**ARISS International Monthly Meeting Teleconference**

**September 18, 2018, 1100 UTC**

Participants:

Oliver Amend

Frank Bauer

Gaston Bertels

Armand Budzianowski

Emanuele D’Andria

Francesco De Paolis

Shizuo Endo

Bruce Hunter

Bertus Husken

Tony Hutchison

David Jordan

Keigo Komuro

Chet Latawiec

Lou McFadin

Ciaran Morgan

Jan Poppeliers

Keith Pugh

Kenneth Ransom

Dave Taylor

Eskil Van Loosdrecht

Rosalie White

Satoshi Yasuda

Unable to attend:

Fabio Azzarello

Kerry Banke

Jean-Pierre Courjaud

Darin Cowan

Stefan Dombrowski

Gianpietro Ferrario

Tatiana Kolmykova

Ken Nichols

Sergey Samburov

Graham Shirville

Joe Spier

Mark Steiner

***Meeting Agenda***

**Roll Call—Rosalie White, K1STO**

**Welcome—Frank Bauer, KA3HDO**

Frank Bauer welcomed everyone and thanked the world team for successes with many school contacts and hardware work, and said planning is progressing well for the face-to-face meeting.

**1.     Call for Acceptance of July Minutes—Rosalie White, K1STO**

[Decisional]

Summary: The minutes from the ARISS-International Monthly Meeting on August 21, 2018 were completed by Rosalie White and distributed on September 10, 2018.

Discussion: Rosalie White received one comment on a typographical error, which has been corrected. She moved to accept the minutes and Gaston Bertels seconded the motion. There were no objections, so the minutes were accepted.

**2.    ARISS International Face-to-face Meeting—Frank Bauer, KA3HDO**

[Informational]

Summary: The ARISS-US Team has new details to share regarding the 2018 ARISS-International Face-to-face Meeting in the Washington DC area.

Discussion: Frank Bauer reported that the special hotel room rate for the meeting has been extended to September 21. If team members find they are able to attend, there are a few more days to get the special rate. Frank Bauer updated the planning document and includes new details about food, meals, and receptions. Note that if people can attend the Wednesday evening reception at the museum, please tell him. In order to attend NASA tours, people must get required information to him immediately; this is for the NASA security team, and also to submit the exact number of how many will be touring. He said if you tour on your own in Washington DC, please note that most museums close at 5:30 PM.

Dave Jordan and other team members asked about transportation. Frank Bauer said the hotel shuttle runs on weekends. The preferred Metro stop for the hotel shuttle to pick up ARISS team members is the Greenbelt Metro but the College Park Metro Stop can also be used. When team members arrive at the Metro stop and call the hotel to ask for a shuttle, they must tell the hotel which Metro Stop they are at.

Dave Taylor spotted an error in the planning document for Friday’s agenda: The Air & Space tour starts at 12:30.

GoToMeeting will be available to those ARISS team members who cannot come to Maryland. Frank Bauer will have details about this in the future.

**3. Update, ARISS SSTV Activities—Sergey Samburov, RV3DR & Frank Bauer, KA3HDO**

[Informational]

Summary: Many hams worldwide are interested in downlinked SSTV images. Details about an upcoming new series will be shared.

Discussion: Frank Bauer reported that during the first week in October, we hope to have another set of SSTV transmissions. This series will be on NASA. Two organizations will provide a total of 12 images. Six of the images will be from the NASA On the Air group, and these images will highlight milestones that commemorate the 60th anniversary of NASA. Six more images will be from the NASA SCaN STEM Innovation event held earlier this year. These images will feature students at the event who brainstormed educational ideas related to communications including ARISS.

Sergey Samburov has been asked if he can support the SSTV transmissions on October 5, 6, and 7, 2018. When he returns from current travel, he will check on the dates.

**Ad hoc**

Supply of ARISS QSL Cards

Bruce Hunter reported that he has a very large supply of ARISS QSL cards—over 7,000. Frank Bauer said an informal discussion should be held on future plans for QSL cards. Bruce Hunter suggested that ARISS Mentors could be reminded that QSL cards are great for the students to receive, and that his turn-around time for delivering cards is excellent. The discussion continued with input from Oliver Amend, Dave Jordan, Dave Taylor, and Lou McFadin. Frank Bauer said if other ARISS Regions have very few cards, they could get some from the US and it would work well if they got the cards at the face-to-face meeting.

SSTV Events

Armand Budzianowski asked if he should begin initial planning for awards for the potential October SSTV event. Frank Bauer said that would be very nice and will send information on the images for the event; he thanked Armand Budzianowski for his and his teammates’ work. Dave Jordan will work with Armand Budzianowski for preparing news items.

Polish IARU Organization Activities

The Polish IARU organization will hold an activity where a talk will be given by Armand Budzianowski’s group on how to prepare for an ARISS contact. Last June, a Polish-wide competition was sponsored for hams and non-hams, and an ARISS activity was part of that.

Updating ARISS Web Pages

Carol Jackson has been updating the ARISS web site, including the “About ARISS” section, and also making particular areas of the web pages more user friendly. Please visit ariss.org and if team members see something that should be different or improved, send an email to Carol Jackson (copy Frank Bauer, Oliver Amend, Rosalie White). At the October meeting, the web site will be discussed, as will a future ARISS online store. Francesco DePaolis said he pleased to hear all of this.

**Next Meeting**

The October meeting will be part of the face-to-face meetings in College Park, MD, USA.