

## IAA Study Group Status Report

**Responsible Commission:** Commission III

**Study Number and Title:** 3.24 Road to Space Elevator Era

**Short Study Description** (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

This SG is the follow-up of the SG3.13 “Assessment of the Technological Feasibility and Challenges of the Space Elevator Concept” with the same baseline design assumptions.

Development of a unique space transportation system of the future, called a space elevator, should be accomplished with more international cooperation and should contribute to the overall development of space science and systems development. To accomplish these desires, projects are identified that can be accomplished in the near future leading to risk reduction and engineering enhancements. Specifically, the following practical on-orbit verification projects could be planned and promoted through this study group's activity.

- (1) Promotion of ISS (International Space Station) utilization and leveraging of Small Satellite (Cube, Micro, etc.) concepts to accomplish on-orbit verification; such as, advanced material research (ex. material exposure experiment) and development while extending tether technology development.
- (2) Promotion of space technology spin-out into industrial application (and vice versa) by the collaboration with civil engineering, architectural engineering, and space engineering experts.
- (3) Plan and execute precursor missions, leveraging existing technology, to demonstrate prototype space elevator segments. (ex. Marine Node for sub-orbital rocket launch; tether satellites for dynamics of deployment; movement around Earth-space with low thrust, high efficiency rocket motors demonstrating start-up activities.)

**Progress in past six months:**

- (1) 1 meeting was held in Jerusalem (October, 2015).
- (2) Gathering comments from SG members for space elevator mission definition document
- (3) To identify critical technologies, required to implement the Space Elevator, with all study group members have on the same page, relationship of “Mission Definition”, “System Requirement”, “Critical Technologies”, and “Verification “are drafted.
- (4) Developed first draft of IAA Study report

**Website Study Information update:** (please give any update regarding Study Group Membership, documents, Study Plan and Schedule):

- (1) On the Activities, please add the following meetings:  
-Study group meeting, Monday 21 March 2016, 08h30-10h00, Paris, France

(2) On the membership, please add two new members:

Anna Guerman

Vadym Pasko

**Issues requiring resolution?** (recommend approach):

None

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

No change

**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.)

Yes: Anna Guerman and Vadym Pasko (SG3.24 secretary provides information above)

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

Mr. Akira Tsuchida

**Status Report Date:** February 21, 2016