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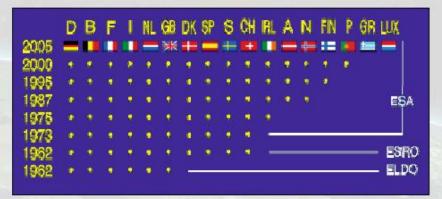


#### ESA Member States



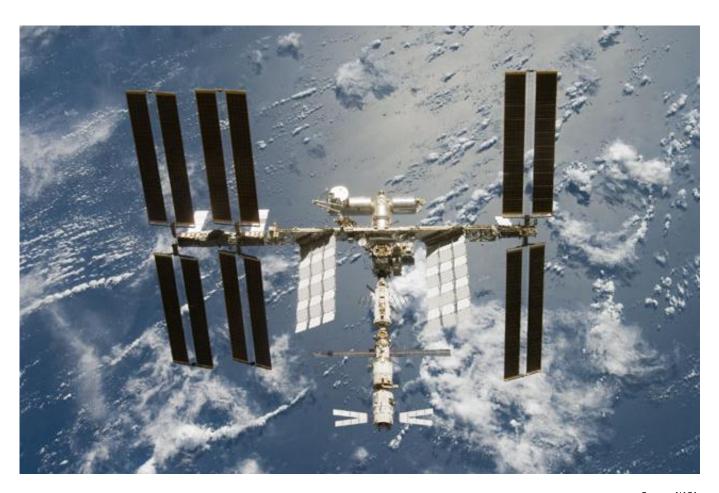
#### ESA has 17 Member States:

- Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.
- Hungary, the Czech Republic and Romania are European Cooperating States.
- · Canada takes part in some projects under a cooperation agreement.



- ΔΙΑΣΤΗΜΙΚΟΙ ΣΤΑΘΜΟΙ
- Salyut (1-7) (USSR)
- Skylab (USA)
- Spacelab (EUROPE, ESA)
- Mir (USSR, RUSSIAN FEDERATION)
- International Space Station (ISS; USA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, ESA, CANADA, JAPAN)

## **The International Space Station programme**



## The International Space Station Partners

Canadian Space Agency



**European Space Agency** 



Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency



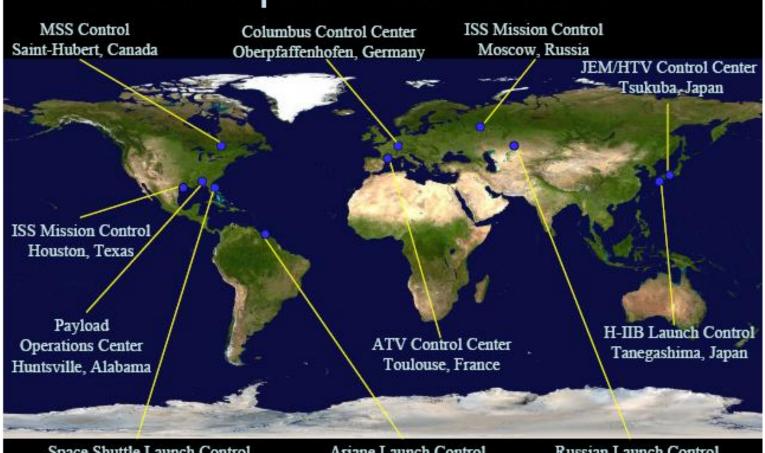
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Russian Federal Space Agency

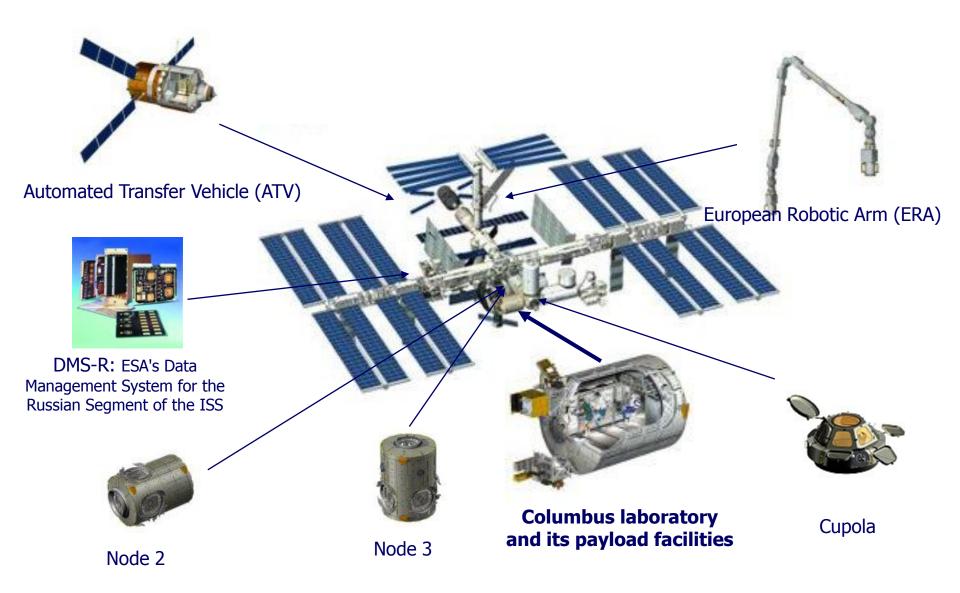




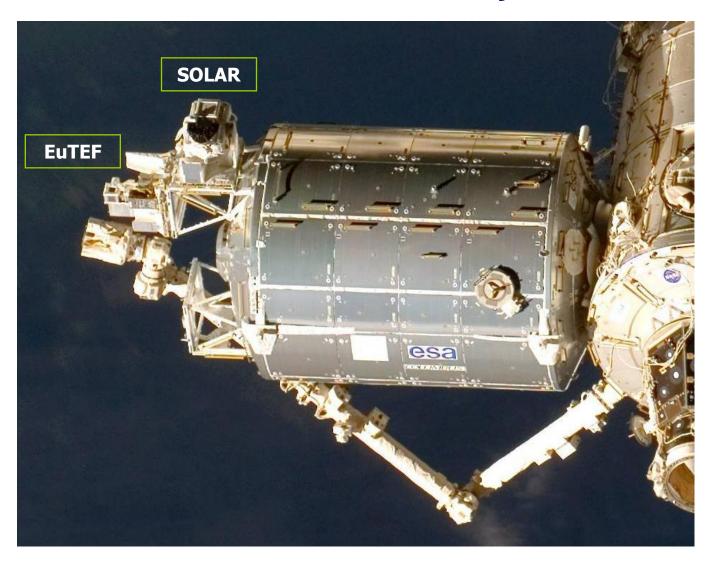


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## **European participation in the ISS**



## **Columbus External Payloads**





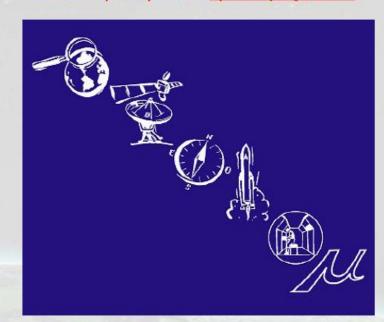


All member states participate in activities related to space science and in a common set of programmes: the <u>mandatory programmes</u>.



