

IAA Study Group Status - SG 4.19

Study number and title:

SG 4.19

Promoting Global Space Knowledge and Expertise for Developing Countries

Short study description:

As per original proposal.

Progress in past six months:

Discussions on the nature of the database and the method for acquiring data were held in the margins of the Beijing IAC (September 2013) and at the UNCOPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee meeting (February 2014 in Vienna). An agreement on where the database of experts would be located was reached. It was also agreed that the study would fully leverage existing mechanisms and activities for implementation.

Study information:

Membership: Yasushi Horikawa (no change)

Study plan: Database to be founded on IAA membership

Study schedule:

- 1) Letter to invite all IAA members to volunteer to be on database (deadline: end March 2014)
- 2) Agreement to be reached with IAA Secretariat regarding maintenance of database (end April 2014)
- 3) Proposal to BOT to allocate \$15,000 a year to support travel for two to three volunteers to selected projects in developing countries (end June 2014)
- 4) Identification (in cooperation with UNOOSA) of project(s) to be supported based on existing mechanisms and planned activities (eg UNSPIDER, UNESCO meetings, UNOOSA SAP workshops, UN Affiliated Regional Centres) (end October 2014 for implementation in 2015)

Issues requiring resolution

The IAA Secretariat to agree to maintain the database on the IAA website.

Product deliveries:

- 1) Recommendations to IAA Head of Space Agencies - cancelled (not necessary)
- 2) Responses from members of IAA - new (end of June 2014)
- 3) Establishment of database - new (end August 2014)
- 4) Final report - end 2014

Person providing report:

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