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How Science Fiction Inspired Exploration Achievements

Washington, DC (Mar. 20, 2018) – The Museum of Science Fiction is pleased to welcome Boeing's John Elbon, Global Sales and Marketing director for NASA programs, to Escape Velocity 2018 where he will discuss the influence of science fiction on space exploration in many respects, from the moon landings to the research underway daily aboard the International Space Station.

"The ISS has enabled an enormous amount of scientific research since the first astronauts began living on it in 2000," said Elbon. "Future space exploration will invariably depend on systems that have been tested and refined onboard ISS since then, and Escape Velocity is an exciting venue where I look forward to presenting some of these advancements we have made over the past eighteen years."

The theme of Escape Velocity 2018 is "Other Worlds," and Mr. Elbon's presentation will stress how science performed on board ISS has improved our understanding of the kinds of systems needed for manned flights to deep space destinations, including the moon and Mars.

"Escape Velocity is all about intermingling imagination and reality," said Morgan Gendel, Museum of Science Fiction board member and a Hugo Award-winning *Star Trek: TNG* TV writer. "The TV series *The 100*, on which I was a Co-Executive Producer, was based on the idea of multiple space stations serving as viable human habitats, and that all begins with the hard work of Boeing, NASA, and its partners on board ISS."

Boeing has been NASA's prime contractor for ISS which has had its mission extended through 2024. It has been constructed and operated by 16 partner nations and has been continually occupied since November 2, 2000.

Escape Velocity 2018 is the third annual convention presented by the Museum of Science Fiction. It will return to the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on May 25-27, 2018 at National Harbor, MD, the site of the inaugural convention in 2016. For additional information about Escape Velocity, including details for press registration, please visit:

<https://escapevelocity.events/press-media/>

About the Museum of Science Fiction

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas, the Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to engage and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit: www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket

About Escape Velocity 2018

The Museum of Science Fiction and NASA are partnering to bring Escape Velocity 2018 to Washington, DC. The event is a futuristic world's fair to promote informal STEAM educational activities within the context of science fiction using the fun of comic cons and fascination of science and engineering festivals. Escape Velocity 2018 seeks to make a measurable positive impact to boost informal learning on the more conceptually challenging academic areas. Escape Velocity's mission is to attract young people to science, technology, engineering, art, and math by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science festival in the United States using science fiction as its primary engine. Escape Velocity will achieve orbit on May 25-27, 2018 at the Marriott Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. For a full press packet on Escape Velocity, please visit: www.escapevelocity.events/press-media

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