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**IAA Commission VI  
Space and Society, Culture and Education**

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**Beijing, China National Convention Center, Room 210B**

## **Report on the Meeting**

### **1. Attendance**

Yean Joo Chong, Geoffrey Languedoc.

### **2. Approval of the Report on Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 18 March 2013 were approved as distributed.

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was approved without objection (see appendix 1)

### **4. IAA Cosmic Studies**

4.1 Study Group 6.3 on Interstellar Message Construction  
No further update.

4.2 Study Group 6.8 on Space Expectations  
Study completed and published.

4.3 Study Group 6.9 on the role of space architecture  
Study completed and published.

4.4 Study Group 6.14 on Active SETI: Scientific, Technical, Societal & Legal Dimensions  
No further update.

#### **4.5 New Study Group proposal**

New Study Group 6.15 on Impact on society and global consciousness from the iconic image of the “Earth Rise from the Moon” in 1968.

A possible new study group on using microgravity to help arrive at a better understanding of Traditional Chinese Medical practice, such as the concept of meridians in the human body in acupunctural theory. Possible members of the Study Group are:

Professor Zhuang Fengyuan, Beihang University Beijing had expressed an interest in this type of study, at the UN/China Human Space Technology Workshop, Beijing, 16-20 September 2013.

Japanese Astronaut Dr Chiaki Mukai who had conducted life science and microgravity study on the International Space Station in 1998.

#### **5-IAA Commission Conferences**

##### **5.1 Stand Alone Conferences**

None planned

##### **5.2 Status of Sessions for IAC Congress**

24<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Space Activity and Society

E5.1 New Architectural, Strategic and Design	6 papers
E5.2 Moon, Mars and Beyond	2 papers
E5.3 Space Technologies---- Earth Applications	12 papers
E5.4 Space as an Artistic Media	4 papers
E5.5 Space Assets and Disaster Management	6 papers

##### **5.3 Future Conferences**

None planned

## **6-Acta Astronautica**

Peter Swan: study on Space Elevators.

## **7-IAA Heads of Space Agencies Summit: Follow-on Activities**

Under discussion

## **7-Report for the Scientific Activities Committee (SAC)**

This will be done by Y J Chong.

## **8-Other Business**

It was noted that 6 members of the Commission are new members.