

Report of the Working Group C: Information dissemination

1. The Working Group C on Information Dissemination held its first meeting on 6 September 2007 under the chairmanship of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.
2. In accordance with the workplan (A/AC.105/879), the Working Group considered the assigned actions.
3. The Working Group heard the following presentations:
 - “The United Nations and Global Navigation Satellite Systems: Global in Space and Time” by S. Gadimova (Office for Outer Space Affairs);
 - “International Heliophysical Year” by H. Haubold (Office for Outer Space Affairs);
 - “Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in the Asia and Pacific region”, K. Bandyopadhyay (India);
 - “Master Program in Navigation and Related Applications in Torino”, L. Lo Presti (Italy);
 - “Information Dissemination”, M. Shmulevich (Russian Federation).
4. The Working Group noted that such presentations provided complementary content for deliberations of the Working Group, in particular timely and useful information on the activities carried out under the thematic area of GNSS of the Office for Outer Space Affairs.
5. The Working Group noted with appreciation that the Office for Outer Space Affairs was maintaining an ICG Information Portal as part of the website of the Office for Outer Space Affairs (www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/gnss/icg.html).
6. The Working Group agreed that the Committee members should be requested to provide regular updates on GNSS-related events, information on on-line available educational courses, text books and other sources of educational materials to be uploaded to the ICG information portal.
7. In the course of the discussions, the Working Group made the following recommendations:
 - The Committee should support the long and short-term training and education on GNSS at the regional centres for space science and technology education, affiliated to the United Nations.
 - The Committee should provide support for the development of a curriculum on GNSS as a course discipline for the regional centres;
 - The Committee should accept as final the draft ICG brochure and the ICG logo as prepared by the Office for Outer Space Affairs.