



Minutes and action items of the
spring meeting of the
Netherlands URSI Committee
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1 Opening

The chair opens the meeting at 13:07 and welcomes everyone.

SW received apologies from A.P.J. van Deursen (TU/e), M. Paulides (TU/e), F. Leferink (UT) and J. Steenge (AT).

He also received a request from E. van Rongen (Gezondheidsraad) to be removed from the NUC mailinglist due to his retirement.

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: BS asked how to become a NUC member. This can be done by simply sending an e-mail to SW. D. Marpaung (UT) showed interest to become a NUC member.

RS: becoming an URSI member for NL is very simple, because the actual members of URSI are countries, not people. Anybody willing to support