

**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
60th 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- SETI I withdrawn papers: Montebuglioli, Modaverdikhani.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- SETI II withdrawn papers: Elliott, Musso.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