

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS - MIKE WERNER

1. WELCOME
2. SOFIA IS AT A CUSP – GREAT SCIENCE STARTING TO EMERGE
UPCOMING REVIEWS PROVIDE A CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY, NOT
A THREAT
3. PURPOSE OF SIS IS TO “..ARTICULATE THE RANGE OF PERSPECTIVE
THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF THE US AND GERMAN SCIENCE
COMMUNITIES REGARDING SOFIA”
4. THIS IS A MEETING OF THE SIS, NOT A FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN GROUPS WHO HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO
INTERACT
5. ISSUES/OBJECTIVES
 - a. UPDATES ON PROJECT STATUS
 - b. UNDERSTANDING UPCOMING REVIEWS ON US AND
GERMAN SIDE, AND DEGREE OF COOPERATION
 - c. PROVIDING ADVICE/GUIDANCE TO SOFIA PROJECT
REGARDING THESE REVIEWS
 - d. HELPING THE SOFIA TEAM UNDERSTAND HOW TO INCREASE
THE VISIBILITY OF THE PROJECT AND ITS SCIENCE
 - i. DECADAL WHITE PAPERS AN IMPORTANT PART OF
THIS
 - ii. SPECIAL ISSUES OF SOFIA PUBLICATIONS
 - iii. KIMBERLY HAS SOME GOOD PERSPECTIVES
 - e. UNDERSTANDING THE PROSPECTS FOR A JOINT
INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE
 - f. DISCUSSION ON SOFIA EFFICIENCY LED BY ANDY HARRIS
 - g. PROVIDING ADVICE ON OTHER QUESTIONS AS ISSUES ARISE