In addition, members chose the level of participation in optional programmes:

- · Earth observation
- Telecommunications
- Navigation
- · Launcher development
- · Manned space flight
- · Microgravity research
- Exploration



Basic Principles: - approval by boards of national delegates

- geographical return of funds





### Research cornerstones

#### Determined by European Science Foundation in 2005.

#### Fundamental Physics

- Physics of Plasmas and solid or liquid dust particles
- Cold Atom Clocks, Matter Waves and Bose-Einstein Condensates

#### •Fluid, Interface and Combustion Physics

- Structure and dynamics of fluids and Multi-phase Systems
- Combustion

#### Material sciences

- Thermophysical properties of Fluids for Advanced Processes
- Materials designed from Fluids

#### Biology

- Molecular and Cell biology
- ·Plant Biology
- Developmental Biology

#### Human Physiology

- Integrative gravitational physiology
- Non-gravitational physiology of spaceflight
- Countermeasures

#### Planetary Exploration

- Origin, Evolution and Distribution of life
- Preparation of Human Planetary Exploration





#### ... significantly enhanced ISS research capabilities given by Columbus

#### **Human Physiology**

- Cardiovascular system
- Lung ventilation
- Vestibular system
- Immune system
- Neuroscience
- Metabolic studies
- Medical Operations protocols

Plasma Physics [PK3+, PK4]

Dust Particles
Physics
[ICAPS]

Material Sciences [Protein, Zeolites, MSL]

Fluid Physics [FSL, MSG, PCDF / FASTER]

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Enhanced Research themes

**Psychology** 

#### Biology

[KUBIK, EMCS, BIOLAB], Plant Physiology

Microbiology

Radiation Studies

Exobiology

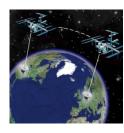
**Exposed** Facilities

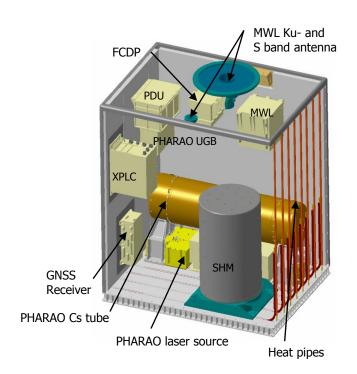
**Education** Activities

# Columbus Future External Payload Facilities: ACES Atomic Clock Ensemble in Space







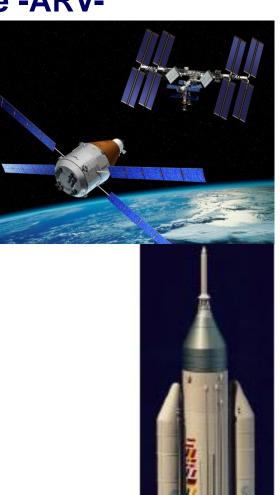


- Performs fundamental physics experiments based on performances derived from its cold atoms Caesium clock and its Space Hydrogen Maser. The clock signal is sent to ground using a dedicated microwave link.
- •Allows comparison of clocks with a precision of 10-16 and a stability of 10-16/day
- •Used for test of relativity theory, search for variation of the fundamental constants, relativistic geodesy, etc..
- •Estimated mass: 350 Kg

# **European Transportation Advanced Re-entry Vehicle -ARV-**

### General objectives:

- Step 1: cargo transportation to and from ISS by 2015
- Step 2: crew transportation to and from Low Earth Orbit by 2020
- Activities for the period 2009-2010
  - Phase A of cargo transportation
  - Preliminary definition of Ariane 5 modification for human transportation





#### Overview of relevant aspects for Human flights

Human Spaceflight

#### **Medicine:**

- Gravity related health issues (e.g., bone and muscle mass loss, cardiovascular deconditioning, immune system)
- •General health issues (e.g., related to long-term isolation and confinement)
- Development of countermeasures

#### **Psychology:**

- •Basic issues of environmental engineering, incl. habitat design, scheduling of work...
- Specific psychological measures, e.g. crew selection/composition, pre-flight psychological training...

#### Radiation:

- Risk assessment (incl. radiobiology, effects of heavy ions)
- Surveillance (e.g. Dosimetry)
- Countermeasures (e.g., radiation shielding, active passive)

#### Life Support Systems (LSS):

- •Determine efficiency of physicochemical/ biological LSS in closed habitats
- Environmental Monitoring



### **ESA Experimental Program Overview**



3D Space Card

EPM- Neurospat

EPM - Passages

SOLO

Thermolab

Vessel Imaging

Ground Experiments
( EKE, OTOLITH, ZAG)

#### **BIOLOGY**

CFS-A

Genara-A

#### **FLUID PHYSICS**

Geoflow-2 SODI-Colloid

**MATERIALS SCIENCE** 

MSL/MICAST

SOLAR PHYSICS

Solar

#### **RADIATION DOSIMETRY**

**ALTEA-Shield** 

DOSIS

Matroshka-Kibo

## TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS

Vessel ID System ERB-2

#### **EDUCATION**

ESA Greenhouse



#### European Physiology Modules:

Again used during Incr 26 for **NEUROSPAT** experiment in Feb 2011 (two separate experiments covering brain processing and prefontal brain function and spacial cognition) and **PASSAGES** experiment in Jan, Feb and Apr 2011 to test how astronauts interpret visual information in weightlessness.

A new video unit for the European Physiology Modules was uploaded on ATV-2 in February.

Experiments included Paolo Nespoli as test subject.





- Portable Pulmonary Function System:

  Supports broad range of physiological research experiments. Continued use (combined with exercise) for undertaking EKE experiment and ESA's THERMOLAB experiment in conjunction with NASA's VO2 Max experiment (Feb, Apr).
- Stand-Alone and Other Experiments:
  - 3D SPACE: Undertaken in Jan, Feb and Apr.
     Different subjects including Paolo Nespoli.
     Covering 'spaceflight-related decreases in vertical perception'. All 8 valid subjects now complete. Early results indicate altered 3D perception in weightlessness.
  - SOLO: Sodium Loading in Microgravity (SOLO) experiment PCBA software updated in January. Paolo Nespoli first SOLO sessions in Feb. Incr 23/24 blood/urine samples for in MELFI returned on STS-133/ULF-5 on 9 March.



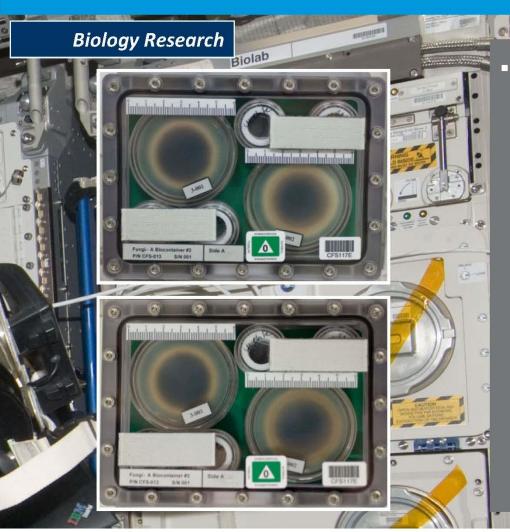


#### Stand-Alone and Other Experiments:

- CARD: How weightlessness affects the regulation of blood pressure. New holter upload on 41P. Paolo Nespoli started CARD experiment in April. First results indicate confirmation experiment hypothesis (low blood pressure in space & systemic dilation of peripheral resistance vessels).
- VESSEL IMAGING: Additional measurements in Dec 2010 to evaluate changes in central and peripheral blood vessel wall properties. On hold due to HRF Ultrasound.
- Ground Experiments: Continued data collection for OTOLITH (Otolith assessment during postflight re-adaptation), and ZAG (investigation of astronaut's perception of motion and tilt and level of performance).





