

**Report on ARISS QSL Cards
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Inventory of QSL Cards:

Canada - stock of cards is near zero

Japan - stock of cards is now 150

Europe - stock of cards is large, but they are ready
for an updated card

Russia - stock of cards is low

US - stock of cards is near zero

Summary --

We will need to order QSL cards again as soon as a new card is finalized by the ARISS Team.

Photograph(s) for the QSL Card

- In April 2004, the ARISS Team was asked for photographs that they felt were suitable for the card.
- A few were submitted, but there was a problem with each one
- Frank is to share some photographs this week.

Written Portion of the QSL Card

- In April 2004, the ARISS Team was asked to suggest text changes.
- Christophe Candebat, F1MOJ, suggests additional items.
- The QSL card text amount is large, so the type size is small -- we will have to add only words that are important.

Suggestions for Additional Items to Include on the Card

Christophe, F1MOJ, wrote these
comments— have a space to:

- write the astronaut's name
- mark if it was a school QSO or a personal QSO
- write the downlink frequency

Additionally:

- Once the ARISS Team has finalized a new QSL card, Europe has offered to get prices for printing cards. They believe they can get prices below the cost of the first printing (38 cents USD).
- The ARISS Team needs to progress in finalizing the card, since the inventory of card stock is nearly gone in all ARISS regions.

- **The next step?**

Please email any further ideas for the text to Rosalie (rwhite@arrl.org)

Take a vote on a photograph or submit other photographs to be considered.