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Marshall Experiment Deployed In First U.S.-Russian Spacewalk

The Marshall-managed Optical Properties Monitor was mounted outside Mir during the first U.S.-Russian spacewalk early Tuesday. The device will gather information about the effect of the space environment on various spacecraft materials. U.S. Astronaut Jerry Linenger and Russian cosmonaut Vasily Tsibliev conducted the spacewalk, with Linenger deploying the OPM equipment and retrieving two others.

Microgravity Science Laboratory Mission to Refly in Early July

NASA managers have announced that the Marshall-managed Microgravity Science Laboratory mission will fly again aboard the orbiter Columbia in early July. The STS-83 mission was cut short earlier this month due to a fuel cell problem. Remaining Shuttle flights for 1997 have been adjusted to accommodate the mission, which has been designated STS-94 and will follow the sixth Mir docking mission in May.

NASA Selects More Small Business Proposals for Research Program

Two additional Marshall-managed Small Business Innovation Research projects have been selected by NASA for negotiation of Phase II contract awards. This part of the program continues development of the most promising Phase I projects. Overall, 14 more projects were selected, bringing the total to 184 projects selected for Phase II. The program is aimed at working with small businesses to develop technologies for space and commercial use.