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9TH CONGRESS AGENDA SET

Meeting in Vienna the weekend of March 13-14, the ASE international executive committee laid out an agenda for the 9th ASE Congress and took action to advance several additional ASE programs for the year. The 9th Congress will take place in the Viennese suburb of Vienna-Vösendorf at the City Club Hotel October 10-17, 1993 with Austrian astronaut Franz Viehböck serving as host. The committee selected "Space for Life" as the theme for the event, and chose Herman Bondi, the original Director General of the European Space Research Organization (ESRO), ESA's precursor, to receive this year's Planetary Award. ASE will invite leading space life scientists Oleg Gazenko, Arnauld Nicogossian, Karl Klein and Heinz Oser to deliver papers at the theme session. Other agenda highlights include a technical session on "Space and the Environment", space program updates, community appearances, a reception hosted by the president of Aus-

tria, the award banquet, and a Danube river boat ride.

In other business, ASE-Russia confirmed its commitment to host ASE's 10th Congress, planned for late August, 1994 in Moscow and on Siberia's Lake Baikal. In response to an invitation from Dr.

Noel Brown of the United Nations Environmental Programme, the committee agreed to provide ASE members to participate in the U.N.'s Earth Day 1993 ceremony at the General Assembly in New York on April 22. The group authorized ASE-USA Ex-

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TRULY, GARN, CONRAD, COATS AND BRANDENSTEIN JOIN ASE-USA BOARD

ASE-USA members have elected Richard Truly, Jake Garn, Mike Coats and Pete Conrad to fill the board seats previously held by Tom Stafford, John Bartoe, Joe Allen, and Pinky Nelson. Stafford, Allen and Bartoe had completed full three year terms, and Nelson had stepped down from the board with two years remaining in his term. At its first meeting, the new board elected Mike Coats to the board presidency, and reelected Rick Hauck as vice president, Mary Cleave as treasurer, and

executive director Ted Everts as secretary. At Coats's request, Hauck and Cleave agreed to stay on as chairs of the program and administration committees, respectively. Since the first meeting, Tom Stafford has agreed to return as chair of the development committee, and the board has elected member Dan Brandenstein to serve out the remaining year of Ox van Hoften's term. Van Hoften resigned at the time of the board elections to take a position in Hong Kong. □

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Michael Coats

I would first of all like to express my sincere thanks to John Fabian for the terrific job he has done for all of us the last few years as President of ASE-USA. After trying to fill his shoes for the last three months I can fully appreciate the tremendous time and effort that John has invested in ASE. He has given the organization significantly enhanced credibility, as evidenced by the dramatic increase in membership during his tenure. Additionally, the overwhelming success of the Eighth Planetary Congress in Washington last year is due in large part to John's hard work and long hours. You are a hard act to follow John, but speaking for all of us in ASE-USA, thanks for a job extremely well done!

The ASE-USA board of directors met in Houston on the 20th and 21st of February. Having the meeting in Houston gave us the opportunity to host a reception for the ASE members in the local area, as well as many folks from the Astronaut Office. We were able to introduce the board of directors and discuss several topics of interest. The board then spent two days reviewing the status of ASE-USA programs and revising our mission statements. Ted Everts, ASE-USA Executive Director, has done a good job of summarizing the results of the board meeting in a separate report. The board also produced a statement voicing concern about the future of our nation's space program and support for some type of international space station. The statement was released

to the press and media and sent to all ASE-USA members.

I attended the ASE executive committee meeting in Vienna on 13 and 14 March as an observer. The new ASE-Russia president, Vladimir Kovalyonok, also attended as an observer. (John Fabian and Jon McBride are our official representatives to the seven-member executive committee.) Franz Viehböck, the Austrian cosmonaut, reviewed the plans for the upcoming 9th Planetary Congress in Vienna on October 10-17. Franz has done a fine job of organizing the Congress, and I strongly encourage all of you to try to attend this year. Getting to Vienna is not inexpensive, but your accommodations will be provided once there, and I can guarantee you a worthwhile and enjoyable Congress for you and your spouse. (By the way, the ASE-Russia members are planning on hosting the Tenth Planetary Congress in Moscow in August of 1994.) The Excom meeting was business-like, lively and occasionally contentious, but I was most impressed by the determination of all the various members to make ASE an organization internationally recognized for strongly representing the views expressed in our mission statement. We have become a much smaller world the last few years, and international cooperation to work together to make best use of our limited global resources, both material and human, will make "Spaceship Earth" a better place to live for all our children. It was nice to talk to

folks from other countries who feel as strongly about that as I know many of us do.

A few administrative comments: I have been impressed with the enthusiasm and professionalism of our ASE-USA staff, Ted Everts (Executive Director) and Kristin Post (Operations Manager). Unfortunately, it looks as though Kristin may leave us soon for a job in Moscow. (I can't believe anyone would give up San Francisco for Moscow. Do the cable cars run on time over there?) If Kristin does make the move, we wish her well and thank her for the outstanding job she has done for ASE-USA! I have also asked the board to postpone consideration of moving the ASE office from San Francisco to either Washington D.C. or Houston for at least a year, and the board has agreed.

