



## Progress report on IAA Study Group 3.9 “Private Human Access to Space”

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**Primary IAA Commission Preference:** Commission 3  
**Secondary IAA Commission Interests:** Commission 5

### **Overall Goal:**

Identify and quantify the key topics associated to Manned Private Access to Space for both Orbital and Sub-orbital missions.

### **Key words:**

- Technical aspects
- Legal and regulatory aspects, safety aspects
- Financial aspects, market analyses, associated business plans
- Motivations of potential customers
- Physiological and Psychological requirements, ergonomic constraints

### **Expected outcome of the study:**

IAA Position Paper giving the keys to the topic and potentially including recommendations. Subdivision of the study into key chapters, with one “book captain” per chapter ; 7 or 8 members per chapter covering a wide range of origins (countries, agencies, industrials, searchers, operators...)

**Time line:**

Initially: 3 years following the initial proposal (March 2007)

Revised timeline:

- 1<sup>st</sup> IAA symposium on Private Human Access to Space (Arcachon)
  - ⇒ 28-30 May 2008
  - Publication of the full CD with all the papers, most of the presentations, pictures, ... Distribution to all participants
    - ⇒ End of September 2008
- Report during IAC Glasgow
  - ⇒ October 2008
- Publication in Acta Astronautica of the 15-20 best papers out of the 68 presented in Arcachon
  - Process just started, following problems of understanding of the editing constraints.
  - Coordination with potential reviewers on-going
  - Special issue of Acta to be formalized.
  - Co-editors: Dr. Gerzer and Ch. Bonnal
  - Tentative date was March 2009,
    - ⇒ Revised to September 2009
- Drafting of the Position Paper
  - ⇒ Daejeon, October 2009
- Re-work within the SG3.9 working group
  - ⇒ IPC, Paris March 2010
- Draft release for Peer Review within IAA
  - ⇒ IPC, Paris March 2010
- Final publication
  - ⇒ IAC, October 2010.

**IAA Position Paper on Private Human Access to Space**  
**Tentative table of contents, sub-chapters, length and chapter responsables:**

1. Introduction:
  - a. context, history,
  - b. general overview,
  - c. IAA action description

(4 pages – Bonnal)
2. Societal motivations :
  - a. New transportation culture, Space age
  - b. Effects on society
  - c. Outreach

(6 pages – Peeters, Eymar)
3. Market analysis
  - a. Current analyses and forecast
  - b. Phased approach to public access to space

(6 pages – Salt)
4. Medical, Physiological and Ergonomics
  - a. Risk factors for the crew and passengers
  - b. Medical selection, dedicated ground infrastructures
  - c. Habitability requirements, flight suits
  - d. Applicable and similar experiences

(7 pages – Gerzer, Antuñano, Winisdoerffer)
5. Legal, Insurance and Regulatory aspects
  - a. General legal frame
  - b. Risks and Insurances
  - c. Regime and Users status
  - d. Specific national regimes

(11 pages – Couston, Crowther, Masson-Zwaan (TBC), Clerc (TBC))
6. Technical aspects:
  - a. Potential solutions, variants at system level, shape, number of passengers, single or dual stages
  - b. Main sub-systems, aerodynamics, propulsion, thermal protections, TRL
  - c. Growth potential: P2P, hypersonic passenger travels

(12 pages – Calabro, Bultel, Bernard-Lépine (TBC))
7. Ground Infrastructures
  - a. Space tourism and Grand public
  - b. Spaceports : criteria, proposals

(8 pages – Droneau, Webber)
8. Reliability, Safety, Risk
  - a. Reliability requirements
  - Safety requirements

(4 pages – Romero (TBC))
9. Conclusions:
  - a. Key hurdles to overcome
  - b. Recommendations, role of Agencies

(4 pages – Bonnal)

Grand total : 62 pages (for comparison : Space Debris = 64 pages)

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“Recall of invitation” recently sent: two enthusiastic answers so far.

Additional members are welcome, but may lead to problems of coherence and homogeneity (lack of efficiency; depends on the definition of a Working Group !)

Not much work so far (with the exceptions of Pr. Couston and Dave Salt) despite clear marks of interest.

Probable lack of motivation, time, and/or understanding of the rationale for the IAA Position Paper (Status? Proposals? To whom? Are they expecting it?...)

↳ Official appointment from IAA would greatly help!

**Next symposia:**

Current activity on the subject at world level is very low:

- No news at all from Space Ship 2: good progress at White Knight 2 level, due to synergies, but nothing on the “passenger” side; potential problems with propulsion
- Astrium SpacePlane TBN is frozen
- No news at all from Goddard – New Shepard – Blue Origin (Jeff Bezos)
- No significant progress on Rocketplane XP development
- Hardly any news from X-Cor since Arcachon
- VSH is frozen
- Space Dev Dreamchaser Benson heritage ?
- Progress on ISAS side ?
- Orbospace Infinity re-scoped for sub-systems
- Numerous concepts apparently stuck nowhere: Armadillo, Da Vinci, Masten, Starchaser, Interorbital Systems Neptune,
- ...

↳ Considering the general lack of activity at world level on this subject, and despite the strong support of Avantage Aquitaine (thanks!), the 2<sup>nd</sup> IAA Symposium on Private Human Access to Space is postponed to May – July 2011

→ Location and local organizer to be discussed, but same as 2008 seems a good idea.