



Action items and report of the
fall meeting of the
Netherlands URSI Committee
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Virtual meeting

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1 Opening

At 15:05 SW opens the meeting and welcomes everybody. In particular, he welcomes Onne de Meijer (OdM) as new NUC member. Unfortunately, OdM was not able to join the meeting.

Apologies from: Michiel Brentjens (MAB), Frank Helmich (FH), Frank Leferink (FL), Hans van der Marel (HvdM), Jan Geralt bij de Vaate (JbdV)

2 Agenda

PZ notes that the symposium in honor of AdH is not on the agenda. It has been added as item 7b.

3 Minutes and action items of the fall meeting on November 11, 2019

No comments on the general points of the minutes.

#52: Andrés Glazunov showed interest in joining the NUC, has been added to member list

#55: no update, AP remains open

#79: point of continuous attention, does not apply to this meeting due to its online setting

#103: AP closed, the website will be kept up to date

#105: MAB has an ongoing conversation, AP remains open

#108: no update, AP remains open

#109: WvE has contacted Lionix, but the URSI/KIVI meeting has been postponed due to Corona measures, AP closed. Update since fall meeting: the meeting will be held on April 29 as a virtual event

#110: No updates, Bas does not respond after several tries, AP closed.

#111: No updates, SW will contact AvA to see how to proceed with this. Update since last meeting: did not get to fruition, AP closed.

#112: Will be discussed as part of agenda item 7.

#113: Done, AP closed.

#115: Will be discussed as part of agenda item 7.

#116: Will be discussed as part of agenda item 7.

#117: Done, AP closed.

#118: Done, AP closed.

#119: BA offers help in contacting NUC members from ESA, much appreciated!

4 Announcements

Update on the Radio Science Letters (RSL), URSI's new gold open access journal

- Vol. 1 (2019) is on the URSI website. It consists of nine letters, eight of them from the 2019 Electromagnetic Theory Symposium.
- About 70 submissions are expected in 2020, leading perhaps to between 40 and 50 published letters, i.e. between 160 and 200 published pages (a few letters will be three pages long, but many will be five pages, including one page of only references.
- On the basis of submissions received in 2019 and 2020, it is expected that until the RSL is a well-established publication, most submissions will originate from the URSI flagship conferences: the 2021 GASS, and the 2022 AT-RASC and AP-RASC.

URSI GASS 2021

- The new conference website is ursi2021.org



- The submission website is open. The list of sessions is largely unchanged w.r.t. the postponed URSI GASS 2020. All Commissions have a form of open session.
- Submission deadline: 31 January 2021.

5 Financial status

a. Budget

PZ gives an overview of the financial status. Some delay in sending invoices in 2019 created a significant difference in the budget. This makes this year particularly bad (financially), but there is a structural problem.

WvE concludes that the situation is not sustainable.

SW: we can (should?) raise more funding in the forum. Also, the NUC is not the only Member Committee with financial difficulties. This is being discussed in the URSI Board and the URSI Board is seeking new funding models. The contribution to URSI is mainly translated into involvement (votes in decision-making). The NUC is ranked category #3, giving the NUC four voting "units".

b. Sponsoring

WvE: acquire more / new sponsors is difficult.

PZ insists in looking for sponsors.

BS asks FvdB if the EU uWave Association can be a sponsor. FvdB explains that they support conferences, but do not give money directly.

RS proposes to consider changing the membership category of the NUC. How much influence do we really gain by being in category 3 instead of category 2? Also, all sponsors are public. What can companies gain? BA: offer companies something they feel for, such as visibility.

Main conclusion: perhaps we should reconsider our membership category. The membership category can be changed when a new triennium starts.

6 Looking back

a. URSI Benelux Forum: Dec. 3, 2019 in Brussels (Wijnholds)

SW gives an overview of the forum with theme "interaction with your environment through Radio Science". Six keynote speakers, good attendance. Due to scheduling problems, the poster session had to be shortened which is a shame. It is better to give more space to the poster session.

b. GASS 2020 (Wijnholds)

- Virtual SPC, no Dutch participant
- YSA awards were granted, Gennaro Bellizzi (Erasmus MC, radiotherapist) applied from The Netherlands and received an award. Benefits: recorded presentation as part of the virtualized GASS 2020, reduced fees when they send an updated version of their work to RSL, student registration fee for GASS 2021, invitation to YS party at GASS 2021.
- Authors could opt-in for proceedings GASS 2020, retract their contribution or have it moved forward to GASS 2021.

c. Hyperthermia Symposium (Zwamborn / van Rhoon)



PZ had contact with Gerard van Rhoon. This did not result in further involvement by the NUC in the IHS.

- d. Report AT on radio noise and spectrum use (Steenge).

JS gives a summary of the last meeting of the Overleg Wetenschappelijk Frequentiegebruik (OWF), whose minutes were distributed as part of documentation package for this meeting.

7 Planning/brainstorm other activities in 2021

- a. URSI Benelux Forum 2021

For the next URSI Benelux meeting, we are aiming for the last quarter of 2021. Depending on circumstances, this may be set up as a hybrid event to provide the flexibility to quickly adjust the meeting if needed. The TU/e could be a host. RS will discuss this option with his colleagues.

- b. Session in honor of AdH

This point was changed to the AdH session in the European Microwave Week. It is organized. The problem is that it will be a virtual event. One of the speakers is thinking of withdrawing because of the online setting. The session will be recorded. PZ has mixed feelings about it.

- c. KIVI/URSI meeting (van Etten)

This meeting is postponed in view of Corona measures, hoping that a physical meeting will soon become feasible again. WvE will look into the possibility of going virtual.

- d. URSI GASS 2021

To build on the efforts invested in the URSI GASS 2020, the URSI GASS 2021 is organized as postponed version of the URSI GASS 2020. Contributors to the URSI GASS 2020 therefore have the option to submit their 2020 paper without changes or do so with updates.

8 New NUC members

There were no suggestions for new NUC members.

9 AOB

There was no further business.

10 Closing

At 17:20, SW closes the meeting and thanks all attendees for their active participation.

11 Updated action item list

No.	Action item	Responsible	Deadline
52	Look for new NUC members	All	-
55	Contact Agilent for sponsoring	JbdV	Next meeting



79	Try to improve attendance to URSI meetings	SW & RS	Next meeting
105	Contact D.A.R.E. for sponsorship	MAB	Next meeting
108	Contact Hyperion Technologies for sponsorship	MJB	Next meeting
116	Think of (easy) ways to involve companies more in the URSI Benelux Forum, and have them contribute as sponsors for URSI	All (particularly the next organizer of the Forum)	Next meeting
119	Invite people from ESA/ESTEC to become members	SW	ASAP
120	Investigate the possibilities at TU/e to host the next URSI Benelux Forum	RS	Next meeting