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Author Chris Impey to Discuss Our Future Off-Earth in SpaceCom Closing Keynote

HOUSTON, TX (June 9, 2015) – [SpaceCom](#), the Space Commerce Conference and Exposition, today announced that [Chris Impey](#), best-selling author of the recently-published *Beyond: Our Future in Space*, will offer the closing keynote address to conference attendees on Thursday, November 19 in Houston. Focusing on “Our Future Off-Earth,” Impey will provide insights on the new space race and how entrepreneurs will spur innovation and develop activity in new and unexpected directions as space commercialization continues to grow.

“The SpaceCom conference program encompasses three days of interactive content outlining the new space race, market growth in this new environment and financing innovation to take advantage of emerging opportunities,” said James Causey, executive director of SpaceCom. “Chris Impey is an outstanding addition to our line-up and will truly bring to life how the application of space technologies can fuel business innovation. His visionary perspectives will give attendees great tips for forging their own road maps for space commercialization success.”

Chris Impey is a Distinguished Professor at the University of Arizona. As Deputy Head of Department and the Academic Head, he runs the nation's largest undergraduate majors program in astronomy, and the second largest Ph.D. program. His research interests center in observational cosmology, gravitational lensing, and the evolution and structure of galaxies. He's had over 160 refereed publications and 60 published conference proceedings. His research has been supported by \$18 million in grants from NASA and the National Science Foundation, and he has had 24 projects approved and given time on astronomy's premier research facility, the Hubble Space Telescope.

In addition to two textbooks, Impey published a book of interviews with astrobiologists for Cambridge University Press in 2010, and he received a \$250,000 grant from NASA to write up a history of U.S. space science and astronomy missions. His first popular science book, *The Living Cosmos*, on astrobiology, was published in 2007 by Random House. His second, *How It Ends*, was published in 2010 by Norton. His most recent book, *Beyond: Our Future in Space*, was just released in April and is generating buzz for its expansive and enlightening overview of space travel's past, present and possible future.

Convening November 17-19, 2015 in Houston, SpaceCom will host a dynamic three-day event engineered to fuel business innovation across the medical, energy, transportation, communications and advanced manufacturing industries. SpaceCom distinctly unites public and private stakeholders involved in domestic and international space commerce with a new group of global business executives looking for competitive advantage through the application of space technology to their industries. For more information about SpaceCom, or to register, please visit www.spacecomexpo.com.

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[SpaceCom](#) (the Space Commerce Conference and Exposition) convenes November 17-19, 2015 in Houston and focuses on the application of space technologies to fuel business innovation across the medical, energy, transportation, communications and advanced manufacturing industries. The event is produced in collaboration with [NASA Johnson Space Center](#), [Center for the Advancement of Science in Space \(CASIS\)](#), [Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau \(GHCVB\)](#), [Houston First Corporation](#), and [National Trade Productions](#). For more information, visit www.spacecomexpo.com.