



## **SPACEOPS 2010 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA.**

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March 31, 2010 – Reston, Va. – The SpaceOps 2010 Conference will be held April 25–30 at the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala. The conference, an international forum for space operations leaders, will be hosted by the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, and is being organized by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

The theme for the 2010 SpaceOps Conference is "Delivering on the Dream." The conference will serve as a forum for the global space operations community to report on best practices for international space operations, will examine the factors that have led to increased operational efficiency, enhanced interoperability, and optimized payload return, and will allow all participants to take away key concepts, lessons, and practices to enhance their programs.

Keynote speakers for the conference include: **Charles Scales**, associate deputy administrator, NASA; **Will Whitehorn**, president, Virgin Galactic; and **Gene Kranz**, flight director for the Apollo program, who will deliver the keynote address at the SpaceOps Gala on the evening of April 29.

Plenary panels will address critical issues facing the space operations community, including:

- **Space Navigation – Recent Advancements & Emerging Trends**
- **International Space Station at Assembly Complete**
- **Contributions of Space Operations to Global Monitoring**

The Technical Program is organized into six tracks, including, for the first time, "Launch Operations" and "Commercial Space Operations." Technical sessions will explore a variety of topics critical to the space operations community including: Flight Control, Mission Planning and Scheduling; Training and Simulations; Advanced Technologies (such as Space Internetworking); Ground Systems for Mission Support; Cross Support and Interoperability; and Space Debris.

The SpaceOps Conference, a technical forum of the SpaceOps Organization that has been held biennially since 1990, brings together the space operations community to address state-of-the-art operations principles, methods, and tools. The event attracts technologists, scientists, managers, and experts from space agencies, industry, and academia, and fosters managerial and technical interchange on all aspects of space mission operations, including robotics, human, earth orbiting, and deep space. The SpaceOps Organization is a spacecraft operations oriented international association consisting of representatives from most of the space-faring nations. For more information about the SpaceOps Organization, visit [www.spaceops.org](http://www.spaceops.org).

For more information on the 2010 SpaceOps Conference, visit [www.spaceops2010.org](http://www.spaceops2010.org) or contact Duane Hyland at 703.264.7558 or [duaneh@aiaa.org](mailto:duaneh@aiaa.org). Media registration for credentialed members of the press is complimentary.

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