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## VALENTINA TEREŠKOVA COMMEMORATED IN TURIN, ITALY

Women in Space will be the subject of the Event to be held in Turin on next July 2nd, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Flight of the First Female in Space.

The program will include a Conference and Expert Panel involving outstanding Personalities – all of them Women – coming from Space Agencies, industries and academic world.

In the past fifty years 58 women have flown in space altogether, out of a total of 543 space explorers. Although USSR was the first, in the golden age, to send a female cosmonaut in space, there are only three Soviet or Russian female cosmonauts.

Even cosmonauts from France, United Kingdom, South Korea and Iran flew in the context of the Soviet/Russian space programme.

Forty five American female astronauts have flown as of today. Two female astronauts from Canada and two from Japan has flown with American missions.

China has launched in space its first female "taikonaut" on Shenzou-9 last year, and its second onboard Shenzou-10, few days ago.

Even Italy will have its first female astronaut next year: Samantha Cristoforetti.



The programme of the Event

A large space-philately exhibition – opened from 2 to 5 July 2013 – will illustrate the enterprises of woman in space.

A commemorative card will be available, together with the special commemorative postmark of the Event.



The Event has the patronage of Local

Authorities, such as Regione Piemonte and Consiglio Regionale del Piemonte, of the Politechnics of Turin, ALTEC and Thales Alenia Space.

The President of Italian Repubblic has awarded this Event with the prestigious Chief of State representation medal.





Look and graphical project of the Event are by the Artist Alec Bartos.