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Abstract

This paper compares the social conditions of today with the ones of other historical Renaissance ages. The global risks and opportunities scaled proportionally to the growth of human population and its culture. The best answer, to mitigate risks and achieve the great opportunities, is to expand civilization into space, as soon as possible: the Civilian Space Development. Civilians, and not governmental military powers, are the champions on this path. Elon Musk is the first, with his restless action to achieve Low-Cost Low Earth Orbit access. The paper also refocuses the humanist goals of Space Renaissance International. Comparing the historic earthly frontiers, learning from their main social mistakes, some basic humanist requirements are discussed, for the civilization expansion into space to be fully inclusive, for all humans. A strong statement is also enunciated, in favor of individual ingenuity and ability to work together in a peaceful manner, in the whole planet and beyond. The importance of a progressive steps strategy is particularly stressed: each step will allow us to understand how to approach the next step. Living and developing business ventures in space, even as close as Low Earth Orbit, will teach us how to safely and economically go beyond and gather the resources humanity needs, and allow for the development of new technologies that can not only help us survive in outer space. We, the members of SRI and its national chapters will then morph into an organization that accompanies humanity in this new adventure: the process of civilian space development, which will easily exceed any and all expectations we might have. This SRI Congress is a giant step in the right direction, and I propose that each and every one of us remember that to achieve our goals we need to create the opportunity for civilians to be the ones that lead humanity into this new future. We of SRI need to ensure that the errors of the past are not repeated as humanity reaches for the stars.

A short bio

Manuel Perez, MPA, CAMS is President of BSA Compliance. He is also President of the Wood–Heights Democratic Club and Constituent Liaison at the New York State Assembly. In addition, he is the author of *Creating Volunteers*, a guide for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Manuel is President of Space Renaissance USA, Inc. and Vice-President of Space Renaissance International (SRI). BSA Compliance provides timely, cost effective and high quality support services and training in Anti-Money Laundering compliance requirements and practices to Money Service Business administrators, agents and employees, as well as to businesses in the US and overseas that transfer money to or within the US. In order to allow these businesses to improve their profitability and security through proper compliance with US laws that refer to money laundering and the financing of terrorism, they offer their clients a team of bilingual (English/Spanish) professionals with international business, management, training, quality control, and auditing experience. Manny earned his BA in Urban Studies, PreMed, and Metropolitan Leadership at New York University in 1975. He earned his MPA in Public Administration, Hospital Administration, and Organization Theory at New York University in 1977. His experience includes almost two decades with Petroleos de Venezuela, SA, and multiple community and advocacy organizations.