

IAA Study Group Status Report

Responsible Commission:

Commission 2

Study Number and Title:

2.13 Space Life Sciences in the Exploration Era

Short Study Description (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

To prepare a Position Paper on Space Life Sciences for presentation at the Heads of Space Agencies Summit on Exploration in Washington, DC on January 9-10, 2014

Progress in past six months:

The paper has been prepared and was presented during the Heads of Agencies Summit on Exploration in Washington, DC.

It was included in the Meeting Proceedings and was presented orally on Jan 9, 2014. As a result of the discussions on this report, the suggestion described in the paper to found an “IAA virtual Institute on Space Life Sciences” was accepted by the audience and was also accepted by the Heads of Agencies during their internal meeting.

It was therefore decided to go on and discuss this development with the IAA Life Sciences Community during the upcoming Spring Meeting in Paris. If the community agrees, the next step will be to rename the Study Group and add a new subtitle, so the new Title will be:

Space Life Sciences in the Exploration Era: The IAA Virtual Institute of Space Life Sciences

Website Study Information up to date? (Study Group Membership, Study Plan and Schedule):

Needs revision after endorsement of the suggested changes

Issues requiring resolution? (recommend approach):

See Progress in the last 6 months

Product Deliveries on Schedule? (If modified explain rationale):

The initial product was to finalize a paper for the Washington Heads of Agencies Meeting in Jan 2014. This goal was achieved.
The next goals will be to add the concept of a virtual Institute of Space Life Sciences.
Thus, a new time plan is required and could be:

March 2014 Decision on Renaming the Study Group
March. 2015 Position Paper first Draft finalized
Sept. 2015 Position Paper Submission to IAA

Study Team Member Changes? No changes

Name of person providing Study Group Status (Study Group Chair or Co-Chair):

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Status Report Date:

March 7, 2014

Study Team Membership Changes

The information on team members provided in the IAA homepage is correct