



# President's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) President's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

## **Recent News**

Sea Launch Company successfully delivered the Galaxy 18 communications satellite to orbit from its ocean-based platform on the Equator, marking its third successful launch in 2008. A Zenit-3SL rocket lifted off positioned at 154 degrees West Longitude, precisely on schedule. The Block DM-SL upper stage inserted the 4,642 kg (10,234 lb) Galaxy 18 satellite into geosynchronous transfer orbit, on its way to a final orbital position at 123 degrees West Longitude. Operators at the Hartebeesthoek ground station in South Africa acquired the spacecraft's first signals from orbit shortly after spacecraft separation. All systems performed nominally throughout the mission. [Link to additional information](#)

To coincide with the start of this year's hurricane season, **Iridium® Satellite** kicks off its second annual "Test Your Satellite Phone" Week beginning. Since its inception, thousands of emergency workers and first responders have taken the time to ensure that their one certain lifeline in a disaster, their satellite phone, actually works. The goal of "Test Your Satellite Phone" Week is to increase satellite phone user preparedness and to help users confirm their satellite phones are ready to provide critical communications services before they're needed in an emergency. [Link to additional information](#)

Two **Inmarsat** experts have been presented with an innovation award by the mobile satellite industry for leading the development of BGAN. The Mobile Satellite Users Association (MSUA) presented its innovation award to Inmarsat's chief scientist Marcus Vilaça and director of systems and network engineering, Alan Howell, at its annual conference in Baltimore in the US. [Link to additional information](#)

**Space Systems/Loral** announced that it has shipped ProtoStar I to Kourou, French Guiana, where it is scheduled to launch aboard an Ariane 5 launch vehicle. The satellite, which was designed to meet the needs of both emerging and existing direct-to-home (DTH) operators in the Asian market as well as other broadband communication needs in the region, was completed for ProtoStar less than 17 months after the contract was signed. It is the first in a fleet of multiple satellites ProtoStar plans to launch that will enable its in-country partners to offer advanced satellite television services and powerful two-way broadband Internet access.

[Link to additional information](#)

**Lockheed Martin** announced that it has successfully delivered the first of two major blocks of flight software designed to provide highly reliable command and control of the Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) geosynchronous orbit (GEO) spacecraft.

The U.S. Air Force's SBIRS program is designed to provide early warning of missile launches, and simultaneously support other missions including missile defense, technical intelligence and battlespace characterization.

[Link to additional information](#)

**ICO Global Communications Limited** is responding to a number of requests for information on its pending litigation with **The Boeing Company** and Boeing Satellite Systems International. ICO has been notified by the Court that the trial. The trial will be open to the public, and case information can be found at [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org), case number BC320115. [Link to additional information](#)

## **2008 Upcoming Meetings and Events**

### **Ahead:**

**June 10-12** – ISCe 2008/ICSSC 2008 and the SIA Co-Sponsored Navy SATCOM Users Workshop - Marriott Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA [www.isce.com](http://www.isce.com)

**June 16** - Casbaa Satellite Industry Forum 2008, Singapore

**June 16 – 18** - Oil & Gas Communications: North Africa & the Middle East' conference, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Corniche El-Nile, Garden City, Roda Island, Cairo, Egypt [www.gvf.com](http://www.gvf.com)

**June 24** - "Broadcasting Media and Satellite," networking and panel discussion, Intelsat, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, 3400 International Drive, N. W., Washington DC

**June 24-25** – ICC Telecommunications and Media Forum, Madrid, Spain [www.iicom.org](http://www.iicom.org)

**June 26** - Tour of the new PBS satellite operations center. PBS Technology Center, Springfield VA.

**September 23 -25** – APSCC 2008 Satellite "Satellites on the Move"

Jeju Island, Korea <http://www.apsc.or.kr/event/apsc2008.asp>

**September 29 - October 3**– IAC 2008 International Astronautical Congress and Exhibition, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow, Scotland, [www.iac2008.co.uk](http://www.iac2008.co.uk)

**October 14** – ISCe Satellite Investment Symposium (ISIS NYC '08) - The Princeton Club, New York, NY [www.isis-nyc.com](http://www.isis-nyc.com)

**October 14** - SSPI 3rd Annual Future Leaders Dinner. The Princeton Club, New York, NY. [www.sspi.org](http://www.sspi.org)

**October 15-16** – SATCON Satellite and Content Delivery Conference & Expo, Javits Convention Center, New York, NY <http://www.satconexpo.com/>

**October 29 – 31** – TCIP 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Hyatt Regency Chicago Chicago, IL [www.ctc.org](http://www.ctc.org)

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