"Discovering the secrets of the universe through SpaceLand open microgravity flights"

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Phenomena ranging from crystal growth to fluid coalescence, from aggregation of matter to star and galaxies formation and collaps are all driven by gravity; our universe was formed as we know it now and it is further evolving thanks to gravity; as a matter of facts, our life and all of us exist thanks to it. So now let us think about a laboratory in which all of these phenomena can be reproduced and analyzed in all their respective aspects by increasing, dimming or switching on or off, at will, the effects of gravitational forces; a new era in basic and applied research and a new dimension to understand life for the general public are born. Microgravity has been frequently associated to human flight in Space, but this understanding can be misleading in many respects. Since the dawn of the spaceflight, less than 550 human beings have been flying in space; this statistic is indeed disappointing, given that nearly every human on the planet once harbored childhood dreams of routine trips to the stars. Those women and men have, with only a small handful of recent exceptions, been government employees handpicked by space agencies, giving critical inspiration to untold numbers of entrepreneurs, inventors, ordinary citizens and entire new industries and science research communities; with the current approach, the overwhelming majority of people (some seven billion and counting) will never have the opportunity to realize the dream of traveling to space, regardless of personal wealth or talents, and will have not the chance to contribute to that drastic advancement of science, biomedicine and technology that only the weightless enviroment might support.

The SpaceLand program since the year 2002, with the first funding by the European Space Agency for technology transfer studies addressing the Olympic Games and the general public (EWOTT Contract), is dedicated to democratize the access to space through microgravity and Lunar-Mars-gravity flight campaigns on board special flight vehicles commissioned for this program. As demonstrated with its world's youngest (11 year old) and world's oldest (93 year old) men and the first 100% disabled woman having flown in weightlessness for microgravity research activities (some commissioned by Nobel-Prize-winner's research group), the SpaceLand program dropped the price of safely flying and experimenting in a large and research-friendly weightless environment from the hundreds of millions of dollars to less than ten thousands EUR, including training and flight qualification. The multimedia presentation at the Space Renaissance congress will show unprecedented videos of ordinary people supporting cutting-edge research on SpaceLand flights while living the fascinations of an out-of-this-world experience finally open to anybody.

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