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SETI AND ASTROBIOLOGY: CONTACT - A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

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Contact with extraterrestrial life was discussed at the Space Generation Forum (SGF), at UNISPACE-III. SETI and Astrobiology have been a main area of activity for students and young professionals in recent years. Ideas, recommendations, and visions for astrobiology and SETI are being further developed at the Space Generation Summit (SGS), an event at World Space Congress (WSC) that will unite international students and young professionals to develop a youth vision and strategy for the peaceful uses of space. SGS, endorsed by the United Nations, will take place from October 11-13th, during which the 200 delegates will discuss ongoing youth space activities, particularly those stemming from the UNISPACE-III/SGF and taken forward by the Space Generation Advisory Council. Delegates will address a variety of topics with the goal of devising new recommendations according to the theme, 'Accelerating Our Pace in Space'. The material presented here and in other technical sessions throughout WSC includes the findings of these discussions.

In this paper, we present the results of the Space Generation Summit relating to searching for and contacting extra-terrestrial life.