

IAA COMMISSION VI report to SAC for OCT 2006 meeting in Valencia

1. Commission VI has a very successful meeting Sunday. We are unhappy that our meeting was initially scheduled in a hallway in an unacceptable working environment.

2. 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). It is open to all members of commission VI study groups and program committee. About 60 people are signed up.

2. We had a very successful June on line meeting when we were able to keep the activities moving and make better use of the face to face meeting here at IAC and in Paris in the spring. 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 last weeks of Jan 2007.

3. Commission VI has set in motion a strategic planning and priority setting plan. The development of the plan is being led by Karl Doetsch.

A steering

committee consisting of Doetsch, 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 Spring 2007 Paris 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.

We also expect to recommend areas where we fell to new election of members of the academy would be helpful in areas of societal needs.

Program Committees

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a) Valencia

- o Planned session at Valencia: more than 90 abstracts received
- o History: 29 papers, 4 sessions
- o Popularization: 17-20, 1 session
- o Spin Off: 19 2 sessions

- o Tourism: 11+2, 1 session
- o All our sessions are oversubscribed. We ask the IAA to defend the number of sessions we are allocated.

b) Hyderabad

Commission VI has 5 program committees, all are in good shape:

- o Space Architecture (Clar/Mohanty)
- o Space Expectations (Swan/Raitt)
- o Technology Innovation (Raitt/Cheeks)
- o History Symposium (4 sessions) (Skoog)
- o Space Activities for a Sustainable Society (Raitt/Doetch/Maynard)
- o One Plenary
- o 50th Anniversary of the Space Era: Sputnik, IGY Plenary (Skoog)

We are concerned that the status of the Plenary session is not known and that other proposals for plenaries related to 50th anniv space era are being discussed

c) Glasgow

Initial proposals have been received for a Terminology session, for a Space Architecture Session, Space Expectations and Technology Transfer.

The History committee has proposed three sessions not their usual 4.

We expect other proposals coming out of the Deutsch priority setting activity.

5. Study Groups

a) Status of existing study groups

- o 6.1 Multilingual Dictionary (Ninomiya) A one day workshop was held March 22 to plan the future of the study group.

The commission has received a final report from the study group and has voted to accept it.

The dictionary is available on line and we request that the IAA link

to this site and carry out publicity.

o 6.2 Education (Oliver) now called the Future of Space Education, have been endorsed by the Commission. A status report has been received . We are participating in the workshop on wednesday organised by unesco and iaf.

o 6.3 Interstellar Messages (Vakoch/Tarter) Peer review is being carried out.

o 6.4 History Bibliography (Moulin) Publication in the AAS Univelt series agreed. The Study Group has been closed. Publication is under way with AAS. IAA should contact the study group chairman Herve Moulin if IAA wants to put it up on line.

o 6.5 Space Art Data Base (Woods) has concluded its work. The data base is one line. We request IAA contact study group chair concerning IAA web site linking.

o 6.7 50th Anniv History (Skoog). Plenary proposed for Hyderabad. Great progress on publication of previous symposia.

o 6.8 Space Expectations (C Swan) Meeting held in Paris. Status report received, work under way,

o 6.9 Space Architecture (Clar/Olifanov Very active, progress report received.

o 6.10 50th anniv space era multilingual dictionary. Was approved in March, A proposal for a PC by Danielle Candel has been received for Glasgow.

7 Commission VI endorsement of other events

a) Endorsed Perello-led Space and the Arts Event in Valencia Octubre Cultural Center. (Malina) is being held this week.

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

a) In spring IAA Endorsed Proposal for 2nd Space and Society Conference at ESA/ESTEC in 2007 (Raitt). Feb 28-March 2 2007. We are concerned that the IAA has not disseminated the call for paper to the IAA members

b) IAA in spring Endorsed proposals for 3rd Space and Society for end of April/May 2008 (Languedoc) tied to 14th Canadian Aeronautics Society in Montreal. Commission VI requests that an IIA north american regional meeting be held in conjunction with this symposium.

No other stand alone events at this time.

8. Commission VI met for an hour jointly with Commission V to assist in coordination and joint actions

A joint steering group was established to develop a focused proposal for a study group on benefits to society as a follow on to the idea submitted by Mukund Rao. They will report in November for discussion at the January on line meeting.

9. Commission VI is concerned that the IAA=IAF synergy committee has not had participation by Commission VI officers or SAC.

10 Succession plans. We plan to propose that David Raitt take over as chairman and Geof Langedoc as vice chair. We have several candidates for secretary.