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Dear Ivan Stanojević,

We are pleased to officially welcome you to the [NASA International Space Apps Challenge](#) community as the Local Lead of Space Apps 2018 in Belgrade, Serbia. Since the inception of Space Apps in 2012, we have relied on leaders like you to bring each year's Space Apps hackathon to communities worldwide.

As you know, the International Space Apps Challenge, set for October 19-21, 2018, is a hackathon inviting a global community of technologists, citizen scientists, students, engineers, artists, and others to come together and build project solutions to challenges using NASA's open data. Space Apps 2017 was the largest yet, engaging 25,140 participants from 187 cities and 69 countries. In total, Space Apps 2017 participants produced 2,017 projects in response to 25 Earth Science challenge statements. This year, with your work as a Local Lead, we are eager to see what is in store as we focus on the theme of Earth and Space.

Experts from across NASA have carefully crafted challenges for this year's teams to address. Your efforts to nurture a volunteer community of solvers will help us approach these challenges with fresh perspectives and innovative solutions. We look forward to engaging with you and your local participants as we gear up for this year's event.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [matt@spaceappschallenge.org](mailto:matt@spaceappschallenge.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Scott'.

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