Origins Telecon Notes
25-February-03

Participants:
Mike Bennett (SOFIA)
Luciana Bianchi (FUSE)
Cathy Clemens (Boston Museum of Science)
Rolf Danner (Navigator)
Doris Daou (SIRTF)
Alan Gould (Kepler)
Ian Griffin (Origins Forum/HST)
Pamela Harman (SETI Institute)
Carl Pilcher (NASA HQ)
Bryan Preston (HST)
Carole Rest (Origins Forum)
Denise Smith (Origins Forum)
Jim Sweitzer (DePaul University)
Michelle Thaller (SIRTF)
Jenny Tieu (Navigator)
Krisstina Wilmoth (NAI)

Update on Draft Origins Strategic Plan:
?? Due to the snowstorm last week, completion of the draft Strategic Plan is behind schedule. Ian will attempt to circulate it by the end of this week (2/28). The document should be approximately 20 pages in length.

Update on Electromagnetic Poster:
?? The poster is in the hands of the Government Printing Office, due for completion on March 20th. This date may be impacted a few days because of the snowstorm, but hopefully ready in time to ship to NSTA. The poster will be available for shipment to the missions the first week of April.
?? The poster will be included in the May issue of Science Scope and the October issue of Science Teacher magazines (with circulations of 15K and 25K respectively).

Update on Forum Directors Retreat:
?? A retreat of the OSS Education Forum Directors will be held at STScI on Thursday and Friday, March 6th – 7th. The goal of the meeting is to produce a coherent, 5-year plan on how better to work together and with the Broker/Facilitators. Jeff describes the Forums are currently working as four stovepipes that need to work as one. We need to present a unified approach to working together, especially in lieu of the changes with Code N. The retreat is modeled after the Origins Strategic Planning Retreat held in October. Notes from the retreat will be circulated.
Krisstina offered input if needed, either before and or after the meeting, and suggested an email survey of Forum members to identify whom is working with other Forums and with what Brokers. Ian will begin working on such a survey.

**Girl Scout Training Workshop:**

Will be held November of this year in New York. Approximately 30 Girl Scout trainers will participate in the 3-day workshop – this is a great opportunity to impact thousands of girls around the country.

The SSE Forum participated last year, with the help of Jaclyn Allen of JSC. Jaclyn, a former Girl Scout, works closely with the organization and can offer advice on what the trainers are looking for. SSE is extending the opportunity to all Forums this year. Each Forum will have ~5 hours of workshop time. Denise and Carole will be coordinating the workshop with the mission and working with Jaclyn and the SEU Forum to avoid duplication of material. Denise and Carole will circulate a list of Origins participants and how much time is allotted for each mission.

Several of the missions and Brokers have worked with the Girl Scouts in the past. Forum Central has taken note of this and may be contacting them for additional advice and ideas for the workshop.

Denise will distribute SSE’s agenda from last year’s workshop. This may help in the planning process for this year.

**NSTA Conference:**

Krisstina kindly volunteered to produce another CD containing Origins electronic resources. She will send email with more details.

Carole is developing a master list of Origins workshop being presented at the conference. If you haven’t already done so, please send her the list from your mission.

**Code N Product List:**

Last fall, Forum Central submitted a list of inquiry-based Origins products for middle school to Code N for the Explorer Schools program. The March program session has been postponed. Hopefully these products will be put to use by Code N in the future – you’ll be updated with further developments.

**Next Telecon:**

The next telecon will be held Tuesday, April 22nd between 12:30 – 1:30 EST.