I would like to thank Ed Gibson for all the work he has put into compiling and editing "Book II" (the collection of essays by various space flyers around the world), as well as all of you who

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BOARD SETS STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Meeting in Houston in February to develop the first strategic planning framework for ASE-USA, the board of directors has determined that ASE service as a professional forum for astronauts will be an explicit primary purpose of the U.S. organization. The board has placed this newly articulated purpose at the head of the current list of four ASE-USA mission areas - exploration, education, the environment, and international cooperation. In addressing ASE-USA's purpose, the board worked out a set of goals under each of the mission areas which both reflect the board's interpretation of its mission statement and define a program agenda for the organization. Satisfied that it was setting the right course, the board brainstormed on a wide range of program objectives, which it delegated its Houston contingent (Coats, Wil-

liams, and Brandenstein) to refine and prioritize off line. The results of the initial process appear below.

In addition to revisiting ASE-USA's mission, goals and objectives, the board discussed a variety of fundraising options, the bulk of which were referred to the board's development committee and staff for further refinement and implementation. Among other ideas, the board concluded that a small increase in involvement by a substantial number of members could help stabilize ASE's long range financial situation. To this end, the board directed the staff to send out a questionnaire to members asking them what kinds of activities they may be willing to participate in to benefit ASE. The questionnaire will also ask members how they feel about associating ASE with any individual edu-

cational presentations they may make, and seeks suggestions for ways in which ASE might serve members better in a professional capacity. Along with the questionnaire, members will receive a list of specific ways they can help ASE achieve its goals in both development and program areas.

As the board met, news of the Clinton administration's reassessment of the International Space Station Freedom was unfolding in the national media. The board agreed that it should go on record in support of an international space station as an important element of humanity's continued exploration and utilization of space. The directors hammered out a carefully worded statement and distributed it to the ASE-USA membership, to the press, and to Washington policymakers. The text of the statement appears on page 4. □

ASE Mission Statement

The mission of the Association of Space Explorers is to provide a forum for professional dialogue among individuals who have flown in space, promote space science and exploration for the benefit of all, enhance education, foster environmental awareness and encourage international cooperation.

Professional Forum

To promote the exchange of spaceflight experiences and technical information concerning space operations, science, development, testing and training.

Space Science and Exploration

To promote the exploration of space to enrich human life, bring nations together, advance science and technology, and stimulate intellectual curiosity and the expansion of knowledge.

Education

To share knowledge gained from our experience emphasizing the significance and benefits of space science and exploration. To promote scholastic excellence by supporting educators and motivating students.

Environmental Awareness

To promote understanding of our home planet and the limits of its natural resources, and encourage the use of space platforms in characterizing and monitoring earth's resources.

International Cooperation

To encourage international human spaceflight and other cooperative space endeavors, promote technical exchanges, advocate operational compatibility, and contribute to related programs in other professional organizations.

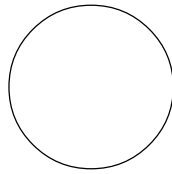
SECOND ASE BOOK SET FOR PUBLICATION

ASE's long-contemplated book of essays by astronauts is on schedule for international release in September, according to the book's publisher, Charles Pierson of Australia. Pierson, who has been working closely on the project with ASE's editorial adviser Ed Gibson, plans to engage the fast-growing independent book marketing and distribution agency Publishers Group West of Emeryville, California to oversee sales of the book in North America. In addition, Pierson is working with distributors in Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

With Gibson taking the editorial lead, the book, which has a working title of "Space Explorers" will be divided into three chapters: The Urge to Explore, Savoring the Experience, and Today and Tomorrow. Author James Michener has written a foreword for the volume, which will feature over 200 photographs and illustrations, writings by over 30 astronauts, and quotations from dozens more. For the purposes of photographic consultation, Pierson has recruited Dick Underwood, who was a helpful influence in the development of ASE's first book, *The Home Planet*. Pierson is confident the book will enjoy broad international success, picking up where *The Home Planet* left off by focusing more detailed

astronauts' reflections on humanity's past, present and future exploration of the space environment. □

Univelt, the San Diego based publisher for the American Astronautical Society, has made available to ASE members back copies of IAA's Space Safety and Rescue Proceedings from between 1984 and 1990. Members wishing to obtain copies of any or all of these proceedings should contact the ASE-USA office at (415) 931-0585.



Association of Space Explorers - USA

Statement of the Board of Directors

February 21, 1993

As the United States begins a reassessment of the international space station, the Association of Space Explorers-USA wishes to reconfirm its commitment to a strong and viable human space-flight program. We express our concern that the very future of human spaceflight is at risk.

