



Action items and report of the
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THALES Nederland B.V.

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1 Opening

FL welcomes everybody to Thales. Introduction and promotional videos of Thales are displayed. SW thanks FL for hosting the URSI NUC.

Words of appreciation from SW (new NUC chair) to MJB (NUC immediate past chair). MJB acknowledges the words and expresses his will to continue to collaborate with URSI NUC.

A special welcome for the new member Anne Roc'h from TU/e. Anne is an assistant professor working in collaboration with RS and FL in electromagnetic compatibility.

The attendees introduce themselves briefly.

2 Agenda

WvE suggests to combine 5a and 5B in one point. The suggestion is accepted.

3 Minutes and action items of the spring meeting in April 2017

No comments on the minutes.

Action items:

#52: Anne Roc'h s introduced as a new member in URSI NL – Commission E.

#55, #59: No progress. PZ is really busy and cannot keep these AIs active. What to do will be discussed in point 5 of the agenda.

#70: Holst will not sponsor. AI closed.

#73, #74: MJB asked Truus but this is not implemented yet. MJB will check with Truus what happened.

#76: discussion on this AI is moved to point 9 of the agenda.

#79: the recent new members have contributed to larger NUC meetings. Attendance is improving. It is agreed to keep on organizing more interesting activities together with the NUC meetings like, for instance, a visit to a company or institution, a workshop or event, etc.

#80: MJB with AvA will organize an event around "his person". Actions must be taken. Idea from WB to invite some "disciples". This AI has been changed to the organization of this event.

#88: BS is planning to contact Ampleon. AI is open.

#90: The AI is assigned to MJB, he will ask Huib Vissers (Imec - TU/e).



#91: PZ takes this AI. FL proposes to organize next meeting in NLR, and be introduced to the new building. WB wonders how the new members are recruited. WB proposes to organize more activities with non-members, make more publicity, etc. SW: we should all discuss how to do this. In URSI general, there is an ongoing discussion on “why URSI?”, and how do we position the radio bulletin, for instance. Most of Commissions (B and E, especially) mostly publish in IEEE, but Commission B is one of the most active URSI Commissions. Every Commission has a different publication strategy. URSI flagship conferences now have their articles in IEEEExplore. SW also notes that a number of Dutch universities that do radio science have not NUC members at all, for example Groningen and Leiden.

MB: the URSI NUC website looks like URSI being a closed group. There are no buttons for applying for membership, etc. AI: improve the friendliness of the website.

#97: WB: Can we learn from IEEE in how to contact and engage people?

SW: URSI follows the philosophy of the IAU where you become a member if you are working on a topic.

RS: organize more interesting NUC meetings and invite to these, have the NUC meeting in parallel, or beforehand.

FU: In that sense is interesting, is following the IEEE society meetings.

AR: as a new member she explains she likes URSI because of the interdisciplinary nature of URSI, the network, interesting community.

WvE: good idea might be to incorporate URSI within IEEE. There is freedom from IEEE to incorporate URSI.

WB: Does not agree. IEEE is more “commercial”, URSI is not.

WvE: if URSI does not join or does not harmonize with IEEE, it will probably disappear.

PZ: financially, we are losing money. More goes out than comes in.

There are some doubts on how URSI and IEEE can actually work together.

FL: people need to focus nowadays, anything else is a waste of time and money. He focuses on IEEE.

MJB: with this vision you will lose the multidisciplinary component and will not gain from the cross-fertilization and learn from each other. URSI gives this opportunity, not IEEE. Maybe there is a way to organize a similar conference within IEEE, but at this moment only URSI provides this opportunity.

SW: discuss the value of URSI at national level and at international level.

AI for SW and RS, caption this discussion and take some actions towards defining our nature, our existence, our added value, what to do next, how to define ourselves, etc.

#98: For the moment TUD will continue to contribute and support URSI. AI is closed.

#99: MM is not present and there is no update.

#100: MJB is organizing some event that could also be merged with an URSI event. MJB will define this in the future.

#101 No progress. RS will take more actions.

#102 discussed in point 5 of these minutes.

4 Announcements



SW: MoU between URSI and the IEEE AP society, papers will appear in IEEE Xplore (for the three flagship conferences). Also for the radio science bulletin. There is no need to publish in IEEE Xplore, it is a choice.

