

Dear Colleagues,

*Texas A&M University Apophis Study Group (TASG), which is working on the international collaborative effort to design Apophis mitigation space mission, and its director, Dr. David Hyland with great pleasure announce that we are ready to organize the International Symposium on Asteroid Mitigation and Exploration (ISAME).*

*The objective of the conference is to bring together world experts and enthusiasts to discuss and interchange ideas about Near-Earth Objects exploration and mitigation methods and technologies. The conference will be organized on the wake of recent advances on this subject from NASA and European Space Agency, as well as successful Hayabusa exploration mission conducted by Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency. Furthermore, public policy discussion associated with the response to the possible NEO threat is also expected to take place at the symposium.*

*Therefore, we would like to cordially invite you to the International Symposium on Asteroid Mitigation and Exploration that will be held in one of the warmest and most welcome places in the nation, Texas A&M University campus on April 4-6, 2011.*

*Each day of the conference will hold a session dedicated to one of the following topics:*

- *Exploration of NEO,*
- *NEO mitigation techniques,*
- *Public Policy.*

***Abstract submission dates for all topics are: November 15, 2010 - March 7, 2011.***

### ***IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT***

***IN ADDITION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTNERS OF THE CONFERENCE, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A MONETARY AWARD OF 5000\$ FOR THE BEST PAPER PRESENTED AT THE SYMPOSIUM FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SESSIONS.***

*Therefore, do not miss the chance to contribute at this opportune time to the future real working project on NEO mitigation and exploration!*

*We will be grateful if you spread the word about the event to your colleagues and anyone interested in the subject.*

*Please see the flyer for more information. If you have further questions about the conference, please visit our website at <http://aeweb.tamu.edu/isam/index.php>*

*Sincerely,*

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## TAMU Apophis Study Group (TASG)

<http://aeweb.tamu.edu/aemp>



Date: April 4-6, 2011

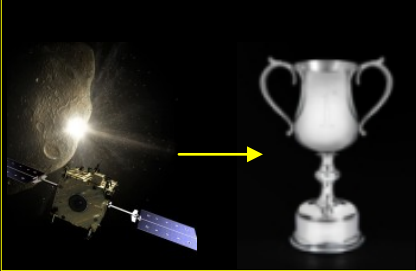
Time: 1PM-11AM (2.5 days)

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**\$5000 prize for top presentations in mitigation, exploration, and policy.**

**PRESENT TO WIN**



## International Symposium on Asteroid Mitigation and Exploration (ISAME)

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*Raising public awareness and sharing mitigation strategies on an issue of major impact*

• A few of the keynote speakers :

- Dr. Simon “Pete” Worden,  
Director of NASA Ames
- Distinguished Individual  
from The Planetary Society

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**Congregating an international community to discuss**

- New research results
- Mitigation and exploration strategies
- International collaboration and awareness

Collaborators:

