Information Note No 6

Latest news preparing for the Valencia IAC

1. 40th IAA History Symposium in Valencia

The 40th Symposium covers 30 papers in 4 regular and one poster sessions. You can see the programme and the status of paper uploading on the web site under Symposium E.4 on www.iac-paper.com.

This year all papers will be in full length on a DVD, which allowed us to expand the manuscripts to 5MB. All papers uploaded until September 15 will be on this DVD, and later on-line updates of individual uploaded papers can be made and downloaded, if you have the DVD with the necessary key for downloading.

2. Frank Malina Highlight Lecture

Roger Malina will on Friday October 6 at 14:20 give the first historical Highlight Lecture on:
FRANK J. MALINA: ASTRONAUTICAL PIONEER DEDICATED TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

You are all strongly recommended to attend this lecture on the last day of the congress. An abstract is posted under Highlight Lectures on the IAC paper web site www.iac-paper.com.

3. 41st IAA History Symposium in India 2007

The planning for the congress in Hyderabad is continuing, and the first Call for Papers will be published at the congress in Valencia. The History Symposium is as discussed in Fukuoka and then proposed to the IPC for the March 2006 meeting.

For Hyderabad we will have 4 regular sessions. Dr. P.V. Manoranjan Rao, former Group Director at the ISRO Vikram Sarabhi Space Center, will act as co-chair for the session dedicated to the History of Rocketry and Astronautics in India.

4. History Plenary at the 2007 IAC

The preparation of the History Plenary dedicated to the “50th Anniversary of the Space Era – Sputnik 1 and the International Geophysical Year “ is continuing. The LOC in India has also concurred and the next tasks are to make a more precise definition of the plenary programme, invite speakers, find moderator(s), and decide on any audiovisual elements. The
possibility of associating a small exhibition with this topic is also under consideration. The LOC in India has offered to support the publication of the Plenary.

Major decisions on the 2007 History Plenary will be taken in Valencia.

5. Indian Member of the IAA History Study Group

The India Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has appointed Dr. P.V. Manoranjan Rao as representative for India in the IAA Study Group 6.7 on History.

Dr. P.V. Manoranjan Rao, former Group Director at the ISRO Centre – Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, is Doctorate in Physics and worked for a long time in applied physics in space technology i.e. launch vehicle and spacecraft. He was closely associated with the development and growth of ISRO in the last four decades. In addition to his professional work, he is a voracious reader and an expert in international history of astronautics. He worked as Chief Editor of the ISRO in-house Magazine “Count Down” for many years.

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6. 42nd IAA History Symposium in Glasgow 2008

The Programme Ctee for the Glasgow IAA History Symposium will be discussed during the Valencia Study Group meetings, as the final proposal will have to be submitted to IAA and the IPC before the March 2007 IPC meeting in Paris.

THUS BE PREPARED TO VOLUNTEER AS SESSION CHAIR OR RAPPORTEUR FOR GLASGOW!

7. IAF/IAA/IISL Advisory Committee on History of Cooperation in Space Activities

This joint advisory IAF/IAA/IISL Committee on History Activities (ACHA) will have its first meeting in Valencia. Chairperson is Dr. A. Ingemar Skoog. Members of this advisory ctee are Gerard Brachet and Lubos Perek from IAF, Skoog and John Logsdon from IAA and Stephen Doyle from IISL.

Potential study projects to be undertaken will be discussed in Valencia. One potential study under consideration is:
THE INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR - STARTER OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SPACE COOPERATIONS.

8. Sources of Information on History of Astronautics

Roger Launius has provided some interesting information on sources for information in the field of history of astronautics:

- new oral histories are online at the UAH Library under

  http://www.uah.edu/library/about/department/collections.htm#oralhist

- the NASM in Washington is now issuing a monthly e-newsletter to help the public keep
posted on National Air and Space Museum news, articles about artifacts, behind-the-scenes activities and exhibitions. You may subscribe from the Web site:

http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/enewsletter/

9. NASA History Division RFQ on A History of NASA's International Relations

The NASA History Division has issued an RFQ for a study on the history of NASA’s international relations. The statement of work describes the requirement to complete a scholarly book-length manuscript (some 400 pages) on the history of NASA’s International Relations. The book shall focus on the time period since NASA’s inception in 1958, but shall provide background to place NASA’s work in the international arena in the context of previous scientific endeavors such as the International Geophysical Year (IGY). The NASA History Division, part of the Office of External Relations, shall administer this project. The NASA History Division also shall manage professional review and oversight of final publication of the work.

The period of performance for this task is 12 months from the award date plus two one year options.

Ref.: http://prod.nais.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/eps/bizops.cgi?gr=D&pin=04

10. Acta Astronautica new publication initiative

Dr. Rupert Gerzer has been appointed co-editor of Acta Astronautica and he will concentrate on new manuscripts. Thus Dr. Gerzer is starting a new initiative to solicit new contributions to the Academy journal.

Each Commission has appointed one or more Corresponding Editors to support this new initiative. For Commission VI Dr. Skoog has been appointed Corresponding Editor for History of Astronautics.

Each Corresponding Editor recruits two peer-reviewed articles per year on an important topic in his/her field. These articles should be written in a way that allows members from other Commissions and non-space scientists to read and understand the topic as well.

In this new capacity I would greatly appreciate it if each and every one of you can support me in this activity and let me know the names of authors and topics for potential articles before or during the Valencia Meeting.

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