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The Biggest Challenges in the 28 Days Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence: A Panel Discussion

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The short term consequences of the detection of extraterrestrial intelligence have been considered by a few individuals and workshops, since 1959-60 when the first refereed paper was published and the first radio observations made. Unfortunately, the small number of people that have been involved in these considerations have been rather homogeneous in their ethnic and racial characteristics. Because a detection will influence all cultures on Earth, an attempt should be made to broaden the discussion as much as possible. This panel discussion will involve six young people chosen from the culturally diverse university population of The Netherlands. This panel will be moderated by Dr. Frank Israel, the session Co-Chair, and should provide some insightful statements and questions from young people who have a greater probability of actually participating in this event than do those distinguished, elderly scholars who have heretofore been the discussants. The panel will occupy the second half of the SETI II session.