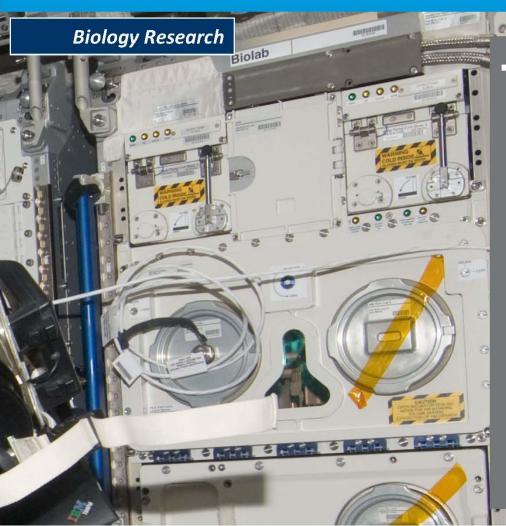


CFS-A: Coloured Fungi in Space is examing survival and growth of different coloured fungi species. Relevant to spacecraft contamination, panspermia and planetary protection issues.

STS- 133 upload of four bio-containers with samples in February. Three bio-containers with live cultures were returned with STS-133 which landed on 9 March. Fourth bio-container with dry spores still on orbit.

Significant post-flight analysis already done by the science team on returned samples: Different growth rates for the aerial and for the submerged mycelium are observed.

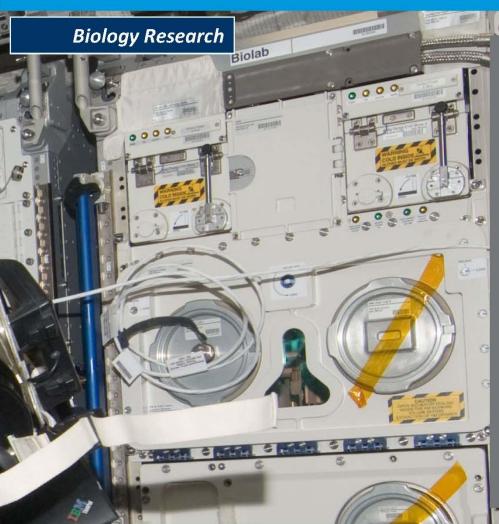




Genara-A: Carried out in the EMCS in July 2010. Studying plant (Arabidopsis) growth at molecular level in weightlessness. Samples in frozen storage were returned on STS-133/ ULF-5 in March and are back with science teams. Seedlings in top Cultivation Chambers showed good growth.







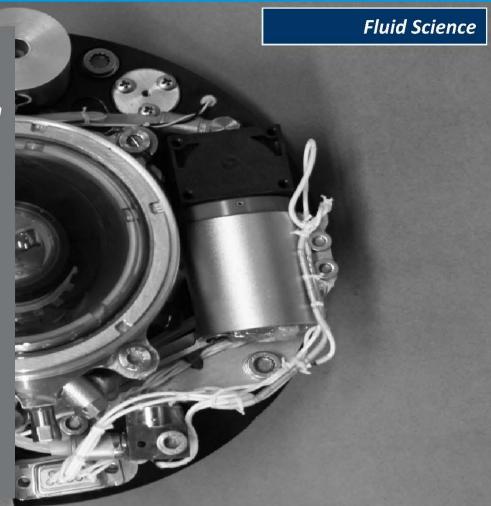
■ Biolab: Following extensive groundcommanded functional testing undertaken via
the MUSC USOC and Col-CC. a recovery plan
has been implemented. Biolab Handling
Mechanism Gripper returned on Soyuz 24S,
Microscope and Spectrophotometer packed for
return on STS-134/ULF-6. TripleLux
experiments' planning has been revised.

## human spaceflight

### **ISS Utilisation Outlook: Increments 27/28**



■ **GEOFLOW-2:** in ESA's Fluid Science
Laboratory. Continued experiment runs
through Incr 27 into into Incr 28. On conclusion
FSL Video Management Unit to be removed
and returned on STS-135/ULF-7 in July.

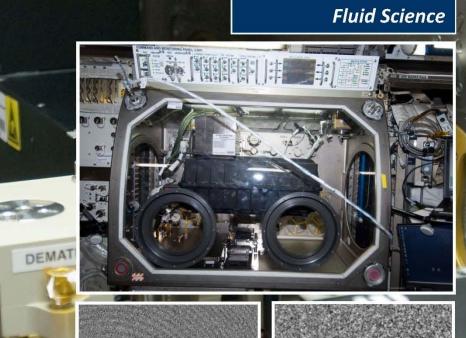




## SELECTABLE OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS INSTRUMENT (SODI)

• SODI - COLLOID: SODI - Colloid completed and successful operations and science acquisition in Microgravity Science Glovebox in Sept/Oct 2010. Several bonus science runs performed. Aggregation temperatures determined, and dynamics of aggregation studied for the first time. Promising preliminary results. Experiment data undergoing analysis with the science team after flash disks returned on STS-133/ULF-5 which landed on 9 March.

Promising applications in optical components. Second of 3 SODI experiments in MSG. Follows on from 'Influence of Vibrations on Diffusion in Liquids' (IVIDIL) from Oct 2009 to Jan 2010.





■ VESSEL ID SYSTEM: is demonstrating the space-based capability of identification of maritime vessels and testing the ability of an external grappling adaptor to accommodate small payloads. Installed in Columbus in May 2010 and continuously acquiring data. Problem encountered after swap to LuxAIS receiver on 27 Sept. 2010 Swapped back to NORAIS receiver in October and still working extremely well. Failed LuxAIS receiver returned for analysis/repair with Soyuz 24S in March.





■ Erasmus Recording Binocular 2: High definition ESA 3D video camera which provides a vastly improved 3D video effect for mapping the Station. Commissioned using EDR in September 2010. ESA astronaut Paolo Nespoli undertook first experiment recording session with the device on 8 Jan and again in March. Data Hard Disk return on STS-134/ULF-6. More free use of ERB-2 being developed.

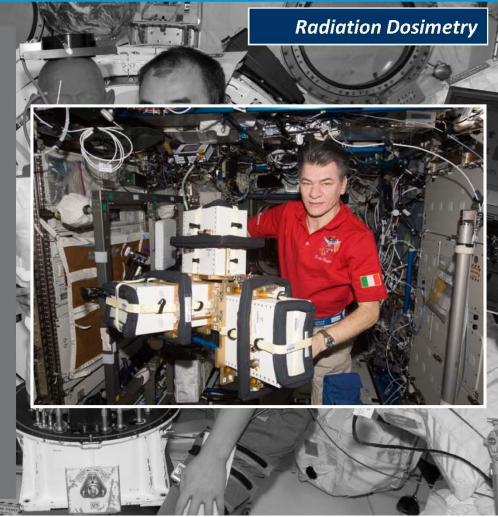
#### **Technology Demonstrations**





ALTEA-Shield: a better understanding of interaction between cosmic rays and brain function, as well as testing different types of shielding material.

