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## **Udom to Present at IAC 2012**

**TAMPA, Fla (August 30, 2012)** Innocent Udom, a doctoral student in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, has received NASA sponsorship to give a talk during the 63<sup>rd</sup> International Astronautical Congress (IAC), from October 1-5, in Naples, Italy. Travel grant recipients were selected by a NASA technical panel of scientists and/or officials based upon the relevance of student abstracts to the space agency's mission.

The International Astronautical Congress (IAC) is the largest space-related conference worldwide and selects an average of 1,000 scientific papers every year. The IAC is organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA), and the International Institute of Space Law (IISL). This year, more than 3,000 abstracts were reviewed for oral talks and poster presentations. NASA's participation in this event is an ongoing effort to connect it with the astronautical and space international community.

Udom will present on "Harvesting Chlorella spp. for Green Aerospace Fuels Production Using Flocculants". He is advised by Sarina Ergas, professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Yogi Gogswami, professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering.

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