

Commander Report  
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Dear Earth,

Mitigated feedback for this morning EVA since we were at last able to find the right path to explore a canyon situated east of the Hab that we have been looking for two days already but we came back to the Hab late which prevented us from conducting properly the experimentation we had initially planned. Some discussions on the EVA security and time monitoring lead us to re-precise several of our protocols and raised the question if we should build an EVA procedures manual on which everybody agrees beforehand and that ensures the safety AND efficiency of every outside activities. Anyway, that would allow the junior crewmembers to better prepare next year mission.

The rest of the day was filled with many and varied endeavors such as fixing the backpacks, filling scientific reports, working on the EVA schedule for the three remaining days and trying to solve the mystery of our water consumption. The completion of some of these tasks deserves some communication:

- Over one week and half, the crew has built three almost brand new helmets and repaired two malfunctioning backpacks;
- The writing of the end of mission summary has started;
- Two ATV EVAs and a walking one are planned for the next three days.

Lastly, the different talks we had today also raised the question of the personality of the people that will be chosen to explore Mars. Overall, I think one will have to juggle between two slightly opposed positions: being bold enough to explore new roads but at the same time chose the safe way when it matters, being able to chill and joke but also knowing when to be serious and talk about important matters... However, I like to think mankind will chose people with different types of personalities that can work well together. After all, this is why we are sending a team and not only one person, isn't it?