

Meeting convened Thursday, October 3, 2014 at 09:34 in room 704 of the Toronto Convention Center

#### Attendance

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#### PC Members:

Claudio Maccone  
Paul Shuch  
Michael Garrett  
Denise Herzing  
Stephane Dumas  
Morris Jones  
Lori Walton

#### Others:

Isaac Shivvers  
Andrew Siemion  
Carl DeVito  
Les Tennen  
Laczlo Bacsardi  
Albert Jackson  
Richard Clar

Welcome from Claudio - the SETI PC has been around since 1971!

#### SETI History

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SD announced receipt of Ivan Almar's archives and his intent to digitize and preserve them. Laczlo Bacsardi conveyed Ivan Almar's thanks to the committee and regrets that he could not attend the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT:** CM has created a History of SETI Sub-Committee with Stephane Dumas as Chair, and with Florence Raulin and Lori Walton as Co-Vice Chairs. The History Sub-Committee will work to preserve SETI history for future generations of SETI scientists.

AS suggested engagement w/ Woody Sullivan.

ACTION ITEM: AS to put SD and LW in touch with W. Sullivan.

MG suggested having a history session at a future meeting.

LT suggests securing a release from contributors to archives.

ACTION ITEM: SD to secure a release from Ivan Almar for use of his materials.

LW announced her upcoming trip the SETI Institute to inventory and curate additional materials of historical significance.

## Meetings

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CM announced the upcoming IAC 2015 organizational meeting in Paris, to be held Thursday/Friday March 26th and 27th of 2015.

Preliminary details: Likely to be held at UNESCO, Thursday afternoon would be the PC meeting, Friday March 27th would be a Scientific Symposium. Topics for the latter might include new radio SETI detection strategies, SETI History and/or lunar radio protection initiatives. CM recommended the Hotel ibis on 2, Rue Cambronne for attendees.

ACTION ITEM: CM to confirm meeting details and circulate draft program for comment.

PS suggested that it might be necessary to modify the SETI PC Charter if more than one meeting per year would be held.

ACTION ITEM: CM to research whether it is necessary to modify the SETI PC Charter.

MG suggested that it would be useful to preserve the slides from these meetings and AS suggested that perhaps this could be the duty of the session organizers. AS offered technical resources to store and distribute slides.

## Lunar Far Side Protection

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Les Tennen lead a Discussion of Lunar Far Side Protection.

ACTION ITEM: CM to distribute his document describing lunar protection efforts

(the “Cosmic Study”) to interested parties (including MG and AS)

### Leadership Changes

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EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: CM announced the appointment of M. Garrett to the position of Co-Vice Chairperson.

EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT: CM announced the appointment of A. Siemion to the position of Secretary.

### Meeting Reports

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CM reported on the 2014 Paris meeting of the PC.

CM reported on the 2014 COSPAR SETI meeting and possible PC engagement w/ COSPAR Commission F.

VOTE: PS moved that the SPC adopt an agenda for the meeting (Attachment A). This motion was seconded by SD and unanimously approved.

VOTE: PS moved that the SPC approve the minutes of the 2013 meeting. This motion was seconded by SD and unanimously approved.

### Future Meetings:

CM informed the PC that IAC 2015 may be held in Jerusalem in 2015. PS confirmed his attendance and agreed to chair the SETI PC meeting in the event that CM couldn't attend.

CM informed the PC that IAC 2016 will likely be in Guadalajara, MX

AS announced that Jill Tarter and Vicki Meadows were organizing a SETI session at AbSciCon 2015 in Chicago June 15-19. All PC members were encouraged to follow the progress of the session and submit abstracts.

MJ mentioned a possible Astrobiology Meeting in Sydney in July 2015.

CM announced a possible “Big History” meeting in Amsterdam in 2015, perhaps including a trip to ASTRON.

### Sub-Committees

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VOTE: PS moves to establish a new Protocols Sub-Committee that will subsume the Post-Detection Group and METI protocol issues. Alan Penny to serve as provisional chair, pending his formal membership in the PC. SD seconded, unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM: CM to contact Alan Penny to confirm willingness to serve. Alan Penny to be asked to review the membership, terms of reference and mission statement of the previous Post-Detection and METI groups and use them to form the new "Protocols Committee."

ACTION ITEM: CM to contact Paul Davies and Sara Walker to inform them of the changes to committee structure and request that they support Alan Penny.

#### SETI PC membership

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ACTION ITEM: DH will send to CM and MAG a list of the current SETI PC membership that are no longer considered active, asking if they wish to remain active members of the PC, and to report back on progress

Member emeritus positions will be established at the discretion of the SETI PC chair for distinguished, long-serving members.

ACTION ITEM: CM to contact F. Drake, J. Tarter, S. Shostak, P. Davies, S. Dick & A. Ollongren w.r.t. member emeritus status.

Deceased members: V. Kopal, T. Piersen.

#### Outreach

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Carl de Vito appointed as a member of the SETI PC and will also be a member of the Outreach subcommittee.

Morris Jones appointed as a member of the SETI PC, and chair of the Outreach subcommittee.

Membership is for a 5 year term, with the possibility of renewal.

ACTION ITEM: MAG to approach Jin Chengjin w.r.t. gauging his interest in being nominated as a possible SETI PC member.

Meeting ended at 13.02.