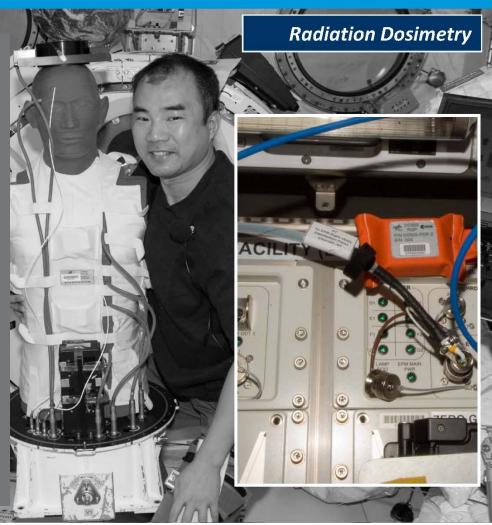
Hardware setup by Paolo Nespoli on 23 April for continuation of SURVEY part of experiment which ran for 2 months from September 2010. Science acquisition continued from 25 April.



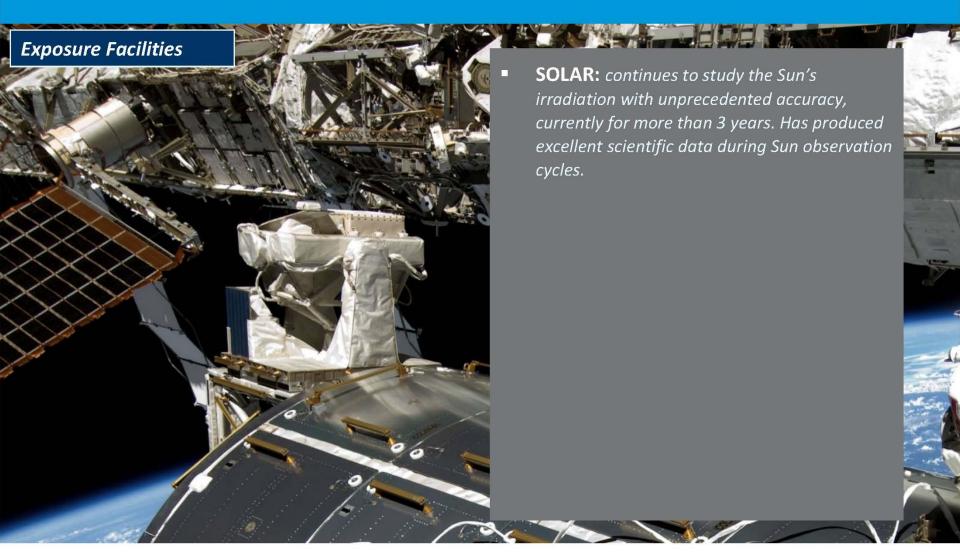


■ DOSIS: Continued mapping of nature and distribution of the radiation field inside Columbus using active DOSTEL detector. Second DOSTEL unit packed for return to Earth on Soyuz 25S in May 2011.

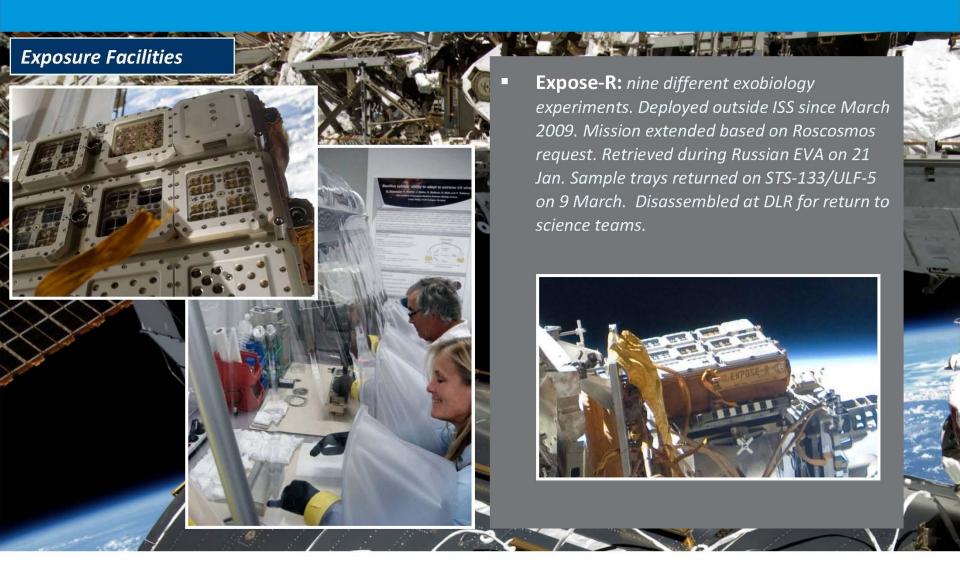
MATROSHKA-KIBO: study of radiation absorption on the ISS using a simulated human Phantom in the Japanese Kibo Laboratory. Facility disassembled and passive dosimeters removed and returned for analysis on Soyuz 24S in March.



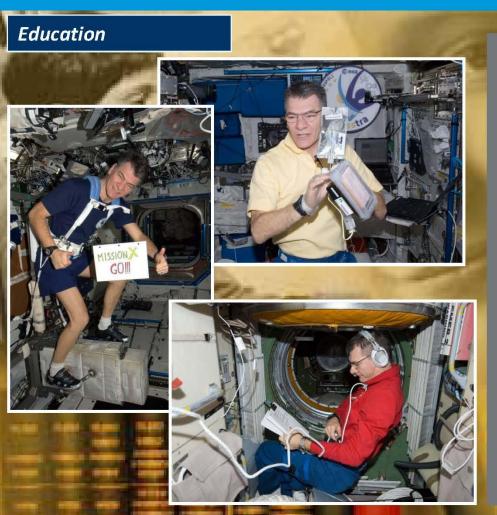












- ESA Greenhouse: education project where the concept of fresh food production in space is related to the biology and science curriculums of 12 -14 year olds through film/live link activities. On-orbit activities with ESA astronaut Paolo Nespoli ended. On ground activities continuing with Mars 500 Crew.
- 'Mission X: Train Like an Astronaut: including ISS live links with Nespoli, this project aimed to create positive awareness of human spaceflight activities and make European astronauts an inspiring model for a healthy lifestyle among young people. (8-12 yrs)
- ISS Ham Radio ESA astronaut Paolo

  Nespoli carried out an extensive number of radio contacts with schoolchildren and students from the ISS.

**Biolab**, which supports experiments on micro-organisms, cell and tissue culture, and even small plants and animals;

**FSL**, looking into the complex behaviour of fluids, which could lead to improvements in energy production, propulsion efficiency and environmental issues;

The European Physiology Modules facility, which supports human physiology experiments concerning body functions such as bone loss, circulation, respiration, organ and immune system behaviour in weightlessness; and

The European Drawer Rack, which provides a flexible experiment carrier for a large variety of scientific disciplines.

