

SPACE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SYMPOSIUM (E1)
Space Culture – Public Engagement in Space through Culture (9)

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ASTRONAUTICS EXHIBIT SURVEY TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MUSEUMS OF MÉXICO

Abstract

The Mexican Space Agency or AEM (for its name in Spanish) being new entity in the country faced the fact that there is little or not knowledge of space related culture other than what the media and entertainment industries offer to the general public. Thinking of where to go to reach younger audiences, I found a Science and Technology museums network called “AMMCCYT”. After visiting a few of them, I realized that most had little or none Astronautics related exhibits, some in not so good shape, and in many cases the items presented were mixed with astronomy subjects.

Then I approached the general assembly to propose conducting a survey to know their needs with respect to help them to design and supervise the building of an Astronautics exhibit. An offer was made to encourage them to take the survey: we would raffle a spaceship mockup to scale, Apollo type, to fit 3 children inside among those who answered the survey.

Here it is presented the process of conducting the Survey to the AMMCCYT members and its outcome.

For further reference: AMMCCYT Is a Network of museums and centers of science and technology of the Mexican Republic. Its common task is to disseminate science and technology and seeks its members to share their experiences regarding their organization and operation; Find solutions to common problems; Exchange ideas, information, materials and human resources; Favor the professional development of its members; And encourage the formation of new museums and centers in the country.