

## Proposal for Establishing an IAA Program Committee

**Title of IAA Symposium:** E5: Space Activity and Society, 19th

**Title of IAA Session(s):** E5.2: Space Expectations: How the Public Views Space Activities

**Proposer(s):** David Raitt, Cathy Swan, Pete Swan

**Primary IAA Commission Preference:** 6 (Space & Society)

*(From Commission 1 to Commission 6)*

**Secondary IAA Commission Interests:** *(From Commission 1 to Commission 6)*

### **Proposed Members of Program Committee:**

*(Int'l Astronautical Congress Sessions, stand alone Conferences, or any others). Please list below names of Session Coordinator (eventually), Session Chair(s), Conference Chair(s), Rapporteur(s), Members:*

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**Short Description of Scope and Relevance to Existing or Proposed Studies:**

Space activities have historically been based upon technological successes with science and exploration leading space activities toward major projects throughout the solar system. However, periodic disconnects have occurred as the public used to seeing major successes suddenly sees failures and begins to question the value and cost of space initiatives. An IAA-sponsored study (following on from its recent study on the Impact of Space Activities upon Society) is currently underway to determine the depth of understanding and backing of space activities by the general public (in particularly young people). This session will relate to this study and thus invites papers which review and describe society's expectations from space programmes, ascertain how society could become more involved in space exploration, or indicate how space activities could maintain the interest and excitement of tomorrow's youth and thus be supported (both financially and intellectually) by the public.

**Meeting(s), for which the Session is proposed**

*(International Astronautical Congress, COSPAR congress, etc. Please indicate tentative dates)*

**Venue:** 59<sup>th</sup> IAC, Glasgow, 2008

**Appropriate Timing:** To avoid clashes with other sessions organized by proposers

**Anticipated Size of Audience:** 50-100

**Target Community:**

IAA, IAF, Space Agencies, Academic institutions and schools, General public

**Support Needed:**

**Potential Co-Sponsors:**

ESA, IAA

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