

Canadian Report

To the Moscow ARISS-I meeting

July 17-18, 2008

This report will cover the period since the last ARISS-I meeting in San-Francisco in November 2006.

A most significant development as far as the Canadian team is concerned is that both Canadian delegates changed in the fall of 2007. Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, stepped down and was replaced by Stefan Wagener, VE4NSA, from Winnipeg and Ken Pulfer, VE2PU, also retired and was replaced by Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA from Montreal.

During that period, Canada had six ARISS contacts with the ISS and two terrestrial contacts. We still have ten schools waiting in line for their turn to come up. Steve, VE3TBD, our Canadian mentor is doing a super job of recruiting many contact candidates and of preparing them for success. He also has the touch to find and keep sponsors. Three cheers for Steve.

The group headed by Wayne, VE1WPH have become experts in broadcasting many contacts on the IRLP network reflector no 9010. This helps a great deal to make those contact available to so many more around the world. Now, what we need is someone dedicated to PR that would make it known outside the ARISS circuit and increase audiences by an order of magnitude.

Stefan is working on a project of his own at:

<http://www.wincube.ca/Delfi.html>

He is also working on establishing a telebridge station at the University of Manitoba. We should have news soon on this front.

Stefan and I will be meeting early August in Winnipeg and we would like to work on setting up the next ARISS-I meeting in Canada. We will be trying for CSA but, if not possible, we will look at other alternatives (Quebec City? Vancouver? Alert?). My plan is to have a definite venue for November 1st. I will report further by that date.

Respectfully submitted to the ARISS-I Board of Delegates.

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