

# SATELLITE 2022<sup>®</sup>

Creating Opportunity. Expanding Horizons.

## A Report on Participation at Satellite 2022

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### Overview

Satellite 2022 was held at Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., U.S. over four days from March 21 (Monday) to 24 (Thursday), 2022. Originally, this conference was one of the largest communications satellite conferences in the world. In particular, it has functioned as an important event at which people in the commercial communications satellite and satellite communications industry could meet and synergize. This year's main theme was "Creating Opportunity. Expanding Horizons."

### Overall impressions and analysis

Although the conference was held during the same period in 2020, two years ago, there was the unusual situation of experiencing a major interruption halfway, as that timing entailed the very beginnings of the COVID-19 pandemic. And, although the event was indeed held in 2021, it was very staggered in schedule and very much scaled down. For this reason, Satellite 2022 was the first full iteration in two years, and it was quite meaningful that some of the first words of one moderator during opening remarks was something to the effect of: "Welcome back! And well survived!"

The purpose of my participation this time was for a "reunion" of sorts, as I decided that I could rebuild

some of the social networks that I was not able to tend to over the past two years. For this reason, I attended only two lectures/sessions at the conference—everything else entailed one-on-one meetings and exhibition visits.

Traditionally, this conference has always been an event centered on satellite communications and communications satellites. Lectures and exhibitions have also mostly been centered on satellite communications operators such as Intelsat and SES, along with major communications satellite manufacturers such as Boeing and Airbus. However, this year, of course, major communications satellite-related companies did participate, but other than that, it seemed to be characteristic that the range of fields has greatly expanded to also include those such as smallsat operators, Earth observation centered on geospatial intelligence, orbital services using robotics, and space travel, etc. Not only that, but the booths of major operators and major satellite manufacturers were rather smaller than usual, and a wide range of companies, including startups, were seen exhibiting.

### Main discussions

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## At the conference/venue

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### Other miscellaneous comments

What's most fun about visiting Washington D.C. every spring to early summer is the Chesapeake Bay soft-shell crab. Unfortunately though, it seems that the end of March was a little bit too early in the season, and there was no soft-shell crab to be found anywhere in any restaurant. So, at a seafood restaurant facing

the Potomac River, I had no choice but to order a crab cake sandwich. In this dish, grilled crab



meat with onions is sandwiched between two burger buns. The crab meat is cooked as large chunks—not minced. And it is quite a mouthful. It's unclear if it was Chesapeake Bay crab, but it's a delicious Washington D.C. dish nonetheless. Of course, this can be paired with local beer from Washington D.C.

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