

# **ARISS-Canada Report**

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# Canada Status

## Hardware projects

- Delegate Robin Haighton is a member of the Hardware and Project selection and use committees. Through membership in AMSAT, Canadian amateurs contribute to some of the costs of the ARISS program, but to date have not participated in the development or implementation of hardware for the station.

## School contacts

- Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, a member of the ARISS school selection committee, reports that Canada has successfully completed six school contacts since ARISS went into operation in the fall of 2001, with the most recent being in June 2002. A further six schools are still on the waiting list, four approved in 2002, and one each in 2003 and 2004.

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## Public Relations

- ARISS delegate Ken Pulfer VE3PU acts as Chair of the public relations committee and with the support of Radio Amateurs of Canada, provides the server and webmaster for the ARISS English language web site. The web site provides factual information about the ARISS program, and posts current news items of general interest, as well as the weekly status report from the ARISS team.
- PR committee member Wayne Harasimovitch, VE1WPH is investigating and developing various ways of presenting the ARISS Program as well as amateur radio in general to the public, with a specific focus on educators. The areas of concentration are:
  - Evaluation of various VoIP techniques that can be used to distribute ARISS events (school contacts) with emphasis on the use of the IRLP
  - Development of a dedicated IRLP “Reflector” (located in Halifax, Nova Scotia) capable of providing effective distribution of ARISS events
  - Providing ARISS Educational Outreach Information to Educators
  - On-going development of “updated” ARISS display panels
  - Publicize visible passes of the ISS
  - Planning for future collaboration with the Discovery Center (located Downtown Halifax) for permanent ARISS/amateur radio display