

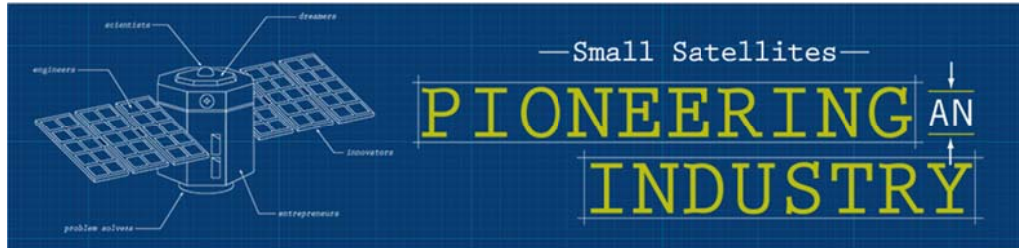
Report: SmallSat Conference 2016

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Summary

The 30th SmallSat Conference, hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and Utah State University (USU), was held from August 8 to 11 2016, in Logan, Utah, USA. Approximately 2,000 people attended, and exhibitions were provided by 140 companies and organizations. The theme of this conference was titled 'Pioneering an Industry'. There were about 100 attendees from Japan. Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and



Industry (METI) provided exhibitions outlining the activities of Japanese space industry, resulting in the participation of approximately 50 attendees from 20 Japanese companies and organizations.

Our Impressions

Originally based on industry activities by colleges and universities, the SmallSat Conference is the largest event in the world focused on small satellites. The SmallSat Conference, dealing with technical subjects, coexists with the Smallsat Symposium at Silicon Valley on February, which is concerned with business issues. A president of a newly established satellite operating

company stated that they would not attend the SmallSat Conference, due to the fact that it is focused only on technical and manufacturing matters surrounding the industry. Despite that, we found that there were some interesting and useful discussions and exhibitions at this event. In our opinion, one of the important features of this conference is the opportunity to meet key peoples active in the small satellite field. Sir Martin Sweeting, Executive Chairman of Surrey Satellite Technology (SSTL), made an appearance, for example. Important participants are always pressed for time, so it's necessary to make appointments in advance to meet any of them.

At the last conference, held in 2015, General James Hyten of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) provided a keynote speech. Together with various universities and colleges, the United States Air Force (USAF) had provided valuable information at previous events. Unfortunately, this year's event saw no keynote speech by the USAF or input on important topics. However, the USAF did attend some technical sessions.

Presentation & Exhibitions

A side event regarding Space Situational Awareness (SSA)

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A side event regarding GEOINT

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Exhibitions by Japanese Enterprises & Companies

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Cyber Security

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Ground stations & Antenna

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Venture Capital (VC)

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Other Miscellaneous Comments:

Logan, Utah, is a small city, and sightseeing is a major industry there.

Logan has been declared the safest city in the USA. A



Mormon temple is located in the center of town, and the streets are bright and clean. Most restaurants do not serve alcohol - such beverages are only sold in public liquor stores. On Sundays, most shops and restaurants are closed, and the entire city appears to be deserted. From Monday to Saturday, however, municipal buses are in service, and a lot of Utah University students can be seen riding the system with their bicycles. The buses are not in service on Sunday, which is treated as a real Sabbath day in this religious city. This seems to us a proper way to spend Sundays, without doing any work.

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