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### **Cosmonaut Anatolii Artsebarskii to appear at Loncon 3**

London, 6 August 2014 - Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention being held at London ExCeL from 14-18 August, is pleased to announce that former cosmonaut Anatolii Pavlovich Artsebarskii will be attending the entire convention and has agreed to participate in the programme. He will speak at 17.00 on Sunday 17 August.



Born on 9 September 1956, Artsebarskii was the commander of the Soyuz TM-12 mission in 1991. He flew it to the Mir space station with crew Sergei Krikalev and British astronaut Helen Sharman, and spent a total of 144 days in space. Artsebarskii carried out six spacewalks, with a total time of more than 32 hours, most of which was spent building the Sofora space tower onto Mir's engine control module.

Artsebarskii and Krikalev were in orbit during the attempted Soviet coup in August 1991.

Artsebarskii holds the awards of Hero of The Soviet Union, Pilot-cosmonaut of the USSR, the Order of Lenin, and the medal "For accomplishments in exploration of outer space".

For information on how to join the more than 6,000 fans of science fiction and fantasy who have already signed up to attend Loncon 3, please visit <http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/>.

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#### ABOUT THE WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

Founded in 1939, the World Science Fiction Convention is one of the largest international gatherings of authors, artists, editors, publishers, and fans of science fiction and fantasy. The annual Hugo Awards, the leading award for excellence in the fields of science fiction and fantasy, are voted on by the Worldcon membership and presented during the convention.

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