

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ASTRONAUTICS  
SETI PERMANENT STUDY GROUP (SPSG)**

Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday, October 13, 2009  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Daejeon Convention Centre Room CM-1  
60<sup>th</sup> International Astronautical Congress, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Meeting was convened at 1:00 PM. Members in attendance:

Seth Shostak (Chair)  
Claudio Maccone (Co-Chair)  
Paul Shuch (Co-Chair)  
Doug Vakoch

In the absence of secretary Carol Oliver, H. Paul Shuch was asked to take minutes of the meeting.

**1. Review and approval of minutes from 2008 Glasgow meeting**

- Correction: H. Paul Shuch's email address should be shown as drseti@setileague.org.
- 2008 minutes unanimously accepted as amended.

**2. Review of upcoming SETI I and SETI II sessions**

- SETI I withdrawn papers: Montebuglioli, Modaverdikhani.
- Paper by author Yukitoshi may be presented in his absence by Rhee
- Attendance by authors Howard, Pluching is unknown at this time.
- We anticipate allocating 40 minutes for the Pesek Lecture, 30 minutes for others.
- SETI II withdrawn papers: Elliott, Musso.
- We anticipate allocating 40 minutes for the Billingham Lecture, 30 minutes for others.

**Leadership for Prague 2010 SETI sessions**

- Coordinators will be Maccone, Shostak
- SETI I chairs Montebugnoli, Ollongren; rapporteur Shuch
- SETI II chairs Kopal, Vakoch; rapporteur TBD

**Leadership for Capetown 2011 SETI sessions**

- Coordinators will be Maccone, Shostak
- SETI I chairs and rapporteur to be determined prior to Paris meeting in March 2010
- SETI II chairs and rapporteur to be determined prior to Paris meeting in March 2010

**Pesek Lecture and Billingham Cutting Edge Lecture**

- Attendees discussed possible candidates for these lectures for Prague and Capetown
- Chair will contact candidates, determine their availability, and select Pesek speakers for Prague 2010 and Capetown 2011.
- Benefactor Allen Tough is providing travel funding for the Billingham Lecturer for Prague 2010. Hence, he will develop and implement a selection process.
- For subsequent years, no financial support for the Billingham Lecture has been identified. Therefore, beginning with Capetown 2011, Billingham Lecturer selection will parallel that used for the Pesek Lecture.

### 3. Revision and Adoption of SETI Post-Detection Protocols

- Suggested language clarifications proposed by Les Tennent and Patricia Sterns were reviewed, and found acceptable by SPSG members in attendance, with very minor changes in wording.
- Motion unanimously accepted: within 30 days, Chair will circulate final revision to the entire SPSG membership via email, for a vote to accept or reject.

### 4. Publication of Papers from Past IAC's

- Chair read a letter from John Elliott (not in attendance), summarizing status of *Acta Astronautica* review of past papers.
- Chair will request that Elliott ping SPSG members to see who will be willing to serve as paper reviewers.
- Elliott is tasked with advising authors of the status of their submissions.
- Chair thanks Elliott for his significant contributions to the SPSG in this matter.
- Shuch advises that *JBIS* (of which he is Subject Editor for SETI) remains a viable alternative to publication in *Acta Astronautica* (but only in the case of papers not already submitted to or accepted by *Acta Astronautica*).

### 5. Back-to-back SETI Meetings

- The Royal Society has scheduled a SETI meeting for 4 – 6 October 2010, in Milton Keynes UK.
- This meeting is the week following the Prague IAC.
- Motion passed unanimously: The SPSG endorses SETI community participation in the Royal Society SETI meeting, and solicits support from the IAA.

### 6. Subcommittee (Task Group) Reports

- No task group reports were submitted

### 7. Membership Changes

- Two new members were proposed by SPSG members during the year, but have not yet been nominated in accordance with the established selection process.
- Candidate selection will continue to be governed by the official process adopted at IAC 2007 in Hyderabad, as posted to the SPSG website.

### 8. New Business

- No additional items of business brought before the Study Group

### 9. SETI Dinner

- The annual SETI Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday evening, is being organized by the SETI Korea Society. Details will be announced at the SETI sessions on Wednesday.

### 10. Adjournment – there being no further business before the Study Group, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted, H. Paul Shuch, SPSG co-chair