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Sensors destined for ESA's LISA Pathfinder mission in 2014 have far exceeded expectations, paving the way for a mission to detect one of the most elusive forces permeating through space - gravity waves. >>

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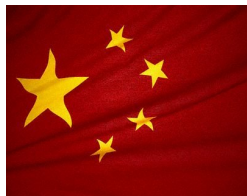


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Allianz Global Assistance and the International Space Transport Association (ISTA) have signed a unique partnership agreement in anticipation of the inevitable growth in space tourism and commercial space flight. The two partners are committed to accompanying travellers before, during and after their space flight to ensure that their unique galactic experience, as well as the experience of their families back on earth, will be as safe, serene and comfortable as possible.

Virgin Galactic recently announced that the first commercial flight is being scheduled for October 2012. In the next few months Allianz Global Assistance will start contacting space liners, space scientists, travel agents, space travellers, and consumer organizations. It is for the first time ever that the space industry acquires insurance for this type of mission profile. Insurance companies and the space industry never came to a mutual agreement on insurance for commercial, sub-orbital space flights. >>

CHINA COMPLETES SECOND SPACE DOCKING



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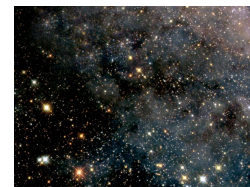
China completed its second space docking on Monday, state media reported, as it moves closer towards fulfilling its ambition to set up a manned space station.

The move comes 12 days after the Asian nation successfully completed its first ever "kiss" in space, when the Shenzhou VIII spacecraft joined onto the Tiangong-1 experimental module 343 kilometres (213 miles) above the Earth. >>

CALL FOR DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN SCIENCE INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE MARCOPOLO-R MISSION

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Following its selection earlier this year as a candidate mission for the Cosmic Vision M3 launch opportunity, the mission scientists invite responses to the Call for declaration of Interest in Science Instrumentation for the MarcoPolo-R mission. >>



ABORTED MARS PROBE JEOPARDIZES RUSSIA'S LONG-RANGE SPACE PROGRAMME



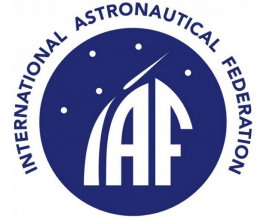
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Roscosmos mission control has tried unsuccessfully to communicate with the Phobos-Grunt probe which lifted off November 8. Analysts are in no mood to exaggerate the situation with the spacecraft but note that its problems are more serious than an ordinary technical mishap. >>

IAC 2012 ABSTRACT SUBMISSION OPENS ON 15TH NOVEMBER

14 November 2011

Abstract Submissions for IAC 2012 in Naples opens on 15 November 2011, closing on 29 February 2012 at 14:00 CET. >>



NEW SPACE STATION CREW LAUNCHES IN SNOWY NIGHTTIME DISPLAY

14 November 2011

Three spaceflyers launched to the International Space Station from the Baikonour Cosmodrome. >>

CHINA INVESTS IN AUSTRALIAN SPACE TRACKING STATION

14 November 2011

China has invested in a space tracking station in remote Western Australia as part of its long-term plan for a space station. >>

TAMPA MICROWAVE NAMES VICE PRESIDENT FOR ARMY PROGRAMS

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Tampa Microwave Names Vice President For Army Programs(11 November 2011) Tampa Microwave, a privately held communications equipment design and manufacturing firm has named John Schroeder as Vice President for Army Programs. >>

THALES ALENIA SPACE TO BUILD FOUR MORE SATELLITES FOR O3B CONSTELLATION

14 November 2011

Thales Alenia Space has announced that it had signed a contract with O3b Networks Limited to deliver four more satellites for their Medium Earth Orbit constellation. These satellites are in addition to the eight already ordered from Thales Alenia Space. >>

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On this day in space history: On 15 November 1738, Friedrich Wilhelm Herschel, better known as Sir William Herschel, was born in Hanover, Germany. In March 1781, while scanning the skies with a 7-inch reflecting telescope, he observed an unusual object; it presented an extended disk-like shape. Herschel thought he had discovered a comet. He continued his observations, and calculations for months, discovering the orbit lay well beyond the orbit of Saturn and was fairly circular. Herschel's "comet" was in fact a planet. It was eventually named Uranus after the mythological god of the skies.