



Beyond the Earth foundation

The Beyond the Earth Foundation

**Annual Trustees Report for the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March
2019**

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Trustee Report

The Council of Trustees are pleased to present their annual foundation report for the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

Structure, Governance & Management

Bylaws

The Beyond the Earth foundation in its current legal form, was formally registered on 1 August 2018. It has a two-tier structure consisting of the Council of Trustees and other agents/ directors.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions outlined within the foundation bylaws.

Objectives & Purposes

Purposes

- To foster unique public engagement and educational opportunities within SETI and long-term communicative strategies, astrobiology, temporal social sciences, planetary stewardship praxis, the arts and humanities while also promoting inclusive, cross-cultural discourse on developing best practices for speaking in a single yet heterogeneous voice for Earth in line with the UNISPACE+50 resolutions (2018).
- To establish introductory, micro-etched archives that can facilitate 'interpretation preservation' over intervals of cosmic time from orbit; 'Companion Guide to Earth' libraries that will contain an essential, non-partial records which will subsequently benefit archaeological observations performed by our distant descendants.
 - To preserve foundational portions of knowledge from a myriad of disciplines and conserve intricate, telluric records while also conveying the interdependence of our planet with its' inhabiting biota.
 - To further develop an iconic, instrumental pidgin lexicon that mitigates partiality while denoting how to further interpret archival resources. This primer encyclopaedia and related implicit cues will be compiled through peer-led, interdisciplinary academic investigation and [online] public consultations.
 - To coordinate the recovery of elaborate, terrestrial [and celestial] archives while also providing intelligible keys for interpreting these repositories.
 - To responsibly deter future human interference with long-duration, hazardous waste storage facilities e.g. nuclear, chemical deep geological depositories.
- To support the conservation of celestial heritage sites/ artefacts in context with current debris/ contamination mitigation guidelines while also authoring intelligible artifices that can be adopted by similar projects for deep time/ space communication strategies.



- To contribute peer-led research, ethical considerations and public knowledge to qualitative investigations that aim to address some of the most profound questions facing human culture and its' democratic proliferation within outer space in accordance with the articles of the Outer Space Treaty (1967).
- To encourage international, cooperative learning between different ethnic backgrounds, language speakers and parties with specific accessibility requirements across national borders as per the principles outlined within the Vienna Declaration (1999) in order to collectively undertake this common, multifaceted challenge.

Activities

In the specified period under review, the foundation has principally been planning information-exchange and engagement channels that will allow public participation within the archival activities while also preparing outreach channels which will be solely/ collaboratively progressed over the forthcoming fiscal year.

Achievements & Performance

Initially, the foundation has primarily focused upon further establishing the organisation's infrastructure, brand, digital assets and media channels while also networking and planning educational/ outreach/ participatory activities with partnering groups and collating necessary information resources. In addition to this, the foundation also focused upon planning particular digital avenues and exercises based around identified gaps within inter/disciplinary research in order to attract public and professional interest towards these subjects.

- In August, we published our website (www.beyondtheearth.org) and other associated social media channels for further public information as well as undertaking numerous press and media opportunities to garner further interest in participating within this entity.
- In August, we published our first research manuscript which documented all of the contents that have been included within space archives/ transmissions – a catalogue that has thus far been reviewed by individuals and press with a professional interest in Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence/ astrobiology education/ space-agency outreach/ information archival projects/ heritage preservation consortia.
- In September 2018, we freely published an introductory guide/ schematics for a forthcoming space archive detailing media channels open for public content submission(s).
- In September on the same service, we published a provisional catalogue of spacecraft/ artefacts still within orbit that had been launched during the Space Race/ Cold War era. This publication is a long list of resources developed for peer identification of significant objects for heritage listing services and public engagement/ contributions are formulating a shortlisted file.
- In October, we ran a World Space Week (4th – 7th October) public event designed to highlight and identify elements of space heritage (i.e. old satellite infrastructure which possesses varying levels of historical significance). Overall, this communal activity on



Social Media platforms engaged over 26 thousand individuals within this subject and sparked numerous contributions to this identification process (shortlist detailed above).

- Based upon marketing analysis from the above activity and shortlist, we have begun development of a digital repository that will be useful for a more sustained identification process; information which will be used for an interactive platform/ software that will be freely accessible when developed and funded in the next fiscal year.
- In addition to this, we also contributed research to the For All Moonkind index; an interdisciplinary group who are focusing on identifying Lunar heritage artefacts.
- In December, the foundation began discussing writing a book opportunity with a publications house based upon the contents of space artefacts and transmissions as a visual guide for general interest. The book is intended to support further research outcomes from the manuscript published in August 2018.
- The foundation is also providing technical support and contributing towards development of digital services for a student (ages 12 – 25) educational opportunity at the forthcoming Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition from 1 – 7 July 2019 about SETI research.

Plans for future period

For the year 2019 – 2020, the foundation aims to further develop essential networks necessary for delivering our educational objectives while seeking additional partnerships with members of the public to advance our stated objectives. In addition to this, we will continue to pursue the RSSSE and publication opportunities while advancing additional marketing strategies to identify other gaps within inter/disciplinary research to attract public and professional interest towards these subjects.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf by;

Signature:

Paul E. Quast, Trustee & Project Director

Dated: 23/05/2019