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March 2010— An epic week for space

March marked an important month in the history of the UK's Space Program, where the new UK Space Agency was announced. UKSEDS were lucky enough to be down there and listen in on Lord Mandelson and Lord Drayson deliver their opening speech, as well as Major Tim Peake, who showed off the new space agency logo (also providing us with a good photo opportunity), and we even bumped into Prof. Brian Cox.



This was just the start, as the UK Space Conference followed the next day, providing us with five entertaining days of talks, demonstrations and social networking. Highlights included a live interactive webfeed with Peter Diamandis (founder of SEDS, SGC, ISU) and our very own vice-chair (Aron Kisdi) swooping the award for best student at the prestigious Sir Arthur Clarke Awards. Most talks were recorded and will be available soon at space.co.uk (check out the chat archive for unedited original webcasts).

UKSC and the future

I think all of us who attended the UK Space Conference will agree it was fantastic and we all had a good time. However it might have been the last because (cont.)



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...of the new joint conference managed by the UK Space Agency. We want to hear your opinion. Comment on the UKSC news on ukseds.org or hold your ideas for a couple of weeks and join the discussion on the UKSEDS forum.

Volunteering for UKSEDS

With the historic opening of the UK Space Agency on March 23rd 2010, the UKSC promised to have a major involvement with the newly formed UKSA. Held for the 6th consecutive time at Charterhouse School in Godalming, Surrey, the UKSC held talks over a period of 5 days. These talks were aimed at both the young and old generation of space enthusiasts and professionals. Volunteering for the UKSC was not all fun and games. Apart from attending talks given by famous personalities in the Space Community, the UKSC provided a platform for professional networks to be established. With personalities such as the President of the International Space University, Head of ESA – UK Branch, Senior Personnel from Surrey Satellites and Reaction Engines as well as the European Space Agency representatives, this was an event to be truly remembered. The UKSC even hosted its own version of the Oscars, the Arthurs which was given to people demonstrating the utmost dedication to the on-going success of Space education, exploration and professional enhancement in technology. But events are made great by the people you meet, who make you feel part of something big, something exciting and something truly magical. So I thank you Áron, Waheed, Aliac, Rob, Tom, Katie and Zeno for making it a truly memorable experience.

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