

**Initiative ASTRONOMY AND WORLD HERITAGE**

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**Central Astronomical Observatory at Pulkovo**

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**award CEREMONY AND ROUND-TABLE**

**4 july 2012 FRoM 13.15**

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**Programme**

**Part I. ROUND-TABLE**

**Implementation of the World Heritage Committee Decisions regarding the Thematic Initiative “Astronomy and World Heritage”**

***From 13:15***

As it was announced during the side-event held at the Pulkovo Observatory on 28 June 2012, a round-table discussion will be held **in presence of the Academician Mikhail Marov**, Head of Department of the Vernadsky Institute, Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage of Ziolkovsky, Russian Academy of Sciences, co-initiator of the establishment of the International Space University, Chairperson of the first Working Group on Space Technological Heritage.

The main topics proposed for discussion:

* Establishment of a cooperation between the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, specialized agencies and relevant interdisciplinary scientific initiatives, as requested by the World Heritage Committee (Decision **36 COM 5D** adopted on 25 June 2012);
* Establishment of a Working Group on Space Technological Heritage;
* Implementation Strategy towards the elaboration of a “***Global Thematic Study on Heritage of Science and Technology, including studies and research on technological heritage connected with space exploration***”, requested by the World Heritage Committee (Decision **36 COM 5D** adopted on 25 June 2012);

**Discussion and proposals** – coordination by Ms Anna Sidorenko,Coordinator, Thematic Initiative “Astronomy and World Heritage”, World Heritage Centre

**Part II. AWARD CEREMONY**

***From 13:45 to 14:00***

* Welcome by **Prof. Alexander Stepanov**, Director of the Pulkovo Observatory
* The **Commemorative Medal “F. G. W. Struve”**, Founder and First Director of Pulkovo Observatory will be awarded to:
* **H.E. Mrs Eleonora Mitrofanova,** Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO, Permanent Delegate of the Russian Federation to UNESCO
* **Mr Francesco Bandarin,** Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO
* **Academician Mikhail Y. Marov,** Head of Department of the Vernadsky Institute, Chairperson of the Committee on Heritage of Ziolkovsky, Russian Academy of Sciences, co-initiator of the establishment of the International Space University, Chairperson of the first Working Group on Space Technological Heritage
* **Dr. Michel Cotte,** Coordinator, Thematic Initiative “Astronomy and World Heritage”, ICOMOS International Secretariat