

HISPASAT sponsors the VII Apollo Space Contest for school children

- The operator will award the prize in the Research category as part of the “Usefulness and Benefits of Satellites” theme.
- The Apollo Contest, intended for Spanish and Latin American students, is organised by the National Institute of Aerospace Technology (INTA), the University of Zaragoza, the Albireo Foundation and the University of Engineering and Technology (UTEC) of Peru.

MADRID, 12 November 2018. HISPASAT, the Spanish satellite-based telecommunications operator, is sponsoring a new edition of the Apollo Space Contest, intended for 14 to 16 year old students, in both Spain and Latin America.

The contest is about space research and exploration, aiming to bridge the divide between science and humanities, promote communication between both fields and encourage a collaborative attitude and team work among students. One prize is awarded in each of the following six categories: research, narrative/comics, robotics, multimedia, artistic and experimental. Teams from all secondary education centres in Spain and Latin America can participate, as well as from any other country as long as the project is presented in Spanish or Portuguese.

HISPASAT will sponsor the award in the research category, which this year is dedicated to the topic “Usefulness and Benefits of Satellites”. The works presented by the participants must present how satellites, whether for scientific, communications, meteorological or ground observation purposes, help to develop science, society and different aspects of everyday life and personal well-being.

The projects can be registered and presented between 15 October 2018 to 31 March 2019. A maximum of thirty six works will be selected as finalists. The students from these teams will be awarded a diploma that confirms that they have been pre-selected. A jury formed by internationally renowned individuals from the world of education and the aerospace sector will choose a winning team from each category, which will enjoy a space camp in Madrid during the month of July with the expenses paid (travel, stay and meals). During their stay, students and teachers will carry out all types of activities related with the world of space, such as workshops, visits, leisure and cultural activities and so on. Furthermore, the winners will participate in a public ceremony where they will be awarded their diplomas. The terms and conditions are available on www.concursoapolo.com

This initiative is part of HISPASAT’s Corporate Social Responsibility policy. The company is firmly committed to helping people and communities to develop. HISPASAT is especially committed to promoting education, an area in which the company is especially involved thanks to the different projects it carries out. Furthermore, Hispasat is collaborating in order to spread knowledge about the space sector and generate technological opportunities that encourage studies related with satellite telecommunications in the future.

The Apollo Contest is organised by the National Institute of Aerospace Technology (INTA), the University of Zaragoza, the Albireo Foundation and the University of Engineering and Technology (UTEC) of Peru. The Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, the COTECT Foundation and the journal Muy Interesante are also collaborating in the contest.

About HISPASAT

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