The Association of Space Explorers, the parent of ASE-USA, is an organization of men and women, representing all spacefaring nations, who have flown in space. ASE-USA's mission is to provide a forum for professional dialogue among individuals who have flown in space, promote space science and exploration for the benefit of all, enhance education, foster environmental awareness, and encourage international cooperation.

Those of us who have been given the opportunity to experience the unique environment of space recognize its potential for research and exploration. As ASE members, we are committed to sharing our experiences and doing all we can to ensure that space exploration and human spaceflight continue to serve as a catalyst to drive advancements in technology and bind our world together. In this era of increasing global interdependence, we wish to emphasize the importance of meeting international obligations.

The Association of Space Explorers-USA encourages all involved parties to remain committed to developing an affordable international space station so that all of humanity can continue to reap the benefits of space exploration.

Mark your Calendar!

9th ASE Congress
October 10-17, 1993
Vienna, Austria

10th ASE Congress
Late August, 1994
Moscow / Lake Baikal

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR ASE-RUSSIA

Members of ASE's Russian section, newly renamed ASE-Russia from ASE-CIS and previously ASE-USSR, have emplaced a new set of members to serve on the section's national executive committee. The new line-up is Vladimir Kovalyonok, President, Gennady Strekalov, Vice President and Oleg Atkov, Vitaly Sevastyanov, Pavel Popovich, Vladimir Solovyov and Yuri Glazkov. This group succeeds the previous board, comprised of Alexei Leonov, Oleg Makarov, Igor Volk, Vyacheslav Zudov, and Georgi Grechko. In addition, ASE-Russia has upgraded the

position of Executive Director Victor Blagov to that of Director, making it an appointed two-year position rather than a permanent hired staff position. While the designated scope of the section's responsibilities has officially been whittled down to encompass just the Russian Republic, the new board hopes that astronauts of Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and other former Soviet republics will continue to play an important role in the life of the organization. Underscoring this hope is the designation of Kovalyonok, a Belorussian, as the section president. □

POST TO LEAVE ASE

After three and a half years of service, ASE-USA Manager of Operations Kristin Post has made plans to leave her position at ASE to join Intour-ITA, a Russian-American joint venture headquartered in Moscow that will provide health care plans and services to foreign businesses and individuals working in Russia.

Post was hired by Executive Director Ted Everts in August 1989 and since that time has seen ASE's membership grow from approximately 50 astronauts to over 240. She has managed all aspects of ASE's finances and has assisted Everts in administering ASE's daily affairs and activities. She has also been responsible for the design and production of such publications as *The Space Explorer*, the ASE Annual Report, and other promotional material.

Born in 1963, Post was raised in Wheat Ridge, Colorado and earned her Bachelor of Arts degrees at the University of Colorado - Boulder in Central and Eastern European Studies and in Dance. Subsequent to her hiring by ASE, Post worked in the area of sports and event marketing, coordinating everything from international bicycle races to corporate skiing events.

Post says of her departure, "It's bittersweet... working for the association of men and women who have seen Earth from space has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, (not to mention a great conversation piece), but living and working in Russia in these changing times is very intriguing to me and I am looking forward to this new adventure." □

ASE APPLIES FOR OBSERVER STATUS WITH U.N. SPACE COMMITTEE

Following on a decision made at the 8th ASE Congress last August, ASE-USA has submitted to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) a copy of its international charter with a letter officially requesting that ASE be granted observer status with the Committee. In seeking approval of such a move by the general membership attending the Congress, the ASE international executive committee noted that increasing multilateralism in human space exploration and utilization supported the strengthening of ties between ASE, the international professional organization of space operators and COPUOS, the nexus of discussion and action on many international space issues and projects. As the U.N. steps up its role in several areas, including security and the environment, the executive committee considered it an important step to expand ASE's dialogue with international space policy makers. The move comes in the wake of a series of successful cooperative projects with UNEP, the United Nations' Environmental Programme. □

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Executive Director Ted Everts to explore a move to seek ASE observer status with the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development. With regard to a 1994 Space Explorers calendar, to which ASE member Bruce McCandless has signed on as project advisor, the committee recommended a series of measures to ensure that the calendar is of the highest quality and maximally international in scope. Finally, the committee encouraged ASE-USA to continue a dialogue with France-based photographer Jaydie Putterman on cooperation in the production of an exhibit, and possible associated book, featuring natural light black and white photographs of the world's astronauts. □

President's Report

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contributed to the book. We will publish this year, and the royalties will provide funding for ASE for several years. I would also like to thank Tom Stafford for volunteering to chair our development committee. Jake Garn, Bill Nelson, Jon McBride, and Don Williams have generously agreed to serve on Tom's committee. We are constantly looking for volunteers to serve on one of the three ASE-USA committees (administrative, program, and development), so please help out if you have the time.

Lastly, we are sending out a questionnaire to all members in an attempt to better understand your thinking about the direction our organization should be taking. This is your organization, so please take the time to fill out the questionnaire, and add any comments you would like. Once again, thanks to John Fabian for his excellent work as President of ASE-USA! □