

## IAA Study Group Status Report

**Responsible Commission:** Commission 2: Life Science

**Study Number and Title:** 2.5 Astrobiological Studies of Solar Systems

**Short Study Description** To write a position paper addressing the key issues related to an exobiology/astrobiology strategy for the exploration of this solar system and extra-solar planetary systems. Embodied will be new concepts and a synthesis developed by the Study Team based on existing roadmaps for astrobiological study, explicit reference to international capabilities and interests, and a timeline for accomplishment of astrobiology objectives implicit in the strategy.

**Progress in past six months:** Organized Study Group along disciplinary lines and provided writing assignments. Provided layout for overall report and took suggestions from the group on improving overall report content. Study Group work on my part was delayed due to NASA commitments, but prospects are good for improvement.

**Website Study Information up to date?** (Study Group Membership, Study Plan and Schedule): No

**Issues requiring resolution?** I will be back to only doing one job in about a month!

**Product Deliveries on Schedule?** (Delayed due to NASA exigencies)

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| • Report outline           | Completed     |
| • Individual Contributions | December 2006 |
| • First Review (Team)      | February 2007 |
| • Revisions                | March 2007    |
| • Draft Available          | April 2007    |

**Study Team Member Changes?** (List any Study Team Members that you wish to discontinue, and provide names plus contact coordinates of any Members you wish to add on the second page of this Study Update form.) Note: Complete contact information including email, tel. and fax must be provided for all additions. Only Members with complete contact information will be listed and receive formal appointment letters from the IAA Secretariat.)

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

**Status Report Date:** 26 September 2006

**Study Team Membership Changes**

Effectivity Date: April 2006

**Discontinue:** N/A

**Add:**

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**Existing:**

Chair: John D. Rummel

Co-Chair: Gerda Horneck

Secretary: Gerhard Kminek

Other Members:

Charles Beichman

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Jonathan Lunine

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