

Dear ISU Donor,

The 29<sup>th</sup> Space Studies Program (SSP16) is now concluded. It is a great opportunity to share with you some of the highlights of this intense and amazing program, and to thank you for your key contribution to its success.

It was the first time ever that the ISU decided to hold their Space Studies Program in the Middle East. Israel and the Technion were chosen due to their rich heritage, cultural diversity, and most importantly, the Technion's scientific merit. The decision to hold SSP16 on the Technion campus was a tribute to the Technion's outstanding record of excellence in space research and education.

John Connolly, the academic director of SSP16, mentioned on several occasions that current year's program was probably the most successful in the past 30 years. This success stems from the commitment of the Asher Space Research Institute (ASRI) staff to promoting space education and outreach. The organizing committee of the SSP program has shown vigor, commitment and excellence throughout the various stages of this extensive program. We are very proud of the success of the program; we were especially gratified to hear over 100 students from 24 different countries unanimously praising the Technion and the city of Haifa for an unforgettable experience.

This tremendous accomplishment of the Technion, City of Haifa, and the State of Israel, could not have materialized without your generous support, reflecting your far-reaching vision of high-quality education, world-class research, and academic excellence. The State of Israel has acquired over a hundred envoys, who will return to their countries and promote Israel as a welcoming, robust, and vibrant country, committed to groundbreaking scientific research.

For this tremendous contribution, we wish to thank you. Without your generosity, this event would not have happened. We thank you for your vision, enduring commitment, and generosity, and hope that you feel as proud of your outstanding contribution to Israel and to the Technion.

Sincerely,



Prof. Pini Gurfil  
Director, Asher Space Research Institute