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Dear Friends,

It is with utmost pride and pleasure that I present to you the enclosed retrospective on the International Space University – Space Study Program 2016 hosted, for the first time in its history, by an Israeli university. Home to the country's only faculty of aerospace engineering and the cradle of Israel's space program, the Technion campus provided an ideal setting for this prestigious event.

Attended by 109 post-graduate level scholars and professionals from all over the world, the SSP2016 will be memorable for its world renowned speakers, innovative group projects, plenty occasions for professional networking and outstanding evening events – characteristic of many other past ISU gatherings. However, SSP2016 truly stands out, due to the fact that it took place in Israel's oldest university. At a time when BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) efforts are gaining momentum in numerous academic, professional and social circles, the Technion has been able to not only add over 100 space enthusiasts to the ranks of its ambassadors, but to also significantly enhance its international standing.

Accommodating a multi-lingual, multi-cultural and hetero-religious group of individuals is a challenge, even if they are united by a common interest and shared goals. Thanks to your generous support, we have been able to create for the participants a warm and welcoming learning environment, complete with on-campus housing solutions, recreation facilities and social program. Thank you for partnering with us in this important endeavor.

Yours sincerely,

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