- EUROPEAN SCIENCE ANT RESEARCH FACILITIES
- (inside "Columbus")
- Biolab and WAICO experiment
- <u>Fluid Science</u> Laboratory and Geoflow experiment
   European Drawer Rack including the <u>Protein Crystallisation</u> Diagnostics
   Facility
   European Physiology Modules and NeuroSpat experiment
- **SOLO** experiment
- 3D-Space experiment
- Flywheel Exercise Device Pulmonary Function System in Human Research Facility 2
- European Modular <u>Cultivation System</u>
- Microgravity Science Glovebox
- EUROPEAN SCIENCE ANT RESEARCH FACILITIES
- (outside "Columbus")
- EuTEF SOLAR



#### Some achievements

#### Fundamental research:

- Gravity sensing mechanisms in plants and mammalian cells
- Atypical development of vestibulo-ocular reflexes in amphibian embryos
- Role of sodium uptake, caloric uptake and food supplements
- New phenomena in cardiovascular research
- Large density fluctuations in diffusion under microgravity
- Importance of contact dynamics in clustering of granular material
- Description of phase transitions in complex plasma's

#### Applied research:

- Development of advanced intermetallics for manufacturing lightweight turbine blades
- Better understanding of heat-transfer and fluid storage for space applications
- Patent on the use of NO as diagnostic for lung embolism and related diseases
- Development of advanced biotechnological and biomedical diagnostics of bone

#### Exploration related research:

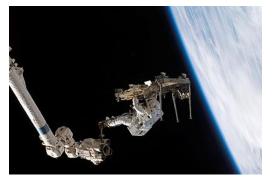
- Research into biological effects of space radiation
- Survival of multi-cellular organisms in space (Lichen)
- First studies on crew health, psychological effects in isolated, hazardous environment (Concordia, Mars-500)
- Topical Team initiated on Mg-based alloys for Mars rovers

## **European Astronauts**

- ESA has an Astronaut Corps of 8 Astronauts from Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden
- 13 European Astronauts have flown to the ISS so far

















## **European Astronauts**

- A new astronaut selection process opened in May 2008
- More than 8000 applications were received from all over Europe
- 4 candidates shall be selected by May 2009





## The Right Stuff around 1870

Human Spaceflight

(Norwegian Royal Navy)

Single men, perfect health, considerable strength, perfect temperance, cheerfulness, ability to read and write English, prime seamen of course. Norwegians, Swedes and Danes preferred. Avoid English, Scottish and Irish. Refuse point blank French, Italian and Spaniards

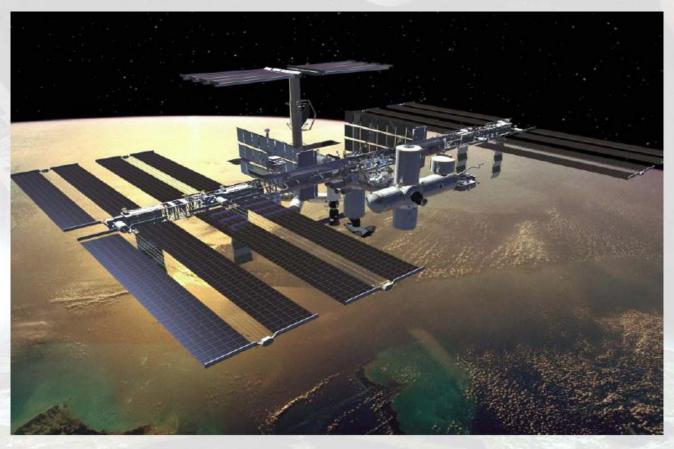


"Your neurovestibular,
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and musculoskeletal systems
can't support
you anymore."





