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Bill Diamond

Seeking Life in the Cosmos – The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe and what it Means for Humankind



A provocative paper published in ‘Nature’ in September of 1959 by two Cornell University scientists put forward the idea of using radio telescopes to search for possible interstellar communications between advanced civilizations. In November that same year, Harlow Shapely of Harvard University speculated that there might be as many as a million worlds existing where life has been forged by evolution. In April of 1960, Astronomer Frank Drake undertook the first ever Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe – so-called SETI – using the new 25m radio telescope in Green Bank West Virginia. Started in 1984 by Cornell Astronomer Dr. Jill Tarter, the SETI Institute has been at the forefront of the quest for intelligent life in the Universe for more than 36 years. What have we learned over this time? What evidence has been found? What is the status of the search, and what new questions have arisen over the last 60 years? And why does

any of this matter? SETI Institute President and CEO, Bill Diamond will address these questions and more and review the Institute’s research, education and outreach programs. While science fiction abounds in the world of SETI, the science facts are even more fascinating.

Bill Diamond is a Silicon Valley technology veteran and current President and CEO of the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California. The SETI Institute is a nonprofit astrophysics and astrobiology research and education organization focused on the study of life in the Universe. Prior to joining the Institute, Mr. Diamond held various executive management positions in applied technologies, most recently at the optical networking company, Oclaro, Inc. Mr. Diamond has over 30 years’ industrial experience with start-ups and Fortune 100 companies in laser photonics and optical communications networks, X-ray imaging, and semiconductor processing technologies. He holds a B.A. in physics from Holy Cross College and an MBA from Georgetown University. He is a past member of the Advisory Board for the McDonough School of Business Administration at Georgetown and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Science and Innovation Council, BASIC, in San Francisco.

Next week, March 10, John Celock, Media consultant, journalist and author, president of Celock Media Group, “How Young Elected Officials are Impacting the U.S.”

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