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

Information Note No 3

1. Study Group 6.7 Meetings in Fukuoka

Two meetings were held (October 15 and 20, 2005). Separate minutes will soon be distributed and posted on our web site.

The Saturday meeting was opened in presence of IAA President Ed Stone, who welcomes all participants to this first meeting.

Since the last meeting in Vancouver a new initiative from IAF for history activities has become known. President Stone saw it as most appropriate to personally inform the IAA History Group on these activities. IAF is planning on creating an “Advisory Committee on History Activities”. This committee is to advise and give guidelines to IAF (in cooperation with IAA and IISL) on potential activities in the field of History of International Space Cooperation’s. The platform is to be found but could be selected symposia with pioneers and historians discussing aspects of the origin and conduct of international space cooperation endeavours. The IAF president is trying to raise funds for these kinds of undertakings. President Stone pointed out that this IAF initiative is not in conflict with the regularly ongoing IAA History Group activities and the IAA History Symposia. The IAF Bureau and the IAA Board of Trustees have guaranteed a close coordination between IAF and the IAA History Group. The intent would be to name the new advisory ctee “IAF/IAA/IISL Advisory Committee on History Activities”. This ctee is only to propose new studies, not to conduct them.

The rest of the meeting was mainly dedicated to review the status of the History Symposium 2005, the call for papers for Valencia in 2006 and the preparation of the Proposal for a Programme Committee for 2007 in New Delhi (see items 2 to 5 below). The proceedings are well under way and by March 2006 all manuscripts from 1998 thru 2002 should be at the Editor-in-Chief or partly even by the publisher.

The second meeting was mainly concerned with a follow up on the conduct of the history symposium and the preparation for the “50th Anniversary of the Space Era in 2007” (main study task!). See item 5 below!

2. History Symposium 2005 in Fukuoka

A total of 16 papers (4+6+6 for the 3 sessions) were presented during the symposium. In the programme were 24 papers, and the cancellation rate (33%) is higher than the average for the congress (25%)! Some of the papers were uploaded into the IAC database just before or even during the congress, which more or less prevents any review by session chairs and
rapporteurs in advance or at all. This problem is known to the IAC IPC and new instructions will be prepared for 2006 in Valencia.

All given papers for the Fukuoka Congress are now uploaded on the IAC Paper Web page (www.iac-paper.com and use the IAC Congress Browser button).

3. **History Symposium 2006 in Valencia**

The Call for Papers has now been issued. The Editor for the 2006 proceedings will be Marsha Freeman, and she has been added to the Symposium Coordinators, this in order to give her direct access to all papers in the IAC database.

4. **History Symposium 2007 in India**

The Programme Committee proposals for the Call for Papers for India in 2007 must be submitted to IAF/IAC IPC before the March 2006 IPC meeting. A pre-review will be done on IAA and Commission level (for us Com VI) and the proposal must thus be submitted to Com VI before Christmas 2005. See further under item 5 below.

5. **“50th Anniversary of the Space Era 2007” Task**

The initial step to agree on type of event was performed by using Working Sheet No 1 “Type of Event” issued early September. Only a 25% participation was achieved, but the result was very clear. The overall result is given in attached table. All responses recommended either only (X in table) option 3 or option 3 as the first (1 in table) of several options.

Option 3 “Plenary + Dedicated History Symposium at IAC” was the preferred alternative, made under the restricted assumptions of:

- not knowing exactly when the 2007 IAC would take place, and
- what planning was being made in the Russian Federation to celebrate this event.

In time for the IAC in Fukuoka it became known that the IAC 2007 in New Delhi will take place one week before the actual “date of celebration” (October 4). Still lacking inputs from Russia it was during the meeting felt that the most appropriate way would be to organise during the 2007 IAC

- One Plenary and a Regular History Symposium with One (first) Session Dedicated to the 50th Anniversary.

Additional comments were:

- Dedicated proceedings for the 50th Anniversary would have a history and sales point advantage.  (Note: can be handled by selected approach and adding plenary to the proceedings!)

- The opening of the 2007 IAC should put some “50th Anniversary” flavour to the congress.  (Note: recommendation will be forwarded to local organizing committee of IAC 2007!)

In the meantime (after Fukuoka) information has been received from the Russian Academy of Sciences that plans are being made to celebrate not only the 50th Anniversary of Sputnik 1 (in 2007), but also the 100th Anniversary of Sergey P. Korolev (actually in 2006) and the
150th Anniversary of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky (in 2007). If these three events will be celebrated separately, or in some combination, is still not clear. More information has been promised in the near future from the Russian Academy of Sciences.

This new information confirms the decision taken in Fukuoka, and the planning can thus be continued based on this status.

Next steps are (in a now modified form):

- Define the major concept for the selected type of event (sessions, chairs, invited speakers). “WS No 2: Type of Concept” by early December 2005. See attached Working Sheet No 2!!!!
- Prepare a Proposal for a “Programme Committee, 2007 History Symposium”. To be submitted to Com VI by December 2005. (Output of WS No 2 results.)
- Prepare a proposal for a Plenary Session at the 2007 IAC for the IAA BOT and the IAC IPC for the Paris meetings by March 2006.

The return of the questionnaire (WS No 1) also provided some recommendations in general for the layout and conduct of future IAA History Symposia:

- Add/invite to the regular IAC History Symposia a paper “50 Years Ago” every year.
- Include in future history symposia “looking backward, looking forward” papers to extend the interest of the history symposia.
- Dedicate a history symposium or session of it to the subject “Reviewing the first 25 years of the space era” with invited speakers.

The Working Sheet No 2 “Type of Concept” is enclosed. Please review the questions and give your response and comments no later than

December 05, 2005

6. Study Group 6.7 Web Page

The IAA is setting up a new web site (www.iaaweb.org), which is already accessible (same user and password as earlier) and all new information will be found here in the future, including the Study Group web site. For some time the old web site will be accessible as well.

7. Study Group 6.7 Organization

The organizational charts of the Study Group 6.7 and the general IAA and IAF history activities were discussed once more in Fukuoka due to the new IAF initiative (see item 1 above). These charts were modified and approved by the meeting and will be implemented accordingly (see also the minutes from the Fukuoka meetings).

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Type of Event for the 50th Anniversary of the Space Era in 2007, evaluation of questionnaire  (WS No 1)

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