



## **Commercial space pioneer inducted into IAA**

Art Dula, Excalibur Almaz Limited founder and CEO, was inducted into the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) during a recent ceremony in Paris.

“The International Academy of Astronautics is pleased to recognize Art Dula in its Social Science section. As a space lawyer and Chairman of a private spaceflight company, Excalibur Almaz, he is among the very first entrepreneurs to be elected Academician. We enjoy his collaboration and support to Academy activities and we welcome him in the organization,” said Dr. Madhavan Nair, President of the International Academy of Astronautics.

Founded in 1960 by leaders among the early space pioneers, IAA is an independent organization whose membership consists of individuals who have distinguished themselves in a related branch of science or technology in the field of astronautics. Members are a distinguished group of individuals elected by their peers from 85 countries for their outstanding contributions to astronautics and the exploration of space. IAA organizes 20 conferences yearly, has published more than 50 studies and has recently organized a Summit of 30 heads of space agencies to revitalize international cooperation with emphasis to space emerging countries. Acta Astronautica, the Academy’s journal published monthly, is ranked as one of the top ten scientific journals in the world.

“It is truly a humbling honor to be part of this distinguished group of space visionaries and leaders,” said Mr. Dula.

Mr. Dula was inducted into the international honor society for his more than 30 years of work in the commercial aerospace field. Mr. Dula’s aerospace career began as an attorney specializing in aerospace, export control and intellectual property law. He has served as a NASA consultant on space shuttle contracts as well as a legal advisor to the US Congress on issues pertaining to space.

Mr. Dula has also served as a Director and General Counsel for several aerospace companies and joint ventures including Eagle Aerospace, Inc., Spacehab, Inc. and Space Services, Inc., which launched the first private US space vehicle. His Space Commerce Corporation was the first American company to establish a joint venture in aerospace with an organization from the Soviet Union. His publications include "Private Sector Activities in Space," published by Jurimetrics Journal in 1983.