

## IAA Study Update

**Study Number and Title:** S 6.3 Interstellar Message Construction

**Responsible Commission:** 6

**Short Study Description** (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

Overall Goal: To identify promising opportunities for expanded research in interstellar message construction, based on a review of extant methods as well as an exploration of innovative alternatives. In the process, new participants to the discussion will be identified, increasing the diversity of perspectives incorporated.

Intermediate Goals: Organize discussions in conjunction with meetings on interstellar message design sponsored by partner organizations, leading to recommendations for future research opportunities. Encourage participants in the discussion to publish on the topic.

**Progress in past six months:**

Co-sponsored “The Search for a Cosmic Rosetta Stone,” a symposium held at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California, USA on November 20, 2004. Facilitated discussions leading to the double session “Anthropology, Archaeology, and Interstellar Communication: Science and the Knowledge of Distant Worlds” at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association in Atlanta, Georgia, USA on December 16, 2004. Co-sponsored workshop on “Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Encoding Altruism in Interstellar Messages” on February 27, 2005 in conjunction with symposium “Altruism in Cross-Cultural Perspective” at the annual conference of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

**Website Study Information up to date?** (Study Group Membership, Study Plan and Schedule): Study Group Membership needs to be updated to reflect changes proposed on following page. Study Plan and Schedule are up to date.

**Issues requiring resolution?** (recommend approach):

None.

**Product Deliveries on Schedule?** (If modified explain rationale):

Yes.

**Study Team Member Changes?**

**Name of person providing Study Group Status** (Chair or one of the Co-Chairs):

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**Status Report Date:** March 8, 2005

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## Study Team Membership Changes

Effectivity Date: March 15, 2005

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