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**TOP HONORS TO BE PRESENTED AT SPACEOPS 2016 CONFERENCE IN DAEJEON,
KOREA**

February 23, 2016 – Reston, Va. – The International Committee on Technical Interchange for Space Mission Operations and Ground Data Systems (SpaceOps Organization) is pleased to announce that the following awards will be presented during the 14th International Conference on Space Operations (SpaceOps), taking place 16–20 May 2016 at the Daejeon Convention Center in Daejeon, Korea. The conference is being hosted by the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI).

The **New Horizons Mission Operations Team, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory**, will receive the 2016 **International SpaceOps Award for Outstanding Achievement**, which is presented for outstanding efforts in overcoming space operations and/or support challenges and recognizes those teams whose exceptional contributions were critical to the success of one or more space missions. The New Horizons Mission Operations Team is receiving this award for the successful flight and flyby operations of the New Horizons spacecraft of the dwarf planet Pluto. A trophy and certificate of citation will be presented to recognize the team for their outstanding and unique achievements during more than six years of operations.

Christine Chubenko, What Webs We Weave, will receive the 2016 **International SpaceOps Distinguished Service Medal**. This award is presented to give unique recognition to an individual who has distinguished himself or herself with service to the SpaceOps Organization and who has shown exceptional dedication to the interests of the organization by making significant contributions over an extended period of time. Chubenko is receiving the award in appreciation for the design, maintenance, and upgrading of the AIAA SpaceOps and Space Operations and Support Technical Committee's online *Journal of Space Operations & Communicator* since 2005. A medal and certificate of citation will be presented to Chubenko for her exceptional dedication over an extended period of time to the *Journal of Space Operations & Communicator*.

Christopher C. Kraft Jr., NASA Johnson Space Center (retired), will receive the 2016 **International SpaceOps Lifetime Achievement Medal**. This award is presented to give unique recognition to an individual who has distinguished himself or herself in the field of space operations and support over an extended period of time. Kraft is receiving the award for pioneering concepts that laid the foundation for spaceflight mission control and human spaceflight missions, and for technical and inspirational leadership that led to the establishment of essential elements of successful space mission operations. A medal and certificate of citation will be presented to Kraft for his dedication in the field of space operations and support.

The SpaceOps Organization is a spacecraft operations oriented international association consisting of representatives from most of the space-faring nations. SpaceOps fosters managerial and technical interchange on all aspects of space mission operations, including robotics, human, Earth orbiting, and deep space. For more information, visit <http://www.spaceops.org>.

Hosted and organized by Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI), SpaceOps 2016 will bring together the space operations community to discuss state-of-the-art operations principles, methods, and tools. Held biennially since 1990, the conference attracts technologists, scientists, and managers from space agencies, industry, and academia, and fosters managerial and technical interchange on all aspects of space mission operations, including robotic and human spaceflight, Earth orbit and deep space missions, lunar and planetary missions, and orbital and surface operations. For more information about this event, visit <http://www.spaceops2016.org>.

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