



## ***Crowdfunding for a Space Renaissance Tour, to support the Renaissance vs. new Middle Ages***



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Dear friends,

we are living in a very critical age. The *Renaissance*, which began more than 500 years ago, has developed through several scientific and industrial revolutions, and is now aiming directly towards outer space. Should this step be misunderstood, misinterpreted or set-aside, the Renaissance will be defeated and mankind may enter into yet another dark age. The risks are real, should the current global crisis win over the Renaissance, or if continuing global conflicts emerge with unpredictable consequences. Our duty is to support the Renaissance everywhere, with all of our pacific and positive means.

Two months ago, the Space Renaissance International (SRI) 2nd World Congress updated its analysis of the status of civilization, and defined our program for the next four years, working towards 2020. We have identified three essential developments, which SRI will support with outreach actions: establishing **Low Cost Access to Earth Orbit**, addressing the issues of the **Protection of Civilian Life and Health in Space**, and advocating for a suitable **set of Laws for the global governance of activities in Outer Space**, i.e. to collate, and extend international civilian rights in space.

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Some key technological advances, including fully reusable rockets and additive manufacturing, will allow the inception of comprehensive manned activities in Earth orbit, and the first steps for industrialization of the space surrounding the Earth and Moon region.

SRI will promote and support such an ongoing process. Nothing will be easy or discounted. We have a wonderful opportunity, next year, to focus public attention on the civilian space development: the **50th anniversary of the Outer Space Treaty**, signed in 1967. While, in 2018, the UN will convene the **fourth International Conference on the peaceful uses of outer space UNISPACE+50** which will define outer space development for the 50 years which lie ahead. It is paramount that the public at large fully understands what is at stake within this few years: extending civilian rights in outer space, in order to allow civilian passengers and settlers to travel, live and work in space. Something that, so far, has been definitely missing, within any space program. Travel in space, for the few private astronauts who have visited the International Space Station, was obtained under military rules: very low protection for human life and health, no warranties, no responsibility from the agencies for possible injuries or health damages, and a long military training needed. Within the perspective of the geo-lunar space civilian development and industrialization, we need a full commitment, both by the scientific community and by governments worldwide, to solve the main life protection issues -- cosmic radiations and zero or low gravity -- and to define a proper outer space law system.

Our congress approved a very effective program for next four years, including a world wide **Space Renaissance Tour, prizes for young artists and scientists**, and to develop the **Space Renaissance Academy**, a wide philosophical, scientific and cultural education project.

But then not make long turns of phrase: we need funds.

In 2016 we made several meaningful steps forward. SRI is now present in almost twenty countries world-wide. In two countries -- USA and Italy -- we have formally incorporated local non-profit chapters. In two countries -- UK and India -- chapters will be incorporated in few months. In many other countries our members are working to aggregate supporters for local chapter activities. Everywhere we'll take public initiatives.

Even so everything we plan to do, basing on volunteer effort, also implies hiring specialized services: web marketing and events management, just to name two. So the very first very urgent step is to create a seed fund, enough to hire the needed services for at least one year.

We have started a crowdfunding campaign, and we are asking you very seriously to help us, in one or both of two ways:

- [DONATE WHAT YOU CAN, FOR OUR STARTER FUND, at https://www.gofundme.com/space-renaissance-tour](https://www.gofundme.com/space-renaissance-tour)
- [join us as a registered member of Space Renaissance International](#)

Ad Astra!

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