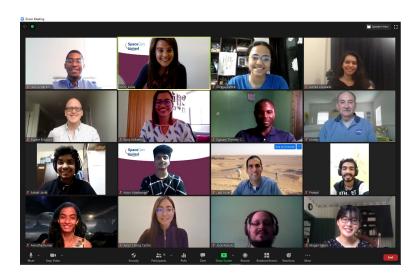




# SpaceGen United



- SpaceGen United saw 143 delegates from 53 different countries joining together for 9 day programme
- 14 hours of keynote speeches and panel discussions featuring the space economy and the state of the European space industry
- 7 Workshops took place during the week of SpaceGen United(virtual Hackathon,UN COPUOS simulation
- The workshops provided a platform for delegates to explore a variety of topics with the support and input of 50 subject matter experts from right across government, industry and academia



https://spacegeneration.org/spacegen-united



## SGAC Webinars



**SGAC doesn't stop!** Make sure to check our running webinars and online events:

https://spacegeneration.org/events/category/webinar

https://www.youtube.com/c/spacegeneration/videos

> 50
webinars

100 - 1500
Viewers



Emerging Space Program: Lessons Learned for the...

SGAC Webinar - Space for Urban Planning



ISSC2 Webinar -Entrepreneurship and Spac...



Health in Space Series: Women's health in space

If you want to organize a webinar, don't hesitate to reach out to webinars@spacegeneration.org for further information and support!

#### WHY BECOME A MEMBER?





https://spacegeneration.org/vacancies



The aim of this mentorship program is:

- 1. Connect SGAC members with experts in the space field
- 2. The members will able to receive support and guidance as they continue to advance in their careers.

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https://spacegeneration.org/mentoring







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with SGAC to help make our events and

#### Be part of the Space Generation







#### Become a member

 Register yourself on the SGAC webpage (FREE membership)

#### Be informed

- Subscribe to the SGAC NEO Mailing Lists
- Join the NEO PG Channel #pg-neos on SGAC Slack
- Contact your NPoC and join your local network

#### Be involved

- Keep a look out for vacancies and opportunities
- Keep a look for scholarships opportunities
- Attend events and conferences

# **Future goals**

- We intend to continue the current activities like (MAA, FAA, NEO Renaissance) campaigns, competitions with much higher engagement levels and global participation
- We have active participation in the UN activities, meetings and involvement with international space committees like IAF
- Also focusing on organising more **webinars** and **talks** focusing on NEOs and the threat the near earth objects possess to our humankind
- To create more **awareness** about the NEO's through social media activities, engaging more via the digital

platform





# THANK YOU

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