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Calling South Australia's young scientists to enter prestigious global award

Minister for Defence Industries Martin Hamilton-Smith encourages South Australia's young scientists to apply for the international 2017 Luigi G. Napolitano Award, recognising those who have significantly contributed to the advancement of aerospace science.

The award winner will be announced at the 68th International Astronautical Congress (IAC) – one of the largest conferences to be held in the state from September 25-29. The space-centred conference is set to attract over 4000 international and local delegates, including the world's leading space agencies, while injecting around \$25 million into the local economy.

Growing the state's high-tech space industry through education programs and partnerships is a key focus for Minister Hamilton-Smith, who recently announced \$50,000 in scholarships to the University of South Australia's International Space University's (ISU) Southern Hemisphere Space Studies Program.

Background

The Napolitano Award, which includes a commemorative medal and a certificate of citation, is presented by the International Astronautical Federation to a young scientist at the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) every year.

The winner will be awarded during the IAC closing ceremony held on the last Friday of the congress week. For more information, or to apply, email award@iafastro.org
Applications close Thursday 31 August 2017.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Defence Industries Martin Hamilton-Smith

South Australia has a rapidly growing space innovation ecosystem. The space industry has the potential to create exciting high tech opportunities for young South Australians.

The International Astronautical Congress will have a strong focus on education and young people, involving more than 1000 students from around the state.

Educating and fostering the state's next generation of scientists and researchers is a key element of our focus on space. The State Government remains committed to developing industries of the future such as space and defence, and encouraging students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and maths.

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