

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

1. Date and Place

Glasgow, Thursday, 2 October 2008, 12.30-13.30

2. Participation

Schrogl (Chair), Mendell (Co-Chair), Rohner (Secretary), von der Dunk, Jankowitsch, Klinkrad, Perek, Sandau, Sato, Schmidt-Tedd, Lala

3. Roundtables 2008 and 2009

The Roundtable 2008 on "Paper Satellites" was successfully conducted with a peak participation of slightly more than 50 persons. The President of IISL, Tanja Masson-Zwaan, and the Secretary General of IAA, Jean-Michel Contant, were present at the opening of the session and addressed the audience stressing the importance of the scientific-legal dialogue. Lubos Perek chaired the session with Kai-Uwe Schrogl who replaced Corinne Jorgenson as co-chair. Two foreseen speakers did not show up. The discussion, however, was lively and feedback from participants was positive.

It is foreseen to publish a summary (Rohner) together with the present two full papers (Perek and Klinkrad) in the IISL Proceedings. In addition to that Lubos Perek will prepare, together with Heiner Klinkrad and Petr Lala plus the representative of Intersputnik and Silvia Ospina (who made longer statements in the session) a stand-alone article for Acta Astronautica on the topic.

The 23rd Roundtable in 2009 will deal with "Assessing Commercial Human Spaceflight". It will be co-chaired by Christophe Bonnal and William Pomerantz. It will be based on the respective IAA Conference of May 2008 in Arcachon, co-sponsored by IISL. Frans von der Dunk volunteered to contribute a presentation.

4. Topic for the Roundtable in 2010

With the involvement of Rainer Sandau, the leading IAA Member in the field of small satellites, a topic will be developed dealing with technical and legal issues in this field.

5. General Remarks

The Roundtable received an increased visibility through the high-level participation of IISL-President and IAA-SG. Both have agreed to participate also in the upcoming sessions.

The format of the Roundtable (presentations, panel discussion, discussion with audience) remains the same. Presentations will be invited. In the future abstracts have to be submitted (but not full papers). The sessions will in the future take place on Thursday mornings followed by the meetings of the Committee.

6. Next Meeting

During IAC in Daejeon right after the Roundtable on Thursday morning, 15 October 2009.