

An ARISS station on Columbus?

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- Efforts to get access to Columbus began long ago, without success
- In 2002, we learned that EAC astronauts support the idea
- At the ARISS-Europe meeting March 2002, Pedro Duque assisted and promised support
- We were introduced to engineers working for Columbus at MSM
- We learned that the Columbus telecommunications were being revised (Ka band) and that feedthroughs were still available
- We addressed a request to MSM Director Jörg Feustel-Büechl (no answer)
- We mailed Günther Brandt, Astrium Director for Columbus
- G. Brandt said no coax feedthrough available, only a few pins left. He asked for our needs to see if they could be met.
- We (re)contacted Wolfgang Hoffmann (DB7BR), AstriumColumbus, asking for inside support
- Pins means outboard equipment
- The saga continues...