

# Local Chapter Activity Report at the 50<sup>th</sup> UNISEC-Global Meeting



### UNISEC - BULGARIA

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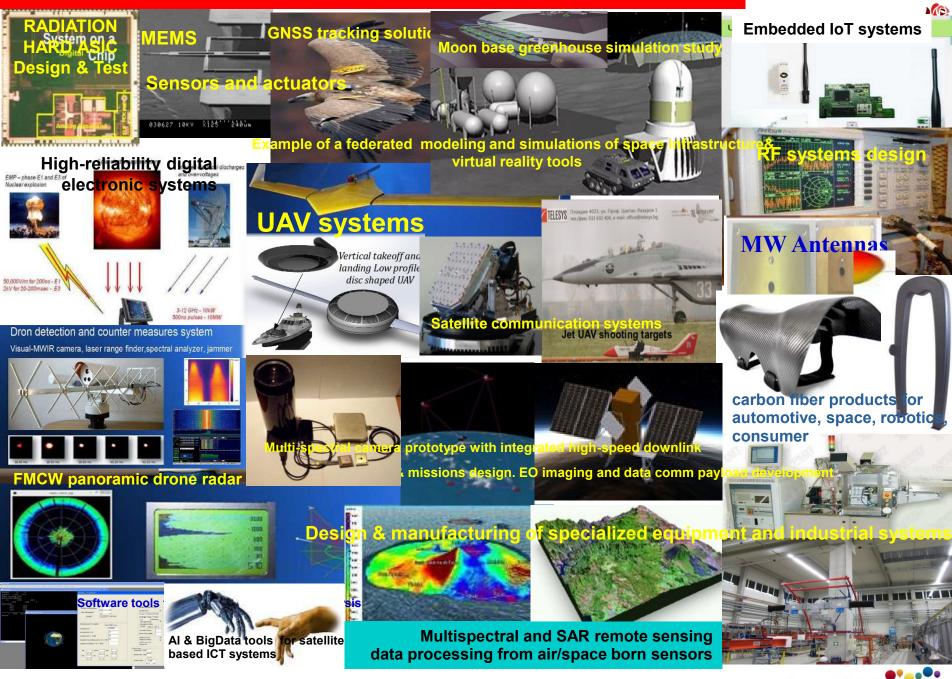




## History of Local Chapter Activities

- Adopted Guiding Principles of UNISEC-Global
- > Follows the Vision of UNISEC-Global
- Participated in MIC in 2012, 2016, 2019
- Attended UNISEC-Global Meeting in 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Participated in CLPT8
- Organized MIC Seminars, Workshops in 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018
- Held CanSat/HEPTA-Sat Training Program/Competition in 2016 and 2017

<sup>\*</sup> Cluster AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES, RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS (CASTRA) is an industry driven non-government organization – cluster, consortia of technology driven SMEs, Academic and research organisations and other professional NGOs, all developing technologies, products and services in the aerospace domain.





### Hosted UNISEC-Global Events

- 4<sup>th</sup> UNISEC Global Meeting in 2016
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nano-satellite Symposium in 2016
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mission Idea Contest for Micro/Nano-Satellite Utilization in 2016
- 1st Deorbit Device Competition in 2016
- Hepta-Sat Training in 2017
- CanSat Training Competition in 2019



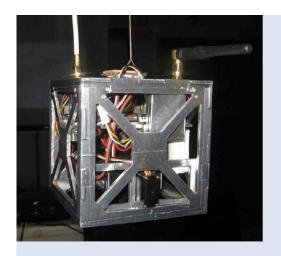




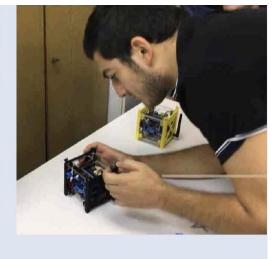




### CubeSat and CanSat for Education













# UNISEC BULGARIA

### **University Members**

### **University members of UNISEC-Bulgaria:**

- Sofia University
- National Military University
- Varna High School of Mathematics (associate)
- Technical University Plovdiv
- Aerospace Technics and Technologies Lab at TU-Sofia (in process)
- Naval Academy Varna (in process)
- Bourgas University (in process)



# 1st Aerospace Engineering Program in Bulgaria (2019)







#### M.Sc. Program:

Aerospace Engineering and Communications (ASE&C)

Professional track:

Physics
Educational level:

Master of Science

Specialty:

Engineering Physics

Training duration:

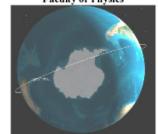
3 semesters

Form of training:

Regular form

Professional Qualification:

Master in Engineering Physics – Aerospace Engineering and Communications Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" Faculty of Physics





Joint initiative between Facutly of Physics at Sofia University and CASTRA





# More Aerospace Engineering MSc Programs in Bulgaria







Naval Academy (2024)





Air Force Academy (2024)





Technical University - Sofia (2024)





### Start-ups

Three start-ups initiatied by UNISEC- Bulgaria former students





"Space Vision" Ltd.

R&D Initiative for building a Spacecraft

Gives planetary-scale awareness for each organization based on Earth Observation Data R&D in aerospace engineering and new technologies

More to come...





### **UNISEC-Global Activities in 2023-24**

- Participation in Virtual UNISEC-Global Meeting
- Internship Programs led by companies
- Organizing Training
- On-going Practical Space Projects







- Annual Space
   Simulations initiative
   for Universities
   coordinated by NASA
   experts
- Locally supported by CASTRA/UNISEC-Bulgaria

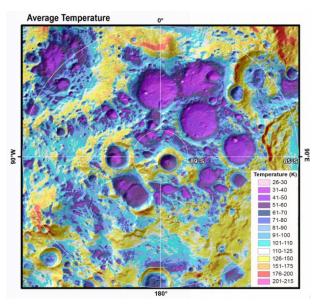


https://simulationexplorationexperience.org





### **SEE Benefits for Students**



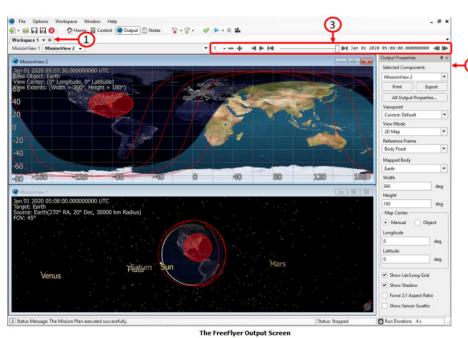


- Modeling and Simulation Experience with the best technologies, tools and methods
- A better **Understanding** of massively distributed, interdisciplinary teams
- A memorable interactive
   Problem Solving experience
- Stronger professional
   Networks, Resources,
   Credibility and Visibility in the job market



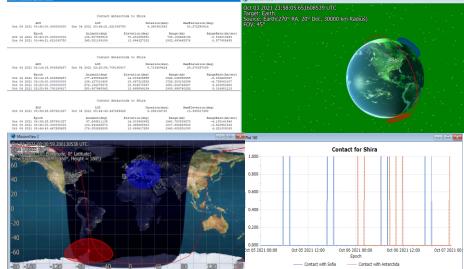
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# Plan for 2024-25 and beyond

- Attracting more universities as active members
- Supporting the evolution of the Bulgarian National Space Program
- Supporting the growth of Aerospace Engineering University Programs
- Inspiring students for scientific work
- Involving students in practical aerospace projects
- Attracting funding from companies





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