The Mars Society

2022 Convention Sponsorship Kit

25th Annual International Convention
Arizona State University - Tempe, AZ
October 20-23, 2022
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About The Mars Society

The Mars Society is the world’s largest and most influential space advocacy organization dedicated to the human exploration and settlement of the planet Mars. Established by Dr. Robert Zubrin and others in 1998, the group works to educate the public, the media and the government on the benefits of exploring Mars and creating a permanent human presence on the Red Planet. Our Founding Declaration describes our goals and our creed.

In order to accomplish our mission, the organization actively seeks to:

1. Organize public outreach with the aim of fostering a deep interest in Mars,
2. Promote broad international support for government-funded Mars research and exploration, and
3. Advocate the establishment of commercial space ventures that will help achieve Mars exploration and settlement.
The Mars Society is truly a global movement, founded in 1998 and touching nearly all parts of the globe.

There are Mars Society chapters, which are run as semi-autonomous organizations, in most major cities and countries around the world.

Mars Society chapters conduct their own outreach activities, promoting space exploration among their local communities. Many also design and implement technical projects such as analog space suits, high-altitude balloon research and virtual reality demos.
About the Event
This year’s convention is at Arizona State University in metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday, October 20th until Sunday October 23rd, 2022.

The Mars Society has held an annual convention every year since 1998. This is our 25th annual event. The 4-day forum features a variety of prominent speakers in the fields of government, business, academia, philanthropy and military who present on all aspects of Mars and cutting-edge topics in space exploration, science and technology.
Confirmed Speakers - 25th Annual Convention in 2022

**Dr. James Bell**  
Principal Investigator, MastCam-Z on Perseverance Rover

**Lindy Elkins-Tanton**  
Principal Investigator, NASA Psyche mission

**Dr. Greg Autry**  
Professor of Space Leadership, Business and Policy, Thunderbird School of Global Management, ASU

**Dr. Shannon Rupert**  
Director & Program Mgr, The Mars Desert Research Station
Recent Conferences
The Mars Society has held an annual convention every year since 1998.

Our conference was last held in-person in 2019 at University of Southern California.

We had approximately 400 people attend, and there were around 100 speakers over the four-day event.
In 2020, facing the global pandemic, the Mars Society leadership decided to hold our convention online as a virtual event with a minimum of changes to the 4-day format, which enabled us to confirm many prominent speakers who normally would not be able to appear in person due to the travel and time commitment.

This included SpaceX CEO Elon Musk and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. Speakers from around the world were able to appear via Zoom and take questions. Attendees were able to network with each other and the speakers using a variety of virtual tools including a conference session scheduling application, chat and collaboration tools, and virtual networking tools.
2020 Virtual Convention Results & Metrics

- Record number of attendees.
- Over 1M live stream viewers.
- Live stream was carried by CNET and several SpaceX-focused Youtube channels.

150 Speakers
128 Sessions & Panels
10k Attendees

5.5k Connections
Worldwide Reach
1+ million Viewership

Substantial Donations
New Lifetime Members
Press Coverage

Iconic Keynotes & Partners

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In 2021, we repeated our virtual convention format and expanded to a full 4 days. We continued attracting many prominent speakers by virtue of the ease of participation via Zoom.

We had incoming deputy NASA administrator, the Mars Ingenuity Helicopter operations lead, the project manager of the UAE Hope mission, as well as many other speakers from around the world.

Attendees enjoyed the same variety of virtual conference experiences as 2020, including a new virtual conference center within the AltspaceVR community which had the capacity for VR-goers to ask questions live into the Zoom call.
We created a **Virtual Conference Space** on the AltspaceVR platform where attendees could see and chat with each other in VR, watch the live stream, and even ask questions of the live presenters within the VR experience. Many 3-D models of Mars rovers and our station were also available to view within the experience.
Sponsorship Opportunities
## Our Sponsorship Levels

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