

IAA Study Update

Study Number and Title: S 6.3 Interstellar Message Construction

Responsible Commission: 6

Short Study Description (repeat from Study Group Proposal):

Overall Goal: To identify promising opportunities for expanded research in interstellar message construction, based on a review of extant methods as well as an exploration of innovative alternatives. In the process, new participants to the discussion will be identified, increasing the diversity of perspectives incorporated.

Intermediate Goals: Organize discussions in conjunction with meetings on interstellar message design sponsored by partner organizations, leading to recommendations for future research opportunities. Encourage participants in the discussion to publish on the topic.

Progress in past six months:

Organized discussions in conjunction with the Eighth Congress of the International Association of Semiotic Studies (IASS), held in Lyon, France in July 2004. Facilitated proposal to form special interest group within IASS to promote study of interstellar message construction from semiotic perspectives. Facilitated planning of a meeting on interstellar message construction to be sponsored by the SETI Institute in conjunction with the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, USA in November 2004.

Website Study Information up to date? (Study Group Membership, Study Plan and Schedule): Study Group Membership needs to be updated to reflect changes proposed on following page. Study Plan and Schedule are up to date.

Issues requiring resolution? (recommend approach):

None.

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

Yes.

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 (Chair or one of the Co-Chairs):

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Status Report Date: September 15, 2004

Please email completed report to Dr. Kasturirangan, krs.antrix.org, and Dick Kline, rtkline@cox.net, by September 15, 2004, and post on your IAA Commission Website.

Study Team Membership Changes

Effectivity Date: October 1, 2004

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