



Jesco von Puttkamer International Team Award

The Jesco von Puttkamer International Team Award will be awarded to the fastest international (non-U.S.) high school and college/university teams competing in the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge as determined by the official final run time (assembly time + course traverse time, including all penalties). **The prize is a \$500 cash award and trophy** to the best performing team in each division.

Description:

Beginning in 2007, Professor Dr. Jesco von Puttkamer was instrumental in encouraging international participation in the NASA Great Moonbuggy Race, now renamed the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge. He successfully initiated the International Team Award in 2009. After his death in 2012, friends and colleagues founded the Jesco von Puttkamer Society to keep his spirit alive.

Born in Leipzig, Germany, Puttkamer worked in Huntsville, Alabama from 1962-1974, when he transferred to NASA Headquarters in Washington D.C. where he remained until his death in December 2012. His work included participation in programs such as: Apollo, Skylab, Space Shuttle, and the International Space Station, and he assisted in creating the strategies for manned exploration of Mars. Puttkamer traveled the world as an advocate for the space program motivating students to believe that if they worked hard and persisted, one day they could travel in space. He authored numerous books, including his novelette *"The Sleeping God,"* which was published in the anthology *"Star Trek: The New Voyages 2."*

It is in memory of this ingenious engineer, author, and visionary, the Jesco von Puttkamer Society provides the Jesco von Puttkamer International Team Award.

Rules:

1. The rover must be carried by plane, car, or ship across the U. S. border.
2. A written report must be submitted at the Rover Challenge check-in tent that includes a description of the transportation method used, copies of bills or tickets received for method of transportation, and a photograph of the transportation box(es), container and/or vehicle.
3. The report can be no longer than two typed, double spaced pages. It must include the name of the school, and the name and phone number of the primary point of contact.

Criteria for Judging:

The award will be presented to the international team that earns the lowest cumulative score during the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge as determined by the official final run time.

Registration:

Teams must register for the Jesco von Puttkamer International Team Award in the Rover Challenge check-in tent at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. At that time, each team must turn in the written report as described in Rules 2 and 3.

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