



Amateur Radio on the International Space Station

ARISS Educational Outreach / School Selection Committee

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- Meetings of the ARISS Educational Outreach/School Selection Committee teleconference meetings were held on January 13, March 10 and May 15, 2005.
- Because of conflicts and the ARISS Meeting in Guildford, the July committee teleconference was not held.



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- Evaluations equal Funding:
All but 2 ARISS schools submitted evaluations for NASA Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005.
Reminders were sent to ARISS Mentors every month to ask teachers who hadn't done so, to submit evaluations.



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Committee Topic: Some regions (Canada and the US, in particular) have a backlog of old school applications.

Reasons are--

- Fewer QSOs were done in 2004 because of EVAs, plus because some EVAs had to be re-scheduled.
- Canada and the US have more school applications than other regions, resulting in longer waits for these 2 regions.



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Solution:

Our committee voted to schedule a larger percent of US and Canadian schools over other regions' schools for a short time. This has not been done thus far because of orbital issues and school calendar issues, but may occur this Fall.

The US will open a window of opportunity only once or twice a year to accept new school applications. Also, we will ask for more robust education proposals.



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Another topic: ARISS Mentors are asked, now, to have teachers send details--

- about educational activities they do in the weeks before and after an ARISS QSO.
- about students who express interest in becoming engineers, scientists, mathematicians or astronauts.

These details help ARISS to get NASA funding in the future.



Miscellaneous

- Leroy Chiao did a fine job with his school QSOs, setting a record number (23) during an Expedition.
- Committee members submitted new school applications to the full committee; these are forwarded to Charlie Sufana.
- NASA Explorer Schools (NES) get put into the schedule when no other school can use the slot. NES will be able to offer funding to ARISS, which is badly needed.

