

## **IDA Researcher Nominated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s ACCRES FACA Committee**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 2018)** – Bhavya Lal, a research staff member at the Institute for Defense Analyses' (IDA's) Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) was nominated for a second two-year term on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES).

"Bhavya is an internationally-recognized space policy expert," said Mark Lewis, STPI Director. "Her impact and recognition are quite amazing."

"I am honored to continue serving as an active member on NOAA's ACCRES," said Lal. "I look forward to evaluating and recommending ideas that positively impact federal policies and programs."

ACCRES was established in 2002 to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters relating to the U.S. satellite commercial remote sensing industry and NOAA's activities to carry out the responsibilities of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Very active in the space policy community, Lal also recently co-chaired the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on the State of Radiation Testing Infrastructure for Space Applications, and was vice-chair of the Academies' Committee on Achieving Science Goals with CubeSats. She is currently participating in Academies' study on Space-based Detection of Earth-bound asteroids, and was previously a member of the Committee on 3D Printing in Space. She is a member of the international Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) to develop an international scientific roadmap for small satellites, and co-organizes a seminar series on space history and policy with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Lal earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a second master's degree from the Technology and Policy Program, also at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a doctorate degree in public policy and public administration with focus on science and technology policy from the George Washington University.

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