JS: AT has not yet generated the reports on radio noise, spectrum use, since this meeting will be in May 3rd 2018. These reports will be presented in the fall meeting.

5 Financial status

PZ discusses the financial overview and the budget for 2018.

It was suggested to explore a way to optimize our contract with Rabobank. Maybe pay different fees for payments than for invoices.

WB asks if the outstanding 1000€ from TUD will be accounted on 2018 (yes it will be). No further questions or doubts from the committee.

Note: AIs #55 and #59 were supposed to be discussed under this agenda item, but due to lack of time, these couldn't be discussed.

6 SWAN

The sponsors list is discussed and updated. The new list will be distributed. AI #102 is redefined.

MJB proposes to contact D.A.R.E. for sponsoring. **AI MJB.**

7 Looking back

a. KIVI/URSI meeting - March 13th, 2018 (MJB)

MJB: Nice event. Six speakers. Many attendees. It focused on looking back to the GASS. KIVI liked it and appreciated it.

b. URSI Benelux Forum – January 25th, 2018 (FU)

FU: the forum took place at TUD. 4 speakers. 22 posters. 43 registered with different fees. € 1290,- were received and € 600,- were spent. A surplus of € 690,-. There will be a summer school with the three TUs. The proposal is to use this money for sponsoring part of the summer school.

WB: if we make the summer school an URSI event, we can even ask for further support from Ghent. AI for SW: send an e-mail to central URSI office.

8 Kennisplatform EM velden (PZ/WvE)

The platform used to hold two meetings per year, but has moved to one meeting per year. There is a new website. New discussions on 5G.



9 Planning/brainstorm other activities in 2018

a. URSI Benelux symposium (fall 2018)

The Benelux forum will be organized by Belgium. The timing of the forum is not good (January). Christmas break, etc. Proposal is to shift it earlier or later. SW will contact Peter van Daele to see if we can move it back to the end of the year.

b. KIVI/URSI meeting

SW and RS will start thinking about topics for the next joint meeting. (new AI)

other activities (AIs #99 - #101):

- MJB is organizing some event that could also be merged with the URSI event.
- The summer school organized by FU becomes an official URSI event with our contribution.
- Ask MM for progress
- 101 (EMC) does not have any progress. RS will take more actions.

10 New NUC members

AR is welcome as a new URSI NUC member.

11 AOB

No AOB.

12 Closing

Meeting closes at 15:00.

13 New action item list

No.	Action item	Responsible	Deadline
52	Look for new NUC members	All	-
55	Contact Agilent for sponsoring	PZ	Next meeting
59	Contact NOVEC for sponsoring	PZ	Next meeting
73	Add logos of the sponsors to the website	MJB	ASAP
74	Create secure part of website for minutes etc.	MJB	ASAP
76	Think about extra events of the NUC	All	Next meeting
79	Try to improve attendance to URSI meetings	SW & RS	Next meeting
80	Organize an event for A. de Hoop.	BS, AvA, MJB, WB	Next meeting
88	Contact Ampleon for sponsorship	BS	ASAP
90	Contact IMEC for new URSI members	MJB	ASAP



91	Contact NLR for new URSI members	PZ	Next meeting
97	Write a memo on the URSI-IEEE discussion. What are the differences, what is the overlap, what is the sustainability of URSI etc...	SW	Spring meeting 2017
99	Propose an event with the topic of "Materials" that could be interesting for companies in sponsoring URSI	MM	
100	Propose an event with the topic of "Space Weather" that could be interesting for companies in sponsoring URSI	MJB	
101	Propose an event with the topic of "EMC" that could be interesting for companies in sponsoring URSI	RS	
102	Update and distribute the sponsors list	WvE	Next meeting
103	Improve the "friendliness" of the URSI NUC website. Who are we, how to become a member, etc.	SW/RS	ASAP
104	Define URSI.	SW/RS	ASAP
105	Contact D.A.R.E. for sponsorship	MJB	Next meeting
106	Contact Peter van Daele to move the forum to the end of 2018	SW	Next meeting
107	Think about the topic(s) for the next URSI/KIVI meeting	SW/RS	Next meeting