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IAA Annual Awards for 2011

The International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) attributes seven prestigious awards which are given annually in recognition of excellence in the fields of science and technology. The ceremony will be held during a gala dinner in Cape Town, South Africa, on Sunday 2nd, October 2011.

The **Theodore Von Karman Award**, a lifetime achievement award that was created in 1983, is attributed in 2011 to Prof Liu Jiyuan, Honorary President of CSA, in recognition for his lifelong service to the aerospace profession in government, industry, and the international community; for his outstanding contributions to human space flight programs; for his role in the development of space launch vehicles such as LM launch vehicles; and for his dedicated leadership of the International Academy of Astronautics as Vice President for Publications and Communication.

The **Laurels for Team Achievement** for 2011 have been awarded to the Hayabusa Asteroid Sample Return Mission Team. The citation reads as follow: to the team of scientists and engineers whose creativity and expertise made possible the development and operation of the Hayabusa Asteroid Sample Return Mission as a breakthrough in scientific solar system exploration. This unique achievement of technology and international cooperation was conducted by ISAS/JAXA and accomplished with the collaboration of NASA, USA and Australia officials.

The recipients are:

Japan

Junichiro Kawaguchi, Hitoshi Kuninaka,
Akira Fujiwara, Makoto Yoshikawa, Kazuo Tsuchiya,
Shinichi Hagino,

USA

Donald K. Yeomans, Michael E. Zolensky, Scott A. Sandford

Australia

Trevor R. Ireland.

SECTION AWARDS

Basic Sciences Award to Valery E. Korepanov, Ukraine, for his space scientific instrumentation development and application and his leadership, to develop new method of wave vector determination in space onboard single spacecraft.

Engineering Sciences Award to Daniel S. Goldin, USA, for his career as Administrator of NASA who conducted during nearly ten years the US space programs with proactive and stimulating ideas to promote low cost programs and for his support to the Academy Heads of Space Agency Summit.

Life Sciences Award to Jeffrey R. Davis, USA, for providing leadership and direction to the physicians who provide medical care to the astronauts and cosmonauts who fly in space, to the researchers who carry out medical research on Earth and in space, and to providing leadership related to the development of agreements among the International Space Station partners concerning medically-related matters.

Social Sciences Award to Sergio Marchisio, Italy, for his active contribution to the advancement to space law activity in Italy with appreciation on leading European and international engagement.

BOOK AWARDS

The 2010 Life Sciences Book Award is given to Plants in Space By Elizabeth L. Kordyum and Dave H.Chapman, Academperiodyca, Kyiv, Ukraine, 2007

The 2010 Social Sciences Book Award is given to National Regulation of Space Activities, By Ram S. Jakhu, Springer, New-York, 2010

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