# The International Space Station (ISS)



















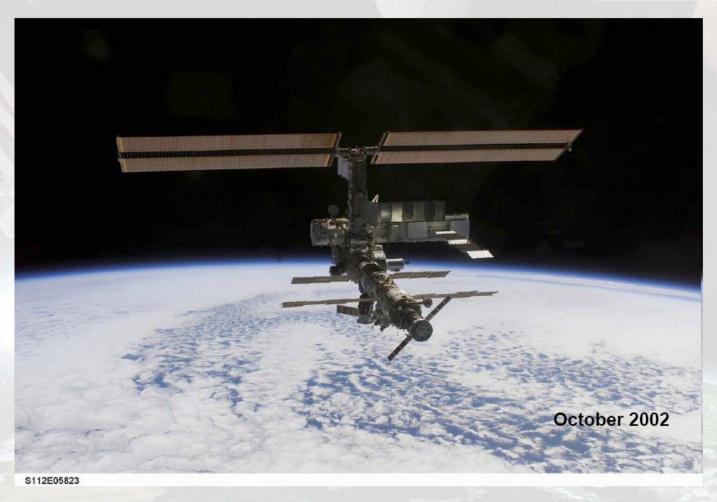












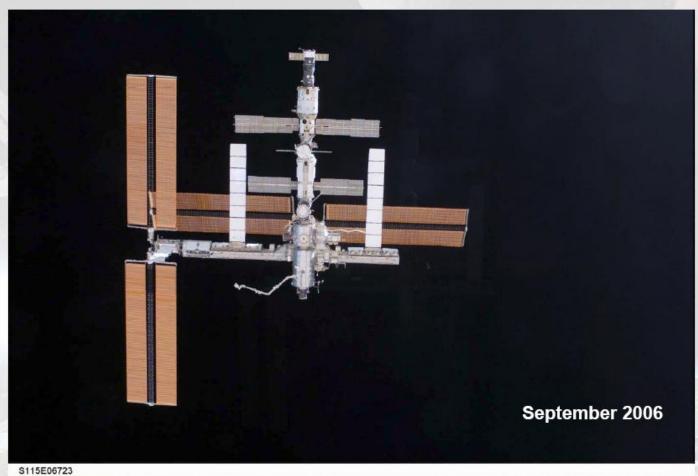








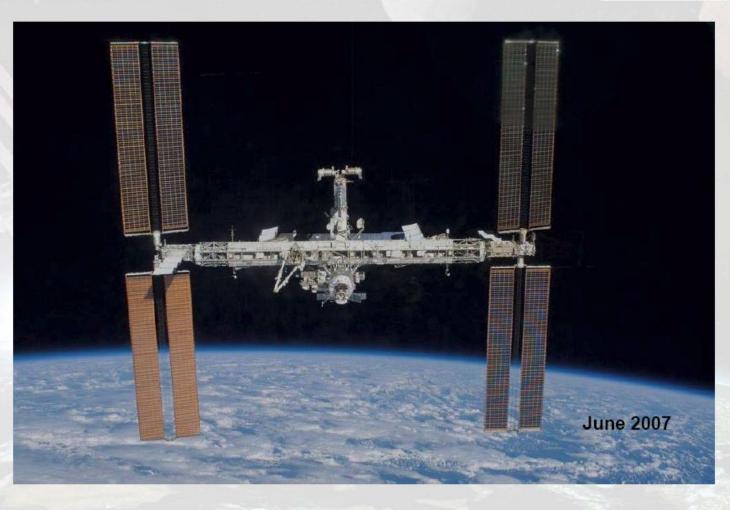








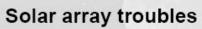












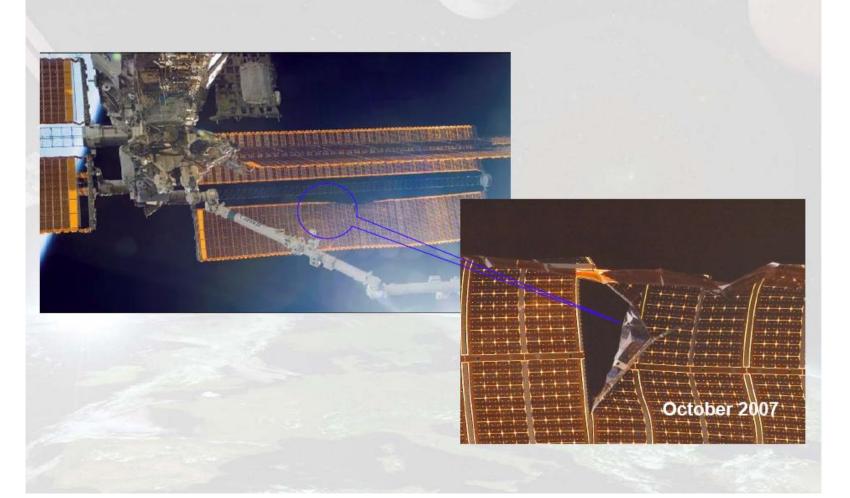








#### P6 array blanket damage

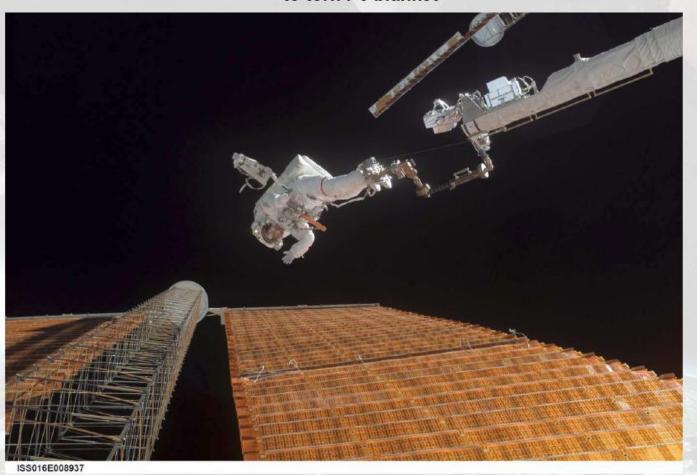


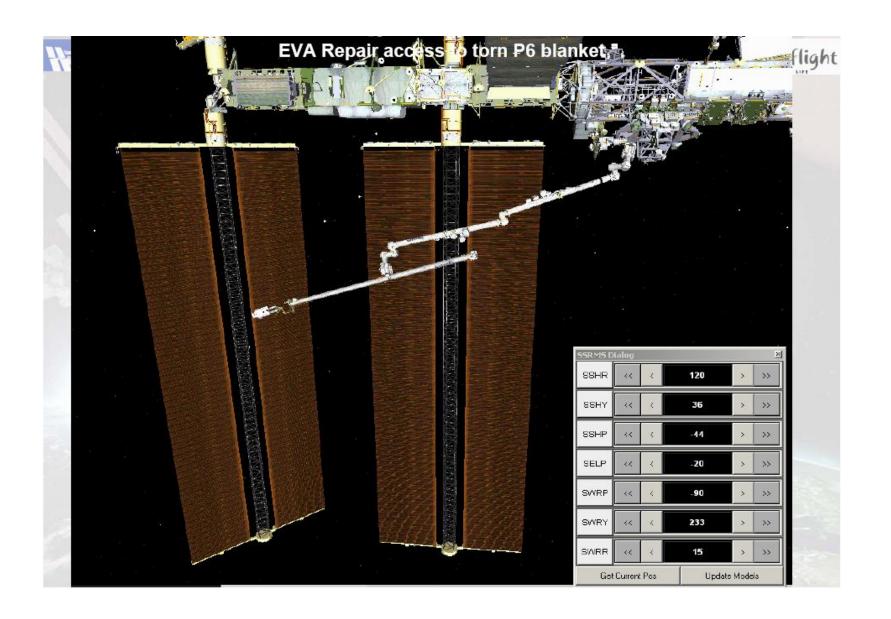




#### EVA Repair access lanket to torn P6 blanket









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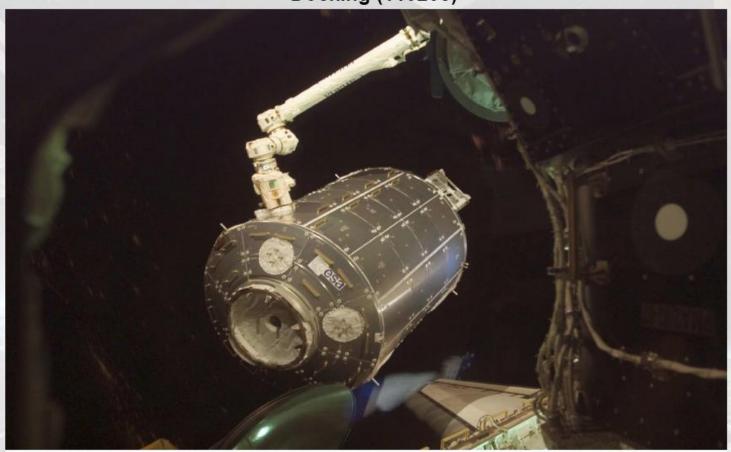






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**Docking (110208)** 





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#### Attached to ISS



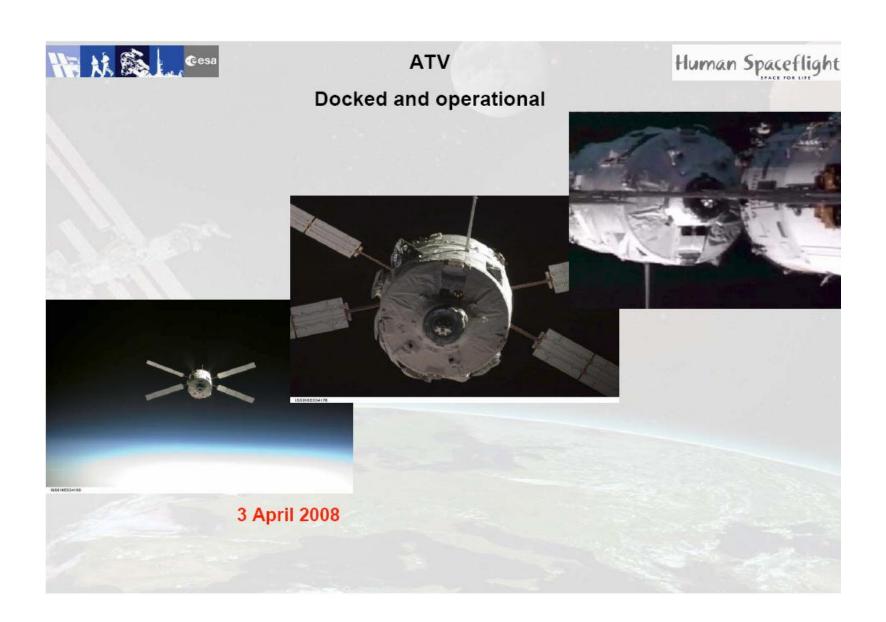


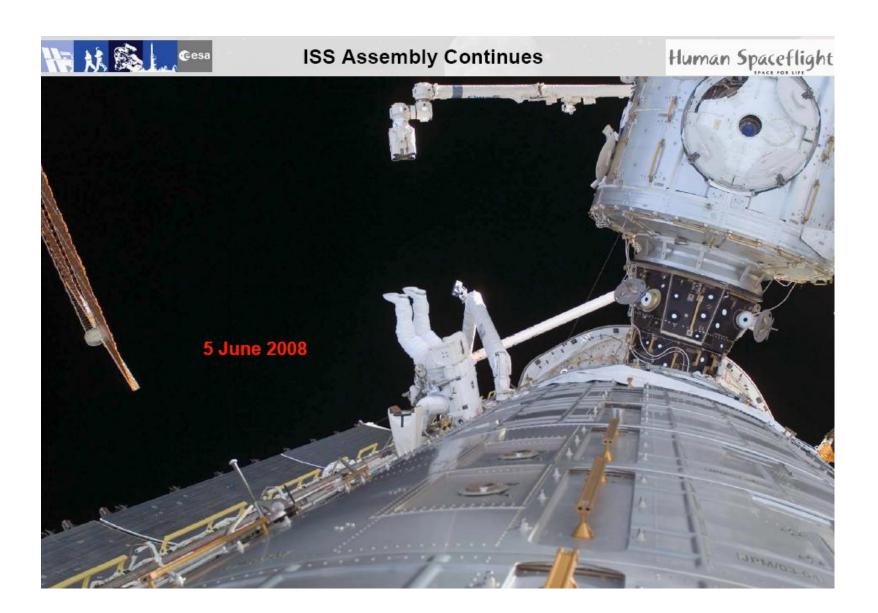
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### Facilities Set-up and first Utilisation

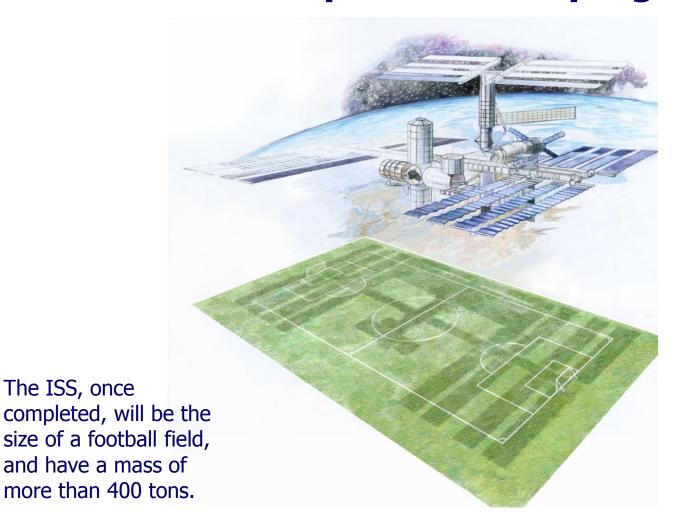


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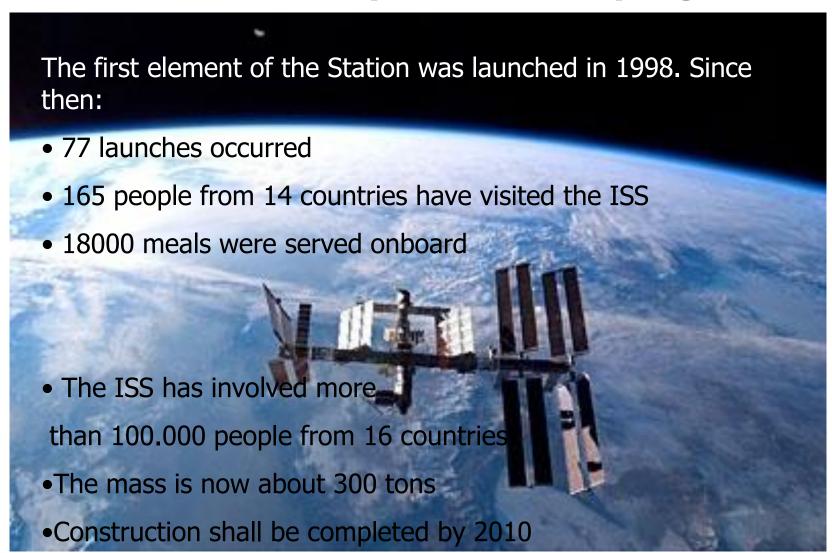


## The International Space Station programme



The ISS, once

## The International Space Station programme



### **Conclusion**

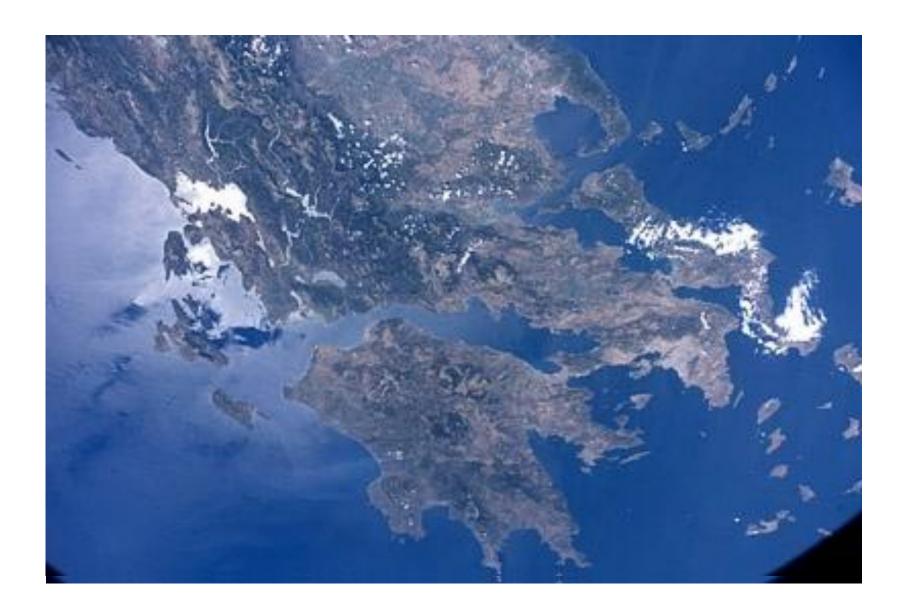
- Europe has demonstrated its capability as a global space player in Human Spaceflight, similar to that of US and Russia, with the results achieved in the frame of its participation in the ISS programme
- European scientific and technological community shall make the best use of the capabilities offered to them by the Columbus Laboratory with its Payload Facilities
- Human space exploration is very challenging and ESA for its next projects needs all the skills it can gather in Europe
- Greece has a unique opportunity to participate in the Human Spaceflight Programme with industries and scientific institutes, thus helping to shape the common European future in space

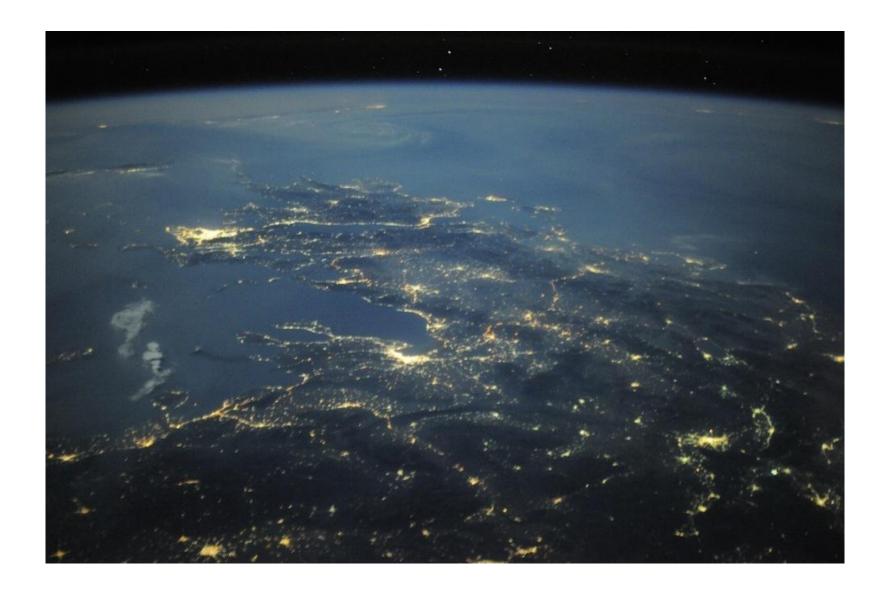


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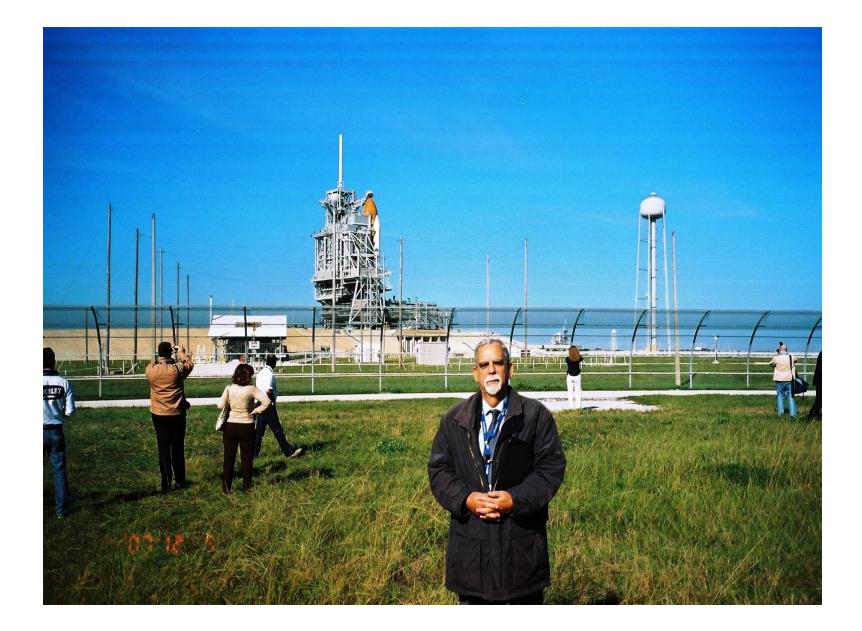




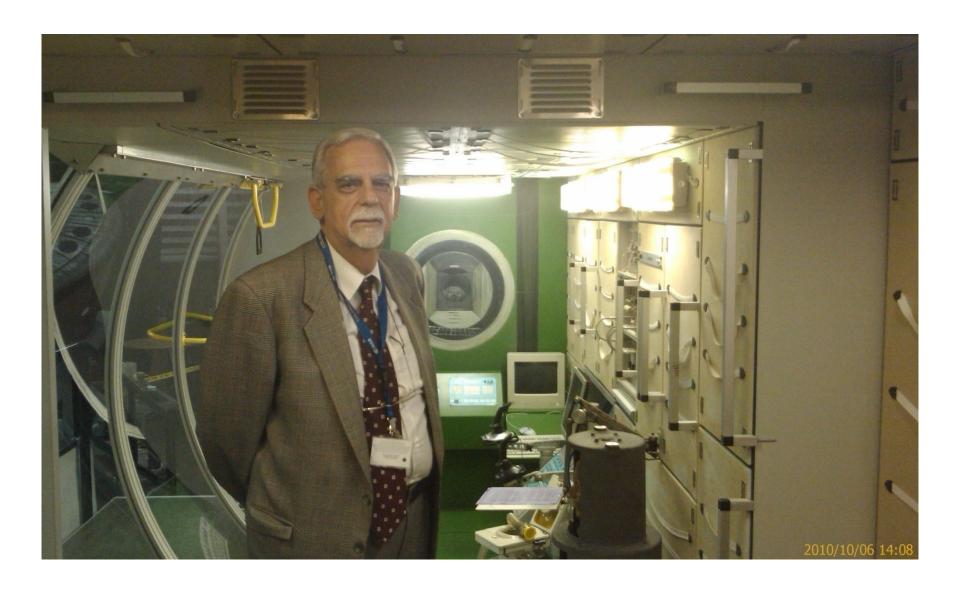


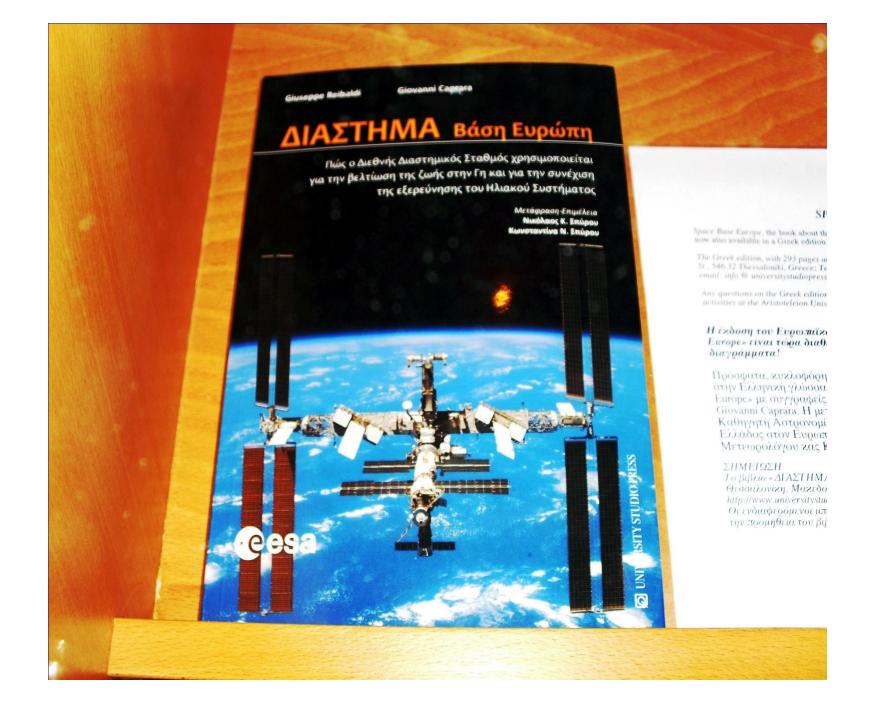
The whole Earth photographed on the *Apollo 17* mission.
Courtesy NASA.

The Exeth Photographed by Veylager 2 from behind the orbit of Neptune on 14 February 1990









#### SPACE Base Europe available in English and Greek

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