



IAA Study Group 6.7 50th Anniversary of the Space Era 2007

Information Note No 1

Finally it is approved and official: **The new history study group.** The request submitted in Vancouver last October has now been approved by the Commission VI and the IAA BOT during the spring meeting in Paris last March.

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The proposal was accepted as discussed in our Vancouver meeting, i.e. the scope and goals, the methodology and the schedule were approved as well as the initial membership. This document is now in place under Study Group 6.7 on the IAA web page.

Our overall goal is a:

“Coherent overall IAA history programme and secure the publication of the IAA History Series (Proceedings of the IAA History Symposia.)”

1. History Symposium 2005 in Fukuoka

This year we only received 23 abstracts, and thus the number of sessions was reduced to three, Memoirs, Scientific and Technical Reviews, and History of Japanese Contributions to Astronautics. All abstracts are now on the IAC Paper web page (www.iac-paper.com; and use IAC Congress Browser button). The sessions are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, all pm. More details on the IAF web page (www.iafastro.com) under the Technical Programme for Fukuoka.

2. History Symposium 2006 in Valencia

A new Programme Committee for the History Symposium 2006 in Valencia was nominated at the IPC in Paris last March. The structure is the same as in last years with the fourth session dedicated to the History of the Spanish Contributions to Astronautics. The official Call for Papers will as usual be distributed at the congress in Fukuoka.

All persons being members of the new 2006 Programme Ctee should by now have received an overview of the draft Call for Papers from the IAF Secretary. **In our case we still are missing a person from Spain to co-chair the fourth session with Oti Liepack. Can anyone come up with a suggestion? Presently we do not have a representative from Spain in our History Group.**

3. The Proceedings of the History Symposia

At the Vancouver meeting a subgroup to coordinate the publication activities between the History Group on one side, and the Series Editor Don Elder and the publisher Robert Jakobs at Univelt on the other side, was installed under the leadership of Roger Launius.

Roger has prepared a set of instructions for the volume editors (IAA History Series, Instructions for Volume Editors).

The 1997 Proceedings by George James are now in print and will be available in a few weeks (soft and hard bound).

The 1998 Proceedings by Kerrie Dougherty are in preparation and the manuscript will be turned in to Don Elder in 3-4 weeks time. We still have some open issues on illustrations in this case. Publication should be by early autumn.

The 1999 Proceedings by Frank Winter, the manuscript is due August 2005, and the 2000 Proceedings by Oti Liepack by December 2005.

In case any of the Editors is having some difficulties with the schedule or the material please inform Roger Launius at once, in order that necessary steps to provide support can be taken.

4. “50th Anniversary of the Space Era 2007” Task

One important topic to be discussed in Fukuoka is the alternatives for honouring the 50th Anniversary of the Space Era in 2007. There are several alternatives e.g.

- a selfstanding IAA History Symposium on this topic
- dedicate the 2007 IAC History Symposium to this subject with several invited lectures etc.
- IAA co-organizing a history symposium with other international bodies
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Each alternative has to be analysed in detail in order that we can make a recommendation to the IAA Board of Trustees on the matter.

Please feel free to give your thoughts and ideas on this subject: type of event, organization, size, structure, participants, place and date.

More to come later before the Fukuoka meeting.

5. Study Group 6.7 Meeting in Fukuoka

The Study Group 6.7 Meeting (the History Group) is planned for Saturday October 15, at 16:00 in Fukuoka. A tentative additional slot has been reserved for Thursday October 20 at 09:00 if needed.

Even if some persons do have difficulties to be present on the Saturday before the congress already, this meeting is needed to discuss any issues, which have to go to the Commission

VI (meets Sunday) for resolution/information before the inputs are given to the IAA Board of Trustees (meets Tuesday).

A detailed Agenda will be provided in due time before the Fukuoka meeting.

6. Study Group 6.7 Membership

In our charter document on the IAA web page a list of members have been included. (Same names as on the distribution list for the cover e-mail of this Note.)

If you find a person missing in the list please let me know name and e-mail address that we can include this person in our study group work.

7. Study Group 6.7 Web Page

It is planned to open up a web page for the study group under the IAA web page to make relevant information and documents available to all members of the study group. The actual date is tbd, but could be before or just after the Fukuoka meeting.

8. Study group 6.7 Organization

The structure and organization of IAA Study group 6.7 has been drafted in a separate presentation, which will be distributed as an attachment to this Information Note.

Please review this document and feel free to give any comments back to the originator.

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