

INTERNATIONAL ORBITING HERITAGE DEFENCE MISSILE SYSTEM

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Abstract: This paper describes an innovation in heritage conservation delivery. Finally it is possible to make major decisions on a world-wide basis from the vantage point of Earth orbit. The implications are astonishing.

Introduction

The Rome Heritage and Space Centre has announced that after a long and pains-taking and giving development process, The International Orbiting Heritage Defence Missile System (IOHDMS) is finally about to be launched. Already during the development phase this strategic product has proved to be of singular importance to heritage conservation across and around the world. The creation of the IOHDMS was inspired by an acute concern for the welfare of cultural heritage worldwide, combined with a vague sensation that uttering repeatedly ‘one really should do something’ did little to solve the problem.

Technical Specifications

The IOHDMS was made possible by an ingenious application of so far untapped sources of energy. Undisclosed quantities of single-mindedness, stubbornness, and personal charisma have been combined to produce unprecedented spurts of energy. These enable the IOHDMS to act in defence of heritage in locations and situations previously considered beyond any conventional defence systems.



Prototype system unfortunately slightly burnt recently.

A major breakthrough was achieved when the Spurt Index (SI) of the energy source (i.e. the unpredictable fluctuation of the energy output) was balanced by a critical mass of Suspended Disbelief (SD) in different locations across the globe, thus tiding over the lower SI readings. The SD was found to be especially efficient when generated by well established preservation entities, accompanied by phrases such as ‘what on earth!’.

The operational capacity of the IOHDMS depends largely on the Objectives Based Navigation System (OBNS). For some reason, at this point not well understood, the IOHDMS is only initiated when

the Objectives of the mission are formulated adequately. For more technical information the reader is invited to study the *Complete Handbook of Objective Formulation*¹, and don't even think about skipping the introduction! Considering the wide range and spread of heritage preservation targets, which are beyond the capacity of even a largish group of mere mortals to define in terms of Objectives, the IOHDMS has developed its autonomous Objective Generating System (OGS). The OGS is currently able to generate objectives for any given heritage challenge in 46 minutes flat.

Plurimultilinguistic Capacity

The IOHDMS has been designed specifically for multicultural and international heritage preservation actions, and therefore special care has been given to the plurimultilinguistic capacity of the system. By applying a technology based on speed, creative linguistics and precision-cut communication radar, the IOHDMS has proven capable of convincing heritage officials of diverse linguistic backgrounds that they are being addressed in their own language. Added value has been generated by the introduction of a 'Release-the-Funds' function, activated by a systematic bombarding by the Objective Generating System (OGS), boosted by a stabilized Spurt Index (SI) state. Final fine-tuning is underway to eliminate background noise created by those little ticks of ink splashed on the top of apparently random vowels, and that little thing occasionally hanging from a 'c'. In the meantime, remedial French is recommended.

Conclusion

The Rome Heritage and Space Centre is proud, flabbergasted and exhausted now that it has reached the stage of releasing the International Orbiting Heritage Defense Missile System (IOHDMS) in its free floating form. A large question mark is the replicability of the experiment. In its current form, the one and only IOHDMS is contained in a single towering, leaning unit, and the mechanisms by which the IOHDMS principle has been applied in unexpected corners of the earth continue to be a mystery. Initial findings indicate that this phenomenon is related to contagious enthusiasm and dedication.

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