



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

Information Note No 7

Chronologies of Historical Space Events and Planned Events for 2007

1. Introduction

During the meetings in Valencia future possible History Highlight Lectures were discussed. In order to make a plan for the next years to come the need for inputs in form of potential historical events was identified. Two databases for Chronologies of Historical Space Events were identified:

- NASA History Website: Forecast of Upcoming Events, and
- History of Space Flight by Philippe Jung.

It was also recommended to collect an overview of planned events for 2007 mainly devoted to the 50th anniversary of Sputnik 1 and the International Geophysical Year (IGY).

2. NASA Chronology “Forecast of Upcoming Events”

The NASA Chronology on the web site lists historically important space events in 5 years steps grouped in month/year blocs from January 2002 till December 2009. It covers all events from 10 years up to 150 years or more ago. The address is:

<http://history.nasa.gov/annivforecast.htm>

This web site also has subroutines that one can look for important events in a certain field of space research and technologies, e.g.

- NASA Projects and Anniversary Links
- This month in Space History
- Chronology of Lunar and Planetary Exploration
- A Chronology of Mars Exploration
- Lunar Exploration Timeline (1959 –1976).

For convenience a list of historical events 25 years or older for the period January 2007 to December 2008 has been reproduced in ANNEX 1.

3. History of Space Flight

Philippe Jung, AAAF in France, has prepared a large chronology “History of Space Flight” covering the period 10th Century till today. This list also includes important literature, references to information from earlier times and technical data (launch vehicles, mass, orbit etc). As this list is not on the Internet a full copy is reproduced in ANNEX 2.

4. Other Sources for Upcoming Events Relevant to the History of Astronautics

The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM) regularly publishes an overview of planned events related to the history of space flight in the US on the web site:

<http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/calendar.cfm>

5. Planned Events and Activities for 2007

5.1 France (Source Philippe Jung, AAAF)

A list of space events in France during 2007 has been prepared by Philippe Jung (ANNEX 3). Note it also includes information on the 100th Anniversary of the helicopter.

5.2 Australia (Source Kerrie Dougherty)

Events are planned but details so far not known.

5.3 USA

Information on events can be found on Internet under:

- NASM : <http://www.nasm.si.edu/events/calendar.cfm>
- NASA: <http://www2.jpl.nasa.gov/calendar/>

5.4 Russian Federation

At least 2 commemorations are planned in Russia:

- International Conference, dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of S.P. Korolev, 25-31 January 2007 in Moscow
- Conference, dedicated to the 150th Anniversary of Konstatin Tsiolkovsky and the 50th Celebration of Sputnik 1, 12-14 September 2007 in Kaluga

So far only the organising committee is known (see Roscosmos web site), but no programme details. Point of contact is given by fax: +7 - 495 688 90 63.

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