

IAA COMMISSION VI report to SAC for March 21 2006 meeting in Paris
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- 1. Commission VI has a very successful meeting this morning. We also note that Commission VI has developed an on line commission web site for commission discussions and vote. It is hosted on a system called Community Zero. The cost of the site is being born by the officers of the commission (thanks to Geoff Languedoc).**
- 2. We had a very successful January on line meeting when we were able to approve a number of program committee and study group proposals to keep them moving and make better use of the face to face meeting here in Paris in March. We plan to keep doing on line meetings in between the semi annual face to face meetings. The next on line meeting will be the first two weeks of June 2006.**
- 3. Commission VI has set in motion a strategic planning and priority setting plan. The development of the plan is being led by Karl Deutsch. A steering committee consisting of Deutsch, the Commission Officers plus Marcia Smith and Dr Nair will over see the process. The goal is to develop a plan and new Commission VI priorities for finalization at the Valencia Commission meeting. We expect to recommend new terms of reference for the Commission, new priority areas for Commission activity and plans for the stand alone Space and Society conferences.**
- 4. Program Committees**
 - a) Valencia**
 - Planned session at Valencia: more than 90 abstracts received**
 - History: 29 papers, 4 sessions**
 - Popularization: 17-20, 1 session**
 - Spin Off: 19 2 sessions**
 - Tourism: 11+2, 1 session**
 - All our sessions are oversubscribed. We ask the IAA to defend the number of sessions we are allocated.**
 - b) India -**
 - Commission VI endorsed 5 program committee proposals**

- **Space Architecture (Clar/Mohanty)**
- **Space Expectations (Swan/Raitt)**
- **Technology Innovation (Raitt/Cheeks)**
- **History Symposium (4 sessions) (Skoog)**
- **Space activities for a sustainable society (Raitt/Doetch/Maynard)**
- **One Plenary**
- **50th Anniversary of the space era: Sputnik, IGY Plenary (Skoog)**

The Commission is VERY concerned about the top down discussion of IAC program changes that are not coordinated with IAA Commission Process. We are developing a Commission VI strategic plan that needs to be included in the process.

The commission would like to know what has happened to the joint IAF/IAA/IISL History committee that was approved last year. Has this committee been constituted or is it being abandoned? We ask the IAA proactively take on the coordination that was agreed through the establishment of this committee.

Study Groups

a) Status of existing study groups

- **6.1 Multilingual Dictionary (Ninomiya).** A one day workshop will be held March 22 to plan the future of the study group. Matagowa would be interested in taking on the chairmanship.
- **6.2 Education (Oliver).** A new proposed terms of reference for the Study group, now called the Future of Space Education, has been endorsed by the commission. We request IAA accept it.
- **6.3 Interstellar Messages (Vakoch/Tarter).** Peer review carried out this summer.
- **6.4 History Bibliography (Moulin).** Publication in the AAS Univelt series agreed. We request that the Study Group be closed.
- **6.5 Space Art Data Base (Woods).** Peer review to be initiated later this year.
- **6.7 50th Anniv History (Skoog).** Plenary proposed for Delhi
- **6.8 Space Expectations (C Swan).** Meeting held in Paris.

b) New Study Group proposals endorsed by the commission

- **6.9 Space Architecture (Clar/Olifanov), Endorsed.** We request IAA approval.

Commission VI regrets that the IAA has not distributed the book produced by the Study Group 6.6 Impact of Space activities on Society produced in 2005 and requests that the IAA distribute the results of this successful study group. Copies of the book are available.

5. Commission VI endorsement of other events

- a) Endorsed Perello-led Space and the Arts Event in Valencia (Malina)**

6. Planning for stand-alone IAA Space and Society conferences

- a) Endorsed Proposal for 2nd Space and Society Conference at ESA/ESTEC in 2007 (Raitt). Feb 28- March 2 2007.**

b) Endorsed proposals for 3^d Space and Society for end of April/May 2008 (Languedoc) tied to 14th Canadian Astronautics Congress.

Commission VI requests IAA endorsement for these two stand alone Space and Society conferences as was the case for the Budapest.