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**Abstract**

**“Air & Space Law viz-a-viz IPR Issues in Space Activities”**

The constant evolution of high technology and the ever-changing geopolitical situation underlines the need for the universal harmonization of industrial and intellectual property laws. Building a strategic IP portfolio is economically important from both an offensive and defensive standpoint. At a fundamental level, intellectual property is the core work product of a technical organization. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) produce a variety of intellectual property including: patents, trademarks, data rights, copyright and rights associated with National Security. For a scientific organization to properly manage its work product it has to manage its intellectual property.

In our paper we have tried to highlight issues involving IPRs in respect of inventions made or used in outer space which might require harmonized international norms for their solution. We have tried to highlight how the intellectual property be managed to meet the objectives of program implementation, technology transfer and security. The paper also assesses the national policies and space programs of India and Canada in an effort to suggest the basis for enhanced bilateral cooperation in space activities between the two countries.

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