

Sydney space conference launches tomorrow as Australian space startups skyrocket

The 43rd Committee on Space Research Assembly begins virtually in Sydney tomorrow (Friday) with an anticipated 2,500 attendees from around the world.

Chair of COSPAR 2021, Professor Russell Boyce, said the nation hosting this meeting right now was of great significance with the number of new Australian space startups booming.

“We actually have the fastest growing startup sector in the space economy of any country in the world,” Professor Boyce said.

“That’s testament to the fact that while we’ve started in the game late our young people are bursting with energy and itching to get out and try things.”

COSPAR 2021 also begins as the Australian Space Agency this week welcomed its new CEO, Enrico Palermo, former COO of Richard Branson’s Virgin Galactic Holdings.

“Enrico has had fabulous experience in the US in a very exciting entrepreneurial part of the industry and he’ll be taking the reins of the Australian Space Agency and bringing with him those international experiences. I think there’s very good times to come,” Professor Boyce said.

Members of the public are invited to watch and listen to a public lecture as part of the conference by Australian scientist and now Deputy Program Scientist of NASA’s Mars2020 rover mission.

Visit www.cospar2020.org for details.