

**Report to IAA SAC from Commission VI March 20 2007  
And Minutes of the meeting  
Filed by Roger Malina, Chair Commission VI**

**Attendees: R Malina, D Raitt, C Swann, P Swann, K  
Ninomiya, I Skoog, A Melo, S Mohantny, B Imhof.  
Subsequent meeting with K Doetsch who arrived later.**

- 1. We had a good meeting of the Commission on March 20  
which was well attended.**
- 2. The Commission has been continuing the practice of  
having on line meetings of the Commission in January  
and June of each year, which allows more routine  
business to be kept moving.**
- 3. The commission has discussed candidates to take over  
leadership of the Commission at the end of the current  
mandate. A call for interest and candidates was made to  
commission members and members of study groups and  
program committees.**

**The new proposed leadership submitted to IAA SAC is:  
David Raitt Chairman, UK, ESA ESTEC  
Goeff Langedoc, Vice Chair, CASI, Canada,  
Peter Swan, USA, Secretary.**

**We requested SAC endorsement of this proposal.**

**Geoff Langedoc is currently a Corresponding Member and  
we therefore request an exception for his to serve as an**

**officer. He will be proposed for election to full member next year.**

**4. We confirmed the new terms of reference of the Commission VI as proposed in the IAA byelaw changes but request that the name of the commission be shortened to “Space and Society”.**

## **5. Hyderabad**

**The PCs will be dealt with at the IPC, there will be some merging of the History sessions by 1 due to small number of papers received, but our other sessions will be full.**

**Plenaries : There continue to be problems in coordination between the various responsible persons. Ingemar Skoog has been finally asked to organize a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the space era plenary. The current system for plenaries is too complicated ( IAC IPC, IAC local org, IAF, IAA).**

**We have been alerted to people having trouble getting visa for India and request increased help from the local organizing committee in providing invitation letters. The Indian organization indicates that upon on line registration, registrants will receive a formal letter of invitation to be used in visa applications.**

## **6. Post Hyderabad Symposium in Bangalore**

**We have been invited to endorse/co sponsor a Space, Arts and Society Symposium at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Bangalore ( Prof Sundar Sarukkai, proposer) and the Shristi Art School in Bangalore ( Geetha Naryanyan,**

**Director). The Symposium would take place in Bangalore following the IAC. It would include both Indian and international participants. Commission VI has endorsed co sponsoring this round table and requests IAA endorsement.**

**We will be seeking involvement of several members of Commission VI in the event and have recommended some kind of output ( CD, reports, abstracts) from the event.**

## **7. GLASGOW:**

**The commission has approved the following program committees which have been submitted:**

**History ( Skoog, Matagowa, Jung) 3 sessions  
Space Architecture ( Clar, Olifanov, Mohantny)  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniv Dictionary round table ( Ninomiya,  
Whitcomb, Candel)  
Space Expectations ( Swan, Swan, Raitt)  
Innovating ( Raitt, Cheeks)**

**Commission VI has endorsed co sponsoring of the SETI interdisciplinary session but awaits receiving the written PC.**

**Commission VI has endorsed with unanimous vote with one abstaining co sponsorship of the Arts and Humanities Symposium to be held during the IAC ( F Holland, R Parkinson, Malina, S Dick)**

**We have no proposals for plenaries for Glasgow.**

## **8. STUDY GROUPS**

**Study Group reports have been submitted for SGs 6.3, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.10. Reports were not received for 6.2 .**

**Commission VI has voted to approve:**

**New Study Group on Competency Based Space Systems Engineering Education ( W.Larson, Wittman) was approved unanimously and we request SAC approval. K Doestch has some inputs, and concerns about not taking the form of a consumer report type format.**

**Revised Space Architecture SG proposal new leadership and goals was voted unanimously.**

**The Commission recommends closure of Study Group 6.3 ( education) without conclusion, The Study Group has not been able to accomplish its goals,\.**

## **9. SPACE AND SOCIETY SYMPOSIA**

**The 2007 Space and Society conference organized by David Raitt at ESA ESTEC this early March was successful.**

**Planning is under way for the 2008 Space and Society Symposium endorsed by Commission VI ( G Languedoc).**

## **10. Synergy Report**

**The IAA Synergy report was discussed. There was some concern about the proposed changing of the structure of the congress towards more poster sessions. The poster sessions in the last few congresses are not viewed as well executed, and for some kinds of papers ( eg History) it is hard to imagine ways of having effective poster format.**

## **11. Commission VI Strategic planning**

**The goals of the commission are now incorporated in the new terms of reference of the commission. The focus now will be on inciting new initiatives within the scope of the commission where there are no current activities. In addition there will be attention paid to broadening the geographic distribution of involved experts.**

**Following the meeting Karl Doestch provided a proposal placing two prospective study areas as the top two priorities:**

- a) Space Activities and the Development of Society**
- b) Space Activity and the provisions of the necessity of life.**

**M Doestch plans to see interested persons to lead and staff these study groups, with a goal of having half of the study group members from the space sector and half from other sectors of society that seek the benefits of space activities.**

**These proposed study groups would be proposed at the Hyderabad Commission meeting.**

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