IEEE-USA Committee on Transportation and Aerospace Technology Policy (CTATP)

The CTATP is preparing or sent 3 congressional letters in support of the following:
1) Maintaining the Hubble, considering and supporting alternative ways to accomplish this such as robotics.
2) Encourage support for NASA Aeronautics funding
3) Support for Remote Sensing communities TRMM earth monitoring project whose funding is considered for termination.

Meeting scheduled on Sept 8th of the Aviation Coalition. A collection of aviation and aerospace societies (e.g., AIAA, ASME, Helicopter society, NAL). IEEE-USA is leading member of the committee and providing some staff support as the coalition defines in coming prioritities which has include aeronautics R&D.

1) CTATP Transportation/Security Position Statement on Surface Transportation Security was approved by IEEE-USA Board.
2) Supporting the following activities.
   a. Transportation Security workshop delayed but still planned to be held at George Mason University.
   b. Intelligent Transportation Systems conference (ITSC04) in DC, October 3 to 6th. Conference speakers for the "Transportation & Public Policy" session on Tuesday, October 5th. (1) Emil Frankel, Assistant Secretary for US Transportation Policy confirms.

The next CTATP Mtg on Sept 9th will focus on NASA (Moon-Mars Initiative) and ground transportation positions.