# INTERNATIONAL NEO EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

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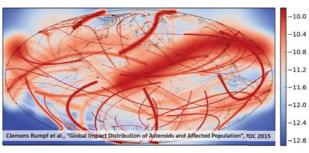


Figure 1 Impact probability distributions of 261 virtual impactors. These impact corridors represent the possible future impact locations for asteroids on the ESA/NASA NEO risk lists until 2100. All regions on Earth are at risk of impact

## **EXISTING PROGRAMS**

#### THE PLANETARY SOCIETY

Conducting EPO as well as research into NEO detection, categorization and deflection. Goals:

- Educate the public about the NEO threat in accurate and engaging ways
- · Create a realistic sense of the level and nature of the threat
- Garner public support for NEO related research

EPO conducted through several channels (video, blogs, magazine, public events, spokespeople, etc) SOCIAL MEDIA

- Strategic social media campaigns that reach global audiences
- Over 5.3 million followers through various social media channels
- 94% of followers are outside the United States

PLANETARY RADIO

- · Connects the public directly with experts in the scientific community, worldwide
- Coverage of PDC 2015, for example
- · Podcast available globally



Figure 2 The Planetary Society has volunteers around the world who share key TPS messages with their local communities

#### INTERNATIONAL SPACE UNIVERSITY

Educational institution founded in 1987

Centered around space exploration and activity Permanent campus in Strasbourg, France

Summer Space Studies Program takes place in a different country

Global applicant pool of young and promising leaders, graduates and space professionals

3,700 alumni in 100 countries

#### **Planetary Defense Activities:**

**SPACE STUDIES PROGRAM** 

- 9-week intensive program with lectures by experts, workshops, and team projects leading to final reports
- Team projects may focus on planetary defense
  - Planetary Defense Team Project in Beijing, China (2007)
    - Suggests need for protecting large populations
    - Recommends the Moon as alternate safe repository
  - · Upcoming Planetary Defense Team Project in Athens, Ohio, USA (2015)

More information at www.isunet.edu

#### -10.0 OBJECTIVES OF EPO

- BROADEN AWARENESS OF THE THREAT OF NEO IMPACTS
  - Especially in developing countries
- ENCOURAGE IMPACT PREPAREDNESS
  - Plans that would be applicable to various disasters
  - Development of space and ground assets

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Planetary Defense experts should coordinate with TPS, SGAC and ISU
- Elucidate opportunities and challenges of EPO for Planetary Defense
- Develop EPO programs and accompanying support

#### SPACE GENERATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Represents the young space generation (aged 18-35) to the **United Nations** 

Founded in 1999

4000 members in 90 countries

Local contacts in each member country

Organizes the annual Space Generation Congress

Active in space outreach and policy shaping



Figure 3 The Space Generation Advisory Council has 4000 members in 90 countries, with official points of contact in each member country

#### **Planetary Defense Activities:**

THE NEAR EARTH OBJECT PROJECT GROUP

- Provides the perspective of the young generation
- Informs about current developments in asteroid research MOVE AN ASTEROID CAMPAIGN
- Global technical paper competition
- Entries have to relate to Near Earth Objects
- Prizes: Travel scholarship to Space Generation Congress and International Astronautical Congress, international recognition by presenting the paper

More information at spacegeneration.org

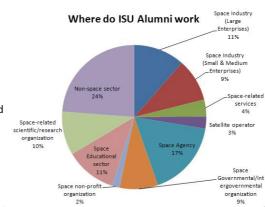


Figure 4 Alumni of the International Space University bring their knowledge of planetary defense to various fields, around the world