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NEW SPACE CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

The Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Prize Trust is pleased to announce the start of the **Flight into the Future Project Contest**. This is a competition to promote innovative scientific works and is being held to commemorate the memory of the famous American writer, and one of the founders of modern science fiction, Robert A. Heinlein. The main goal of the competition is to identify and support talented young researchers and to encourage their innovative activities that will help to bring humanity closer to Heinlein's dream of our future in space.

The **Flight into the Future** contest opened officially on November 1st, 2004, and is open to all citizens of European, African and Middle Eastern countries (the other Trust's project will be available for the rest of the world), including students, post-graduate students and young specialists who will be under 30 years of age at the time of the award ceremony on July 7th, 2005, which is the birthday of Robert Heinlein. The authors of the winning projects will receive monetary prizes and Heinlein Trust Diplomas at the ceremony.

The participant prospective projects are to be in the field of space exploration and its peaceful use: projects whose realization would result in significant economic benefit to humanity. The submitted works should include scientific, technical and economic substantiation (business plan) of the proposed project proving the potentials of its practical realization and expected economic and social benefit. The projects will be judged by an international Expert Committee.

In 2004, the pilot **Flight into the Future** contest was conducted in Russia by the Trust and the Russian Aviation and Space Scientific Innovation Educational Complex (RASSIEC). The RASSIEC will act as the Trust contractor for the **Flight into the Future 2005 Contest**. RASSIEC is an association of leading Russian aerospace industries and universities that have joined together to promote new forms of professional education and international cooperation programs.

The competition is part of the Heinlein Prize Project (<http://www.heinleinprize.com>), which has been created to encourage commercial activity in space. The Heinlein Prize, a major new award for practical accomplishments in commercial space activities, was announced during the 54th International Aeronautical Congress that was held in Bremen, Germany in 2003.

The Trustees of the Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Prize Trust are Mr. Arthur Dula of Houston, Texas; Dr. Buckner Hightower of Austin, Texas; and Mr. James Miller Vaughn, Jr. also of Houston, Texas: all in the USA.

The Heinlein Prize honors the memory of Robert A. Heinlein, a renowned American author. Through his body of works in fiction spanning nearly fifty years during the commencement of man's entry into space, Mr. Heinlein advocated human advancement into space through commercial endeavors. After Mr. Heinlein's death in 1988, his widow, Virginia Gerstenfeld Heinlein, established the Trust in order to further her husband's vision of humanity's future in space. Funding for the Heinlein Prize came from Mrs. Heinlein's estate after her death in 2003.

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