



Near-Earth Objects: Risks, Responses and Opportunities – Legal Aspects 23-24 April 2009, University of Nebraska-Lincoln



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Conference on
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17.50 - Drinks & dinner

Friday 24 April

Thursday 23 April

- 08.00 - Registration opens
- 08.30 - Opening Session
Welcoming words on behalf of UNL, other sponsors
- 09.00 - Session 1: Setting the Scene
Moderator: Frans von der Dunk
- 09.05 - Rusty Schweickart – Risks posed by NEO’s, and current capabilities to respond (confirmed)
- 09.35 - Brad Blair – Opportunities for mining mineral resources on NEO’s (TBC)
- 10.05 - Coffee break
- 10.25 - Tom Jones – The ASE NEO Report and onwards (confirmed)
- 10.55 - Richard Crowther (or replacement) – Report on Action Team 14 and COPUOS activities further to the ASE NEO Report (TBC)
- 11.25 - Q & D
- 12.00 - Lunch break
- 13.30 - Session 2: Legal and Policy Aspects of NEO Threat Mitigation
Moderator: Lou Friedman (TBC)
- 13.35 - Jean-Claude Worms (or replacement from ESF) – Policy and legal issues of asteroid threat mitigation from a European perspective (TBI)
- 14.00 - Walther Lichem – Legal and institutional implications of asteroid threat mitigation operations policy: responsibilities and liabilities (confirmed)
- 14.25 - Ray Williamson – The role of NGO’s in NEO threat mitigation (confirmed)
- 14.50 - Agnieszka Lukaszuk (on behalf of Space Generation) – Legal and policy aspects emanating from the various papers proposing NEO mitigation approaches (confirmed)
- 15.15 - Q & D
- 15.35 - Tea break
- 15.55 - Session 3: Institutional Aspects of NEO Threat Mitigation
Moderator: Lou Friedman (TBC)
- 16.00 - Ben Baseley-Walker – Different institutional models for NEO response (confirmed)
- 16.25 - Andres Galvez (or replacement) – ESA role and projects in NEO mitigation: policy & legal aspects (confirmed)
- 16.50 - Gordon McBean – The Canadian NEO Surveillance Satellite Project (TBC)
- 17.15 - Q & D

- 08.30 - Session 4: International Legal Aspects of Exploring and Exploiting NEO’s
Moderator: Matt Schaefer (confirmed)
- 08.35 - Sergio Marchisio – International space law applicable to exploring and exploiting NEO’s (TBC)
- 09.00 - Frans von der Dunk – National licensing for exploitation activities in the context of international space law (confirmed)
- 09.25 - Leslie Tennen – Towards a new regime for exploitation of outer space mineral resources? (confirmed)
- 09.50 - Q & D
- 10.10 - Coffee break
- 10.30 - Session 5: US Domestic Law Aspects of Exploiting NEO’s
Moderator: Matt Schaefer (confirmed)
- 10.35 - Joanne Gabrynowicz – US domestic law and regulation pertinent to exploiting NEO’s – an overview of the current state of the law (confirmed)
- 11.00 - Paul Eckert – Private sector perspective on exploitation of NEO’s (TBC)
- 11.25 - Harald Reitsema – Another private sector perspective on exploitation of NEO’s (TBC)
- 11.50 - Q & D
- 12.10 - Lunch break
- 13.40 - Session 6: Intergovernmental Panel on Legal and Policy Aspects of NEO Response Activities
- 13.45 - Chair: Rusty Schweickart (confirmed)
Panelists:
Ciro Arevalo (Chairman COPUOS) (confirmed, subject to re-scheduling issue) Plus: 3-5 representatives of COPUOS member states, from various regions of the world, each presenting some remarks 5 mins
- 14.55 - Open floor discussion
- 15.25 - Tea break
- 15.45 - Session 7: Simulation of a response to NEO impact scenarios
Moderators: Eligar Sadeh (confirmed) & Brian Weedon (confirmed)
Session to be organized by Eligar Sadeh, involving USAF a.o. Incl. Paul Damphousse (confirmed)
- 17.45 - Closing session
Wrap-up & thanks from UNL
- 18.00 - Drinks & dinner

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