Information Note No 14

1. Introduction

Here are a few highlights before the start of the 2009 IAC in Daejeon, Korea and the 43rd IAA History Symposium.

First, one of our IAA History Study Group long time members was in July elected Corresponding Member of IAA Section 4 Social Sciences:

Christophe Rothmund (CM4)

Congratulations to Christophe, and all of you join him for the celebration and award of his diploma in Daejeon.

2. 43rd History Symposium, Daejeon

22 papers were accepted at the IPC for three sessions in Daejeon. In the mean time 3 papers (one per session; session 1: now 7 papers, session 2: 8 papers and session 3: 4 papers) have been officially withdrawn and as of September 25 14 papers have been uploaded into the IAC web site.

3. IAA History Symposia Proceedings

The proceedings of the 34th IAA History Symposium in Rio de Janeiro in 2000 were released by the publisher Univelt in January this year as volume 20 in the IAA History Series (volume 30 in the AAS History Series). See also Info Note No 13.

Just released this week by our publisher Univelt is the “IAA History Symposia 1967-2000 Index Book” prepared by Hervé Moulin. This is also the final report of the IAA SG 6.4. This book contains the abstracts and index of all papers presented at the 1st through 34th History Symposia of the International Academy of Astronautics. It is in book form and all information is also on an enclosed CD made for electronic search of information. See Attachment 1 below.

Congratulations to the Index Volume Editor Hervé Moulin, the Series Editor Rick Sturdevant and the publisher Bob Jacobs at Univelt!

You are all asked to sign up for a copy! Please support the future publication of our History Proceedings by buying a copy of each volume! As a member of our Study Group you get 25% of the list price (just state your membership), and if you are an author of a paper in any History volume you may take 50% of the list price. You can order via Internet from Univelt: http://www.univelt.com
The next volume in the IAA History Series, the proceedings from the 35th IAA History Symposium in Toulouse 2001, is in final preparation by the publisher and will be released around end of this year.

The following volumes, History Symposia 2002 – 2004, are now under preparation by the Series Editor and Copy Editor and will be published next year.

4. Other History publications

The third volume in the highly interesting NASA series of the Boris Chertok memoirs: *Rockets and People: Hot Days of the Cold War* was released this summer. See Attachment 2 for more information and means to order the book.

Since about three years ESA has a new series on history of the space activities in the ESA member states in book form. 8 volumes have been published so far (Finland, Germany, Austria Belgium, UK, Italy Spain and Switzerland). The publisher is Beauchesne Editeur in Paris. It is to be noted that the language used is varying, mainly English, but also German and French is used for some books. For more information see attachment 3 with ordering information.

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IAA SG 6.7 co-chair
Since 1967, the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) has held history symposia at the International Astronautical Congresses. The papers delivered at these symposia have, in turn, been re-published, or, in many cases, published or the first time in the AAS History Series. This volume is a general index and abstracts of all the papers presented at the 1967-2000 IAA History Symposia, and is designed to help the user find exactly where the full papers are published using several methods.

The volume is divided into several sections:

Section I is a listing of each and every symposium, their locations, dates, session numbers, coordinators, chairs, rapporteurs, paper titles, authors, IAA/IAF paper numbers, IAA/AAS volume numbers, page numbers in which the available papers are published in the AAS History Series of books and the abstract reference numbers cited in Section II of the book/CD.

Section II contains all the abstracts of the papers which were submitted for presentation and/or were published in the AAS/IAA History Series. They are all numbered so the reader can easily link to the proper abstract from all the other sections of the book/CD. And again, the paper title, authors, IAA/IAF paper numbers, IAA/AAS volume numbers and page numbers in which the available papers are published in the AAS History Series of books are given.

Section III is an index of all the authors in alphabetical order, and includes the years their papers were presented, the paper titles and the abstract reference numbers. One can distinguish between single-authored papers and co-authored papers, and which authors are/were IAA members and whether the author is deceased (if known).

Section IV is a listing of all the papers by the authors’ countries. The countries are organized into alphabetical order, then by author names in alphabetical order under each country heading. Again the year the paper was presented, the paper title and abstract numbers are given. In addition, the co-author(s) are given, if any.

Section V is a listing of the paper titles in alphabetical order organized by the time period which the subject matter of the paper covers. This section is divided into the following time periods: Ancient, 19th Century, 20th Century before 1945, 20th century 1945-1957 and 20th Century after 1957. The year the paper was presented and the abstract reference numbers are given.

Section VI is a listing of the paper titles in alphabetical order organized by theme. The theme headings are divided as follows: Biographical References, General, Manned Spacecraft, Organizational Histories, Rocketry and Rockets, Satellites and Spacecraft, Scientific Research, Space Policy and Technical Aspects. The year each paper was presented and the abstract reference numbers are given.

At the end of the book/CD are three appendices, including a list of previous chairmen of the IAA History Committee organized by the time period they were in office and their nationality; a brief description of the International Academy of Astronautics; and a list of IAA History Symposia Proceedings volumes published as part of the AAS History Series. The user should find the CD-ROM supplement extremely useful, as there is extensive linking throughout the volume to help them find the information needed.

Ordering can be made thru: http://www.univelt.com/ordering.htm
**New... in the NASA History Series**

*Rockets and People: Hot Days of the Cold War (Volume III)*

by Boris Chertok  
Dr. Asif Siddiqi, Series Editor  


Much has been written in the West on the history of the Soviet space program but few Westerners have read direct first-hand accounts of the men and women who were behind the many Russian accomplishments in exploring space. The memoirs of Academician Boris Chertok, who worked under the legendary Sergey Korolev, translated from the original Russian, fill that gap. In Volume 1 of *Rockets and People*, Chertok described his early life as an aeronautical engineer and his adventures as a member of the Soviet team that searched postwar, occupied Germany for the remnants of the Nazi rocket program. Volume 2 takes up the story with the development of the world’s first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and ends with the launch of Sputnik and the early moon probes.

In Volume 3, Chertok recollects the great successes of, and continues the fascinating narrative of, the Soviet space program in the 1960s, arguably the peak of the effort. Chertok devotes a significant portion of the volume to the early years of Soviet human spaceflight from 1961 to 1967, including the launch of the world’s first space voyager Yuri Gagarin and gripping accounts of two of the most tragic episodes of the Soviet space program, the death of Korolev and the flight and death of cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov during the very first piloted Soyuz flight in 1967. Furthermore, Chertok provides a radically unique perspective on the Cuban Missile Crisis, from the point of view of those who would have been responsible for unleashing nuclear Armageddon in 1962 had Kennedy and Khrushchev not been able to agree on a stalemate. He concludes focusing on the relationship between the space program and the Soviet Academy of Sciences, which would serve as great interest to historians of Soviet spaceflight.

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