Space Medicine Association

2012 Information

Dear Space Medicine Association members,

this email is meant to give you an overview of the current healthy status of SMA.

As a reminder, you can always log into the SMA website at: http://spacemedicineassociation.org/

and use the login credentials for the members area: "Goddard" and "1951" (the year that the Space Medicine Branch was founded).

This website is an excellent repository of information, including the impressive "Space Medicine Chronology" created by Dr. Mark Campbell and expanding on an annual basis. Besides information on organizational issues such as Constitution/Bylaws, Executive Committee members, and the Membership Directory, you can download Photos from the previous meetings and all of the organizations Archives and historical records.

In the Public access area you can renew your membership dues by clicking on "Membership" and using the PayPal drop down. Scholarship information and the video presentation from the International Space Station by Dr. Mike Barratt can also be accessed from this home page. Please visit the "Space Medicine Chronolgy" area, which is a year by year description of the history of space exploration and how it is interwoven with the history of space medicine. This site is still under construction and currently is complete only to 1961. However, the chronology is already over 100 pages long with over 1000 photos, 200 documents, 100 videos, and 250 articles from the aerospace medical journal -all can be downloaded. Particularly inspiring are the videos that can be downloaded found on March 9, 1955, "Disney's Man in Space 8 of 8 - Conquest of Space - In Orbit.mp4" and the tribute to Sergei Korolev found at October 26,1950, "Sergei Korolev.mp4".

SMA is currently in excellent financial health with the following information in our accounts as of 31 December 2011:

Savings	8024.91
Checking	5628.39
FCU Total	13,653.30

Furthermore, the SMA Endowment (a separate piece of the AsMA Foundation Fund) as of 31 Dec 2011 was at \$31,965.10 based on \$30,000 contributions from SMA.

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Our current membership numbers as of 27 April 2012 include:

Membership Update 27 Apr 2012			
Lifetime	37		
Emeritus	12		
Student	16		
Honorary	2		
Regular	118		
On-leave	18		
Deceased	5		
New	0		
To Verify	6		
Total	214		
Current MEMBERS		185	
Delinquent Members (due since 2009)	36		

We'd also like to draw your attention to the invited guest lecturer, Dr. Rupert Gerzer - Director of the DLR Institute for Aerospace Medicine, at our upcoming SMA Luncheon meeting in Atlanta on 17 May 2012 from 11:30am - 1:30pm in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel (Conference location). Dr. Gerzer's talk will be about, ":envihab - The new research facility for human spaceflight and terrestrial applications at DLR, Cologne, Germany".

In addition, SMA has sponsored the following panels that will all take place in Salon D on Tuesday May 15 at the AsMA meeting. We highly encourage you to attend and support these speakers as well as invite your colleagues to attend and learn more about these topics.

08:30 - 10:00 - Legacy of Biomedical Research During Space Shuttle Program I 10:30 - 12:00 - Legacy of Biomedical Research During Space Shuttle Program II 14:00 - 15:30 - Legacy of Biomedical Research During Space Shuttle Program III 16:00 - 17:30 - European Space Medicine

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta at the meeting and please remember to vote for your new SMA Officers for the coming year!

Best regards,

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