

IAA Commission 1 'Space Physical Sciences'

Bremen, 29 Sept. 2003

Minutes of Meeting

Introduction

The chair welcomed the attendees. He noted that no other member of the totally new commission was attending the IAC.

He listed the membership for 2003 - 2005 as shown on the IAA web:

P. Wenzel (chair), W. Huntress (vice-chair), W. Hermsen (secretary), C. Cesarsky (Section 1 representative), D. Dale (S2), D.O'Handley (S3), V. Manno (S4), L.M. Zelenyi, D. Halpern, J.C. Gerard.

Adoption of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted.

Goals of Commission

See bylaws, section VII (cited from bylaws). The Chair stated that, based on the goals stated, prime objectives for the Commission were to oversee the IAA Study Groups, to coordinate and prioritize IAA symposia proposed for the IAC, and to search for new ways to strengthen the scientific activities of the IAA. C1 is a forum for intersection of science & technology.

Report of outgoing chair

The outgoing chair had presented this at the open meeting of all commissions held prior to this meeting (3 viewgraphs). The chair thanked the outgoing chair (T. Krimigis) for his work in the initial period of this Commission's life.

Review of Study Groups

S1.1 Next Steps in Exploring Deep Space: final draft report in December 2003

S1.2 Lunar Farside Radio Laboratory: completed

S1.3 SETI: the leader was asked to send a status report and the plans/schedule for the next 2-3 years to the chair.

Commission 3 suggested to transfer Study Group 3.3 to Commission 1. The Chair agreed to look at this on receipt of a formal request with study goals and schedule.

A proposal for a new, well focused study on 'Observations from L2 and how to get to there' may result from S1.

Plans for IAC-2004 (Vancouver)

The outgoing chair noted that these were agreed upon at the March 2003 meeting in Paris (see IAA web 'IAA Program Committees 2004'). Event P4.2 on 'Small Satellite Missions' will be a joint event with Commission 4. No further action was required. The IAA will provide a format and schedule for Plenary Event proposals. Note: The Vancouver IAC will take place on 4-8 October 2004.

Plans for IAC-2005 (Fukuoka)

A procedure for formal proposals will be issued by the Scientific Activities Committee (SAC) soon. A single Symposium/Technical Session form is being developed. The expected deadline for proposals is very early 2004.

A proposal for a technical session on SETI 1 may be submitted.

Suggestions for Plenary Events were: a summary of the S1.1 study, a Mars event, a Pluto event .

Commission 1 homepage

The chair drew attention to the commission's homepage being located under IAA Scientific Activities on the IAA web site.

Any other business

None. The Chair thanked all participants for attending.