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To: David Arnold <david-arnold2006@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: The LARES-2 project

On Fri, Oct 19, 2018 at 7:36 AM David Arnold <david-arnold2006@earthlink.net> wrote:

Hi Mike,

There is an old saying. "You can't get something for nothing." With me you can get something for nothing. The reason is that I do what needs to be done whether or not I get paid.

We appreciate that.

There is another saying. "A day's work for a day's pay". I did not get a day's pay for a day's work on the LARES-2 project.

Yes - but think of your contribution to science.

People deserve credit and appreciation for the work they do even if they get paid a fair amount. Ignazio tried to hide the fact that the person who really did the thermal-optical design of the LARES-2 satellite was me, not the Italian team.

The rest of us appreciate your contribution very much.

One of the motivations for working is having a good relationship with coworkers. My relationship with the people running the LARES-2 program has been destroyed.

Hopefully not with the rest of the community.

The people running the LARES-2 project do not seem to value these basic principles. This is why I am refusing to work for them in the future.

I understand

I feel a lot of resentment because they took advantage of me. The motivation to work has been destroyed.

After a little rest hopefully you will feel better.

My understanding is that the LARES-2 project is funded by ESA. However, the LARES-2 project will benefit NASA since it can be used for all the earth physics studies. Is NASA willing to contribute to the work I did on LARES-2 that I never got paid for? I would like to feel that there is someone who appreciates all the work I did on this project.

Lets work on the compensation for the loss on the trip to Canberra.

Mike

David Arnold