



Minutes and action items of the
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On-line meeting

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1 Opening

The chair opens the meeting at 10:03. The chair welcomes YA as new member and a brief round of introductions is made. AG announces that he has to leave earlier.

2 Agenda

The agenda is approved.

3 Minutes and action items of the spring meeting on May 20, 2021

The minutes are approved.

Action items:

#52: we welcome Yanki Aslan. SW asks if there are suggestions for new NUC members.

#55: JbdV updates the NUC on this point. Despite some contacts, there is no progress. We move this item for the working group on sponsoring (see agenda point 5).

#79: this is a continuously ongoing point. In face to face meetings, the idea was to organize them in interesting and stimulating places, in order to favour attendance. We hope to come back to face to face meetings in the future.

#105: MAB is not present in the meeting

#108: MJB is not present in the meeting

#121: This will be discussed at point 5b on the agenda.

\$122: SW has the overview and will share this via email.

\$123: SW asks PZ if there are some outcomes from this concern which can be worth mentioning. ASTRON, TNO and the radio amateurs all agree on the concern about the raised tariffs. PZ does not feel very optimistic about an acceptable solution from AT on this issue. AT receives an important part of their income from license fees.

#124: The organization of the forum is ongoing and will be treated later in the meeting (see point 7a on agenda).

4 Announcements

- SW announces that WvE withdraws from the NUC and the SWAN, due to serious health conditions of WvE. We are looking for a successor. SW proposes to think about a way to recognize his contributions and work for the NUC. One idea (SW) is to give him the centennial book as a present to Wim. If his health status allows it, we should do something to honor him, similar to the Aad de Hoop event. PZ suggests to give him more than a book. SW and PZ will think about such an event.
- SW announces that AvA would like to step down as Official Member for Com J. A successor to chair Com J is being looked for.
- The centennial book has been presented during the GASS. The NUC will order some copies to be used for PR.
- Due to the pandemic, the Atlantic (AT-) and the Asia Pacific (AP-) Radia Science Conference (RASC) have been merged into one conference. The location is Gran Canaria, Spain, and it will be held in 2022. In 2025 the AP-RASC will come back to Sydney. As the developments in the pandemic remain uncertain, the AT-AP-RASC will be organized as a hybrid meeting to accommodate people facing travel restrictions.



5 Financial status

PZ gives an overview of the status of the NUC budget. The situation is healthy, though not sustainable. A working group on sponsorship can help in this. PZ proposes to use the centennial book to raise interest for sponsorship.

JbdV asks if URSI central is healthy financially. SW gives an overview of the situation of URSI. There is a general decline in the member contributions to URSI general. The financial model of URSI (members are countries/regions, like the UN, etc.) seems to be outdated. Approach KNAW to see their interest again. RS suggests replicating the efforts of URSI general in the NUC, e.g. upgrade the forum into a conference and use it for fund-raising. Focus should be scientific. Industrial/private sponsors are very difficult to convince. Make sure our activities are focused on scientific goals.

SW will initiate a WG on sponsoring. It is suggested to invite the Official Members to join this WG as well as MAB.

6 Looking back

a. URSI GASS 2021 (Wijnholds)

SW gives an overview of the event. It was generally perceived as a very positive event, given the circumstances. Several lessons learnt from a hybrid conference, giving room for possible new ways of holding a conference in the future, even post-pandemic.

WB was appointed as Assistant Secretary General for the AT-AP-RASC. SW was appointed as Vice-Chair of Com J and Assistant Secretary General.

A resolution from Com A was approved to the effect that the present limitation on the maximum magnitude of UT1 - UTC should be withdrawn after a suitable period of public notice provided that real time UT1 - UTC dissemination is achieved and no fatal problem is identified by 2023. The aim is to stop the current practice of leap second insertions as that causes issues for many of today's technological systems.

Another resolution strongly encourage all URSI Member Committees to establish Women in Radio Science (WiRS) committees to improve diversity.

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

Normally, JS or MAB provide a summary of this, but they are not present in this meeting. The report is attached to the meeting agenda.

7 Planning/brainstorm other activities in 2021

a. URSI Benelux Forum 2022

The LOC is busy with the forum: SW, RS, MJB and UJ. Location is TU/e, Zwarte Doos. Date is Feb 3, 2022. Deadline for posters is Dec 23rd. The registration deadline will be early in 2022. The forum is designed as a F2F event, though there will be a possibility to join online. The Student Paper Competition awards will be sponsored by URSI and IEEE MTT.

b. KIVI-URSI meeting 2022



URSI normally determines the topic and the speakers and KIVI organizes the event. SW proposes to define 5G and beyond, phased array antennas. RS proposes to replicate the GASS in Rome (invite the speakers to repeat their contributions). SW will check the URSI GASS proceedings for Dutch contributions to see whether the event can be organized around a number of those contributions.

c. AT-AP RASC 2022

Already discussed in the announcements. The event is hybrid and held in Gran Canaria, Spain. May 29 – June 3. Submission deadline is January 15. The website is already open..

8 New NUC members

We welcome YA as a new member. In line with the WiRS initiative, we should favor female new members.

9 AOB

PZ asks about the reason for such a relatively low attendance to this NUC meeting. SW explains that about 7 people indicated availability in the Doodle poll for this date and it is expected that some may have had later colliding appointments.

10 Closing

SW closes the meeting at 11:40, thanking again everybody for the participation.

11 Updated action item list

No.	Action item	Responsible	Deadline
52	Look for new NUC members	All	-
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
121	Set up working group on sponsoring	SJW	Next meeting
122	Provide overview of membership levels of URSI Member Committees	SJW	Next meeting
125	Propose a way to recognize and honor WvE contributions to the NUC	SW & PZ	Next meeting