Summary of the Second Regular Meeting of the IAA/IISL Scientific-Legal Liaison Committee

1. Date and Place

Valencia, Tuesday 03.10.06, 13.00-14.00

2. Participation

Schrogl (Chair), Mendell (Co-Chair), Chobotov, Contant-Jorgenson, Kopal, Lala, Molette, Perek, Rummel, von der Dunk

3. Roundtables 2006 and 2007

The Roundtable 2006 was fully prepared and was (at the time of writing these minutes) successfully conducted. The participation reached up to 45 interested people and the quality of the papers as well as the following discussion were excellent.

The Roundtable for 2007 on "Google Earth et al..." was further prepared with the following suggestions for topics and speakers:

Technical presentation on data availability

Somebody from Google Earth

Marketing person from e.g. Spotimage

The European approach for "privacy"

"Privacy" in various other countries

Wendell Mendell and Frans von der Dunk (the co-chairs of this roundtable) will draft the final proposal until the IAF IPC meeting, taking place in Paris on 21.03.07.

4. Topic for the Roundtable in 2008

Amongst a number of ideas (suborbital flights, private exploration and exploitation of space, space debris, space tourism, space surveillance) the following topic was selected:

"Paper satellites"

The two co-chairs of that roundtable (Lubos Perek and Corinne Contant-Jorgenson) will draft a program until the next meeting of the Liaison Committee in 2007.

5. Study activities

The idea for a study on "technical and legal aspects of 'space objects'/useful-useless objects" will not have a follow-up. The participants were informed about the recent study group proposals in IAA Commission V (planetary protection, launch sector).

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 25.09.07, 13.00-14.00 at the IAC in Hyderabad.