

## **REPORT ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MEXICAN SEMINAR ABOUT MISSION IDEA CONTEST 2**

**Date:** February 21st, 2012 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 14:00 to 16:00 hrs

**Attendees:** Undergraduate students, postgraduate students and lecturers from Faculty of Engineering, National Autonomous University of México (UNAM).

**Number of attendees:** more than 70

**Venue:** Auditorium R.J. Marsal from the Engineering Postgraduate School, UNAM.

**Speaker:** Dr. Esaú Vicente Vivas, Regional Coordinator for MIC 2 in México.

The past 21st of February it was held the first regional seminar on MIC2 at the Postgraduate School of Engineering, UNAM. We took advantage of the visit to our University from Prof. Hiroaki Akiyama (Director of Institute for Space Education, Wakayama University) and Dr. Yuki Saito from NESTRA and therefore three talks were given about Space Japanese initiatives.

- Prof. Hiroaki Akiyama, CANSAT and other Space Programs to Promote International Collaborations Between México and Japan.
- Dr. Yuki Saito, Space Activities and Projects from Next Generation Space Technology Research Association.
- Dr. Esaú Vicente, Opportunities for participation in Mission Idea Contest 2.

More than 70 participants joined the Regional seminar. An overall overview of MIC2 was given highlighting the finalist and semifinalist proposals in MIC1 specially those more connected to the Mexican reality and underlying the participation of countries such as Spain, Turkey, Vietnam and Perú. In addition it was explained the two proposals submitted by Mexico in MIC1. It was also presented the FaceBook Mexican page to make diffusion for MIC2, where news as well as the date and venue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> regional seminar will be published. The attendees were encouraged to participate with proposals and it was offered technical advice and support from the regional coordinators to enhance the Mexican participation.

There were comments of interest in participation both from students and lecturers.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> MIC2 regional seminar will be given soon at the School of Aeronautics from National Polytechnic Institute in México City.



