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Russian, American Delegations Visiting Marshall Center Mon.

Russian and American delegations representing the Russian Space Agency and the International Space Station are visiting Marshall Monday. The Russian delegation is led by Mikhail Viktorovich Sinelschikov, chief of Piloted Space Programs and Launch Vehicles for the Russian Space Agency. Following an overview, the group will be briefed on Center projects supporting the Space Station, including the Environmental Control Life Support System, Structural and Pressure Proof Testing of Node 2, Payload Operations and Space Station Flight Hardware.

STS-86 Mission Update, Status Briefing Beginning at 6 p.m. Mon. on NASA TV

Marshall-Managed Experiments Delivered to Mir During STS-86

Four Marshall-managed Microgravity Research experiments are being transferred to Mir from the Shuttle on STS-86. The experiments include three biotechnology and one fluid physics studies. The biotechnology investigations involve the study of protein crystals. Findings from the biotechnology experiments may lead to new treatments and possible cures for diseases such as cystic fibrosis, diabetes, Alzheimer's and leukemia. The fluid physics study examines the mixing of gases and liquids which may lead to improved techniques for processing materials on Earth.