

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

1. Date and Place

Hyderabad, Friday, 28 September 2007

2. Participation

Schrogl (Chair), von der Dunk, Contant-Jorgenson, Lala, Schmidt-Tedd, Rohner (Secretary)

3. Roundtables 2007 and 2008

The Roundtable 2007 was successfully conducted. The topic "Google Earth" attracted about 50 people. The three invited presentations and one speech induced very active discussions.

The title for the Roundtable 2008 will be "Paper Satellites". The preparation of the Roundtable 2008 will be done by the two co-chairs Lubos Perek and Corinne Contant-Jorgenson.

The format will be as usual:

- 1) invited speakers talk
- 2) speakers discuss (panel)
- 3) all the audience discusses

Papers are not foreseen, a presentation is satisfactory.

4. Topic for the Roundtable in 2009

A final topic for the Roundtable 2009 was not found. A first brainstorming brought up:

- Launch policies
- Exploration
- "Ownerships" of asteroids – technologies and law in the age of space exploration
- Lunar embassy

As these topics seem too early for controversial discussions (can be foreseen for later Roundtables), in the meantime a new working title came up in December 2007:

- Assessing commercial human space flight.

This item will also reflect on the upcoming IAA conference on that topic to be held in Arcachon in May 2008.

5. General Remarks

The Roundtable should receive an increased visibility. For that purpose, the Presidents of IAA and IISL respectively will be invited to open the next Roundtables and add to the status of this session through their presence. In addition, the new Rapporteur will write summaries of the Roundtables for the IISL Proceedings. Furthermore, the next Roundtable should take place in a bigger room and it is intended to have a discussion panel in the front of the room.

6. Next Meeting

During IAC in Glasgow right after the Roundtable, which will take place on Thursday 2 October 2008 in the morning.