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**If you think that our children should have a chance to live better than us,  
then support the Space Renaissance!**

Dear Members of the Space Renaissance Initiative, now incorporated in the Space Renaissance International, and all sincere humanists,

the ones among us who were young during the 60's and 70's may remember how the concept of progress was strong, in that age. Our fathers worked hard to give us a better future, and we had the possibility to study at high school and university, though the majority of us didn't have birth in rich families. That was thanks to the industrial revolution, in the advanced countries at least. We were sure that each generation will have better opportunities and better life conditions; that the progress will eliminate underdevelopment and famine in the world; that ethics will continuously improve, while the fear will progressively decrease, allowing fairness and generosity to grow up accordingly.

But that dream was stopped!

Nowadays our children are precarious, and for the first time a bitter awareness spreaded into the "advanced" countries: future generations will live in conditions worse than the current generation's ones. We — at Space Renaissance — know exactly why: because the resources of our mother planet are not enough for the further development of a civilization of seven billion people.

This awareness is not enough, if our movement will not become able to communicate it to the rest of the society!

That's why the December 18th 2010 we announced the first congress of the Space Renaissance International, that will take place in June 2011. We worked hard, preparing three strategic thesis<sup>1</sup>:

- **Strategical Thesis Paper I: "The Status of the Civilization"**  
([http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGICAL-THESIS-PAPER-I-Status\\_of\\_the\\_Civilization.pdf](http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGICAL-THESIS-PAPER-I-Status_of_the_Civilization.pdf))
- **Strategical Thesis Paper II: "The Status of the New Space Industry"**  
([http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGIC-THESIS-PAPER-II-Status\\_of\\_the\\_New\\_Space\\_Economy.pdf](http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGIC-THESIS-PAPER-II-Status_of_the_New_Space_Economy.pdf))
- **Strategical Thesis Paper III: "A Program to Ignite the Space Renaissance 2011 - 2015"**  
([http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGIC-THESIS-PAPER-III-A\\_Program\\_To\\_Ignite\\_The\\_Space\\_Renaissance\\_2010-2015.pdf](http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/papers/STRATEGIC-THESIS-PAPER-III-A_Program_To_Ignite_The_Space_Renaissance_2010-2015.pdf))

The above three documents should now be discussed and improved, during the six months pre-congressual discussion period, and finally voted during the congress. Other documents can also be presented to the congress, according to our Call for Papers (<http://www.spacerenaissance.org/SRIC/SRIC-CallForPapers.html>).

Why six months? Because we think that a true democratic process must provide time to the participants for achieving knowledge and information and, when they will vote to approve the documents, they should be well informed and prepared, about the contents. And they should also have had ways to contribute to the improvement of the contents. The above process require time and cooperation.

What we need now are basically two process to start rolling:

- 1) all of our supporters register as members (<http://www.spacerenaissance.org/sri-register.htm>), paying the yearly fee - this is very much needed to sustain the expenses of the congress, and to improve our public visibility (see the thesis III for details) - we defined a goal of 1000 registered members within the date of the congress, that would give us a budget enough to move the first public steps.
- 2) create local groups of discussion of the congress thesis - wherever there are at least 5 registered members a local SRI chapter can be created. This is the essential initial step of any movement: give birth to regular meetings (for instance once per month), where people can be invited, so the group can progressively grow up.

Please also reproduce this message, print it on paper, put it in your working or study place, invite people to discuss about our congress.

Let's start working!

Ad Astra!

Adriano V. Autino, SRI, President

<sup>1</sup> always copy the whole address in your browser