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Snapshots of the AIAA-IAC meeting at Reno Hilton Hotel

Attending AIAA International Activities Committee Meeting

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A meeting of AIAA-IAC (International Activities Committee) was held at the Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, Nevada at 5 p.m. on January 17, 2002. The objective of the IAC is to promote international activities of AIAA and to coordinate various AIAA international conferences as its activities become international. Dr. Brian D. Dailey, Senior Vice President, Lockheed Martin Corp. is Chair of the IAC. 24 people attended there. I attended as a committee member, and Mr. Yutaka Kazekami, Associate General Manager of MELCO attended to report the present status of Japanese preparation related to the WSC (World Space Congress).

The agenda of this meeting is shown in the table below. I think that the report of the preparation status of WSC, which will be held in Houston in October 2002, by Mr. Iasiello, AIAA was one of highlights. Mr. Kazekami reported the plan of the colloquium which will be held at the WSC. I reported the activity of JFSC (Japan Forum of Satellite Communications), especially the Space Japan Review has been changed to the web based magazine last April. These reports from Japan were received well by the attendees. The contents of these reports are almost the same as the report at the TCCS which is described by Mr. Kazekami in this issue.

The AIAA 40th Aerospace Sciences Meeting (ASM) was held at the same time as the IAC meeting at the Reno Hilton Hotel. Rather, it should be said that the IAC meeting was held accompanying with the ASM. The ASM is one of the largest meeting of AIAA and more

than 1700 people attended. The presentations contained all of the aerospace related topics with 40 parallel sessions. The exhibition took place. The Associate Dinner took place to assign 199 new Associate Fellows and the Award Luncheon for many recipients of the honors. I enjoyed the session concerning the micro air vehicle and the presentation of NASA should back to Moon (http://www.space.com/news/moon_or_mars_020128-1.html). After the IAC meeting, reception was taken place as a thank-you party for completing all sessions.

That's all my business report. Next, I would like to add my idle talk: The first one may envy Japanese having the BSE (mad cow disease) problem now. The beef stake of this hotel was very delicious. It was called as "Angus beef". Second, I felt rich because the waiter and/or waitress in this hotel poured coffee, ice tea, juice, or water affluently to the cup. I always disappointed when I found the coffee was poured only in four-fifth of a cup nevertheless it priced 300 yen in the Japanese Shin-Kansen. Third, as you know, Reno is famous of Casino. The Reno Hilton Hotel has a big Casino corner at its lobby. I found a *principle* to win the gamble. It is to play just after eating fully. This should be highly classified!??

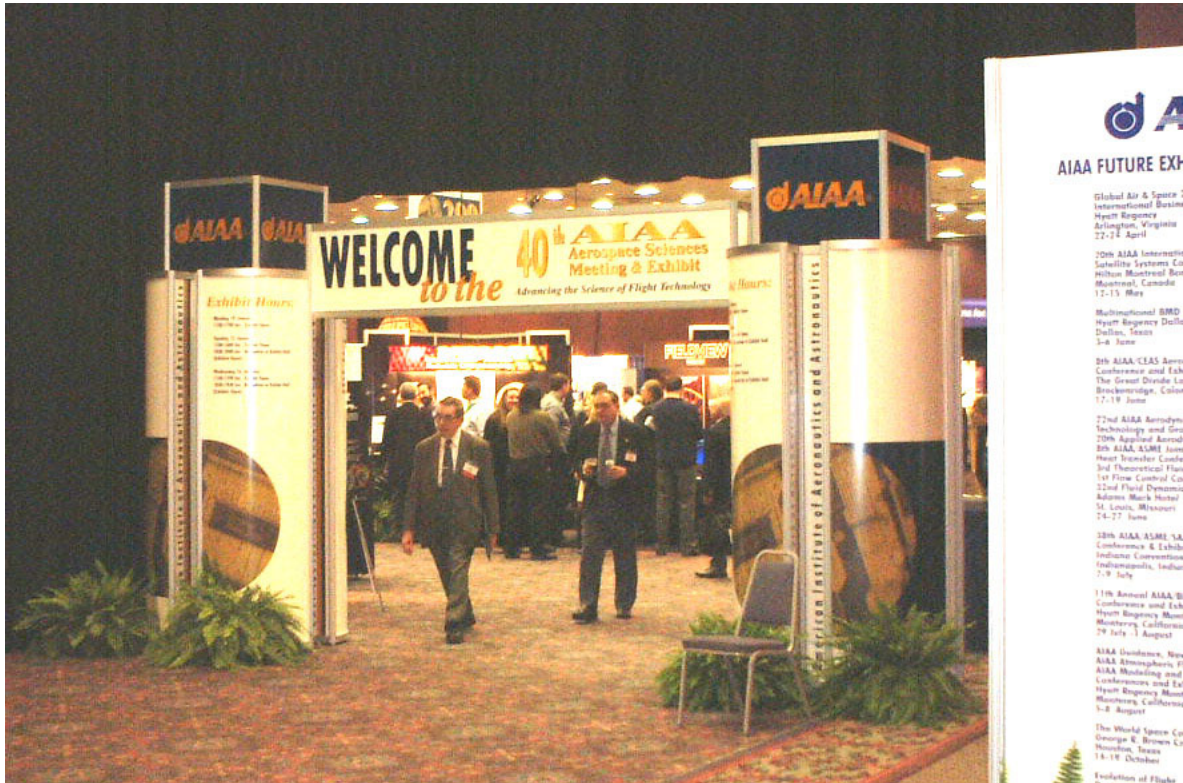


Table: Agenda of IAC

- Astro Track update
- Space Policy Summit
- World Space Congress update
- Space Generation Advisory Council
- Future Workshop on ATM (Air Traffic Management)
- Membership upgrades, 697 Fellow, Honors & Awards, Outreach
- RSAC (Regional Section Activity Committee)
- TAC (Technical Activities Committee)
- Publication; New Journal, Aerospace Information & Communication
- JFSC, Colloquium w/WSC
- Von Karman Institute for Fluid Dynamics
- AIAA event
- Forum for AA, 1st AIAA UAV Conference and Workshop, May 2002



Reno Hilton Hotel as a meeting site and the scene from the hotel just before the sunrise at about 7 a.m.



Entrance of the exhibit area in the AIAA 40th Aerospace Sciences Meeting (only entrance was permitted to take a picture).



With AIAA staff:

Left photo: from left, Ms.Megan E. Scheidt , Iida, Mr. Angelo.Iasiell, Light photo: from left Ms.Judith M. Carrodeguas, Iida, Mr. Angelo Iasiell, Ms. Scheidt is in charge of a English version of Space Japan Review in AIAA, and Ms.Carrodeguas is in charge of IAC matters.