

WORLD SPACE WEEK 2023

LEBANON

NATIONAL REPORT

1. General Information

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2. World Space Week 2023 Lebanon Overview

Total Number of Events Conducted: 8

Nature of Events

We had an opening ceremony with quiz night competition, book exhibition in the university library, organized a school event. We scheduled online webinars, documentary night and had onsite stargazing events.

Summary of Events:

In the opening ceremony we did a quiz night competition during which 3 participants won astronomy related gadgets. We worked with a school's department of physics and arts and organized an event there. We scheduled online webinars about various topics related to space sciences and the creation of an NGO to enhance space work. The book exhibition had a corner in the library reserved for astronomy/astrophysics/science books, articles and papers. During the movie night, we screened a documentary about the timelapse of the universe and history/potential future of solar system. The onsite stargazing events which contain a guided sky tour with telescope observation. Unfortunately, the stargazing event was cut in the middle due to unexpected weather conditions.

3. Highlighted Events and Stories

1.

Event Details

Event Name: Open Ceremony

Description: presentation of WSW 2023 mission and schedule in Lebanon. We had 2 specialist speakers who talked about: a- Astronomy history in Lebanon by Maroun Habib, b- space exploration latest missions with Dr Alain Khayat. We ended our night with a trivia quiz night about astronomy and distributed astronomy gifts sponsored by Sky Optics.

Location: Kaley coffee co, Beirut

Date and Time: Tuesday Oct 3rd, 7PM.

Nature of Event opening ceremony, science talk and competition.

Number of Participants (if available): ~40

Breakdown by Age Group (if available): 15-40 yrs

Breakdown by Gender (if available): all genders

Links to Event Coverage:

<https://www.instagram.com/wswlebanon/>

Photos:



2.

Event Details

Event Name: “Out of this world”

Description: book exhibition prepared by Balamand Astronomy club in the library of Balamand university. The corner displayed various astronomy/ space science books, publishing and pictures.

Location: Balamand university, Koura.

Date and Time: Thursday Oct 5, 10 AM -13 PM

Nature of Event Book exhibition.

Number of Participants (if available): 100+

Breakdown by Age Group (if available): 18+

Breakdown by Gender (if available): all genders

Notable Stories:

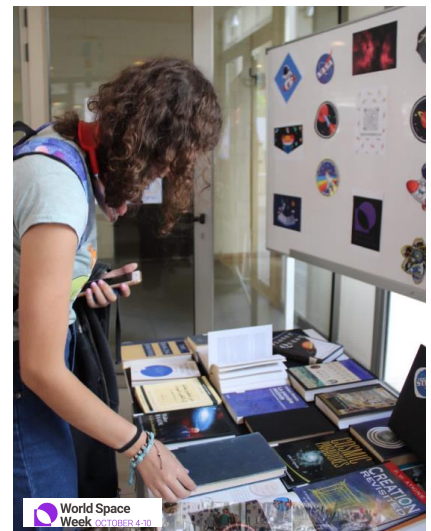
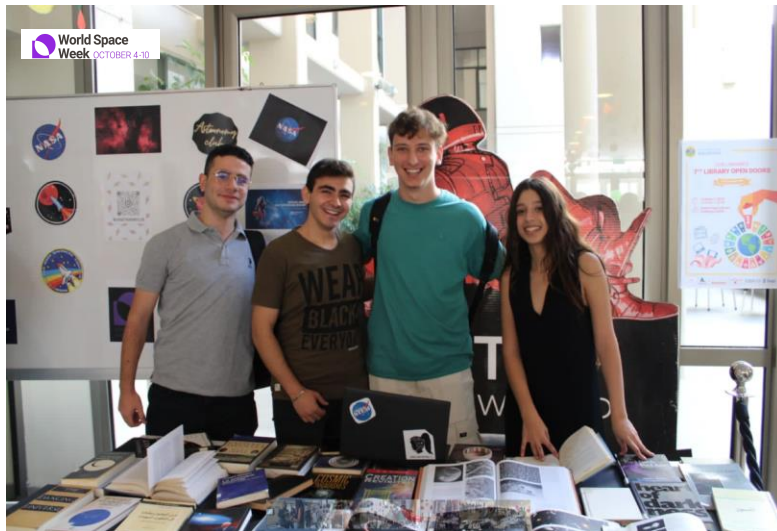
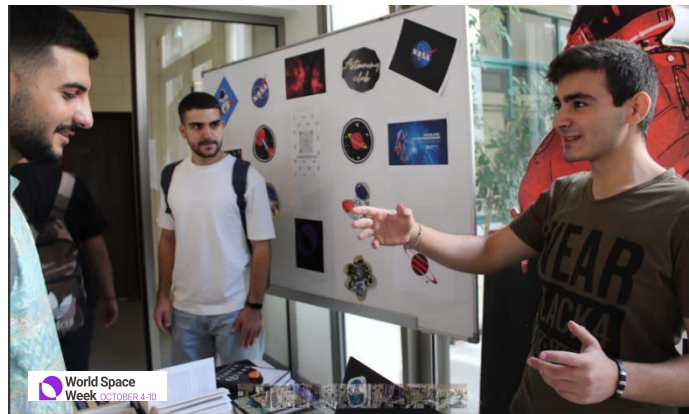
The club prepared this corner and invited especially the science department because the library was in the science building. To their surprise many students from over the whole campus came by and discussed some science matter and the scientific students starts to explain science facts about astronomy to the others. It was a good interaction.

Links to Event Coverage:

<https://www.instagram.com/wswlebanon/>

<https://www.instagram.com/uobastronomyclub/>

Photos:



3.

Event Details

Event Name: Timelapse of the universe

Description: a documentary screening evening organized y LAU astronomy Club In their auditorium.

Location: LAU Jbeil.

Date and Time: Monday Oct 9th, 6PM.

Nature of Event Documentary night

Number of Participants (if available): 80+

Breakdown by Age Group (if available): 18+

Breakdown by Gender (if available): all genders

Notable Stories:

The seats were reserved faster then expected. The club will organize a movie night again after this successful evening.

Links to Event Coverage:

<https://www.instagram.com/wswlebanon/>

<https://www.instagram.com/lauastroclub/>

Photos:



4.

Event Details

Event Name: Astro-activites

Description: it is a school event prepared by Marc Bou Zeid a teacher there a member of Univerciel Liban. The idea is to introduce new science to young students.

Location: Sagesse Brasilia school, Baabda

Date and Time: Friday Oct 6, 11AM

Nature of Event Private school event

Number of Participants (if available): 70

Breakdown by Age Group (if available): 13-15 yrs

Breakdown by Gender (if available): all genders

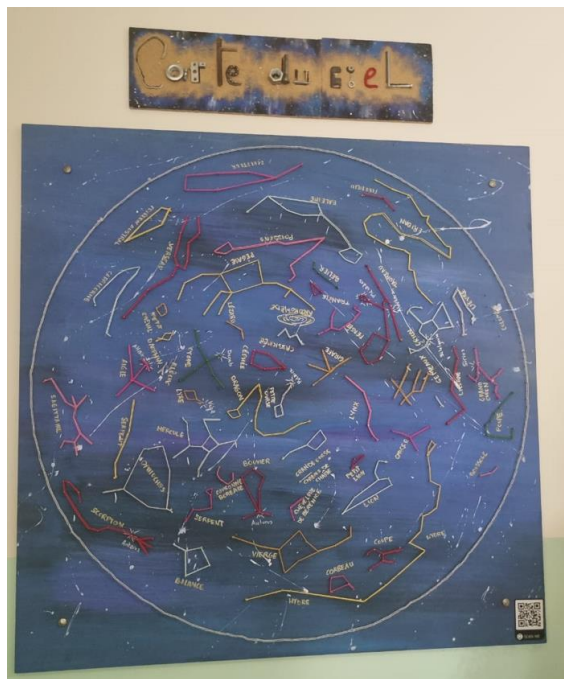
Notable Stories:

The students enjoyed the various activities, even they were prepared, some musicians brought their own music instrument and they played songs they feel like listening to when they stargaze.

Links to Event Coverage:

<https://www.instagram.com/wswlebanon/>

Photos:



5.

Event Details

Event Name: GSI webinar

Description: Andrew Webb Buffington, an astronaut candidate, shared his experience travelling around the world and training in the astronaut training center. He explained why and how he founded the Global STEM Initiative (GSI)

Location: online

Date and Time: Wednesday Oct 4, 18h

Nature of Event: webinar

Number of Participants (if available): 30

Breakdown by Age Group (if available): -

Breakdown by Gender (if available): all genders

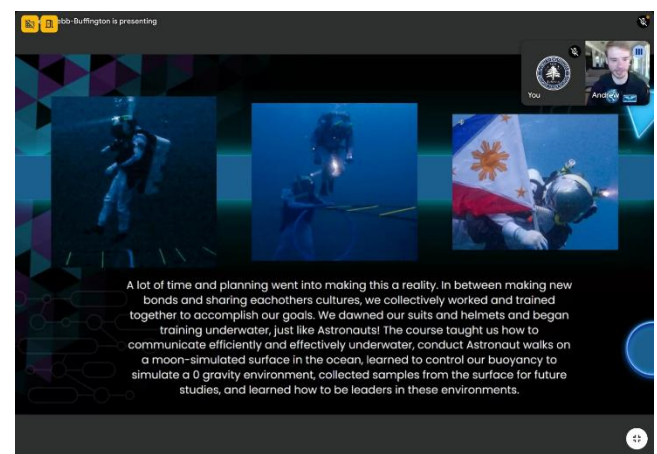
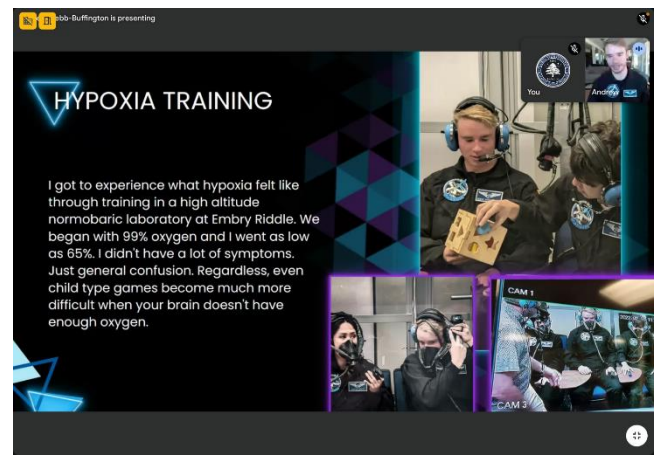
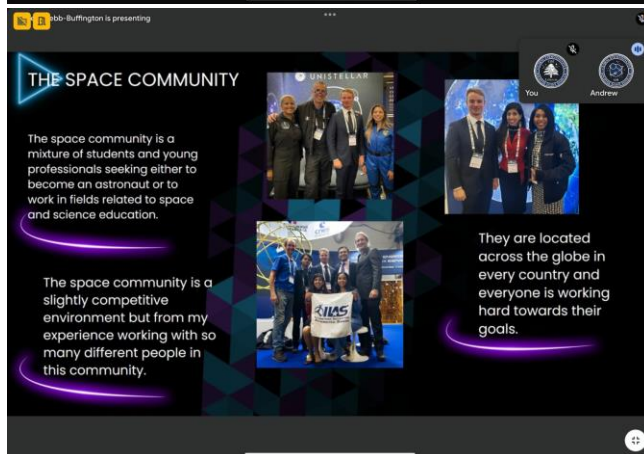
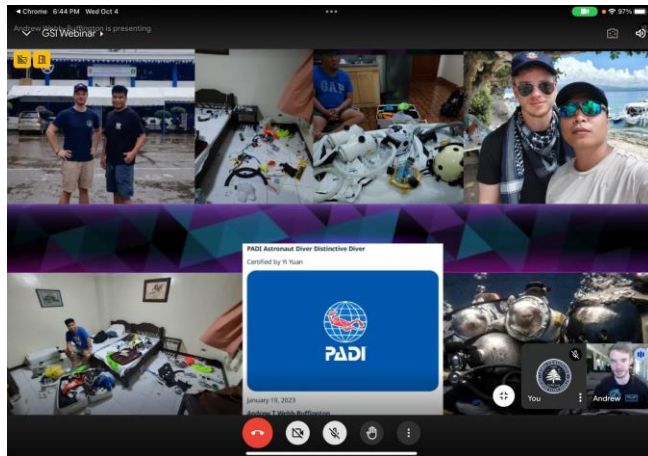
Notable Stories:

Please provide any impressive or impactful stories from the event to be considered for a feature in the annual report.

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Photos:



4. Media and Social Media Engagement (if available)

Social Media Impressions

Please provide a platform-wise breakdown:

Lebtivity:

<https://lebtivity.com/event/world-space-week-2023>

Media / News Coverage:

You may list as many as possible / available.

Reach (Local, National):

5. Additional Efforts (if available)

1. Press Releases:

- only social media activity (live coverage, events in Lebanon website...)

2. Additional Information:

As NC, I worked so hard to group the leaders of each astronomy club in Lebanon under WSW 2023 team work, which a goal I started planning on since I entered the Astro community in Lebanon. I achieved it when I became NC Lebanon this year. Thank you for helping me revive the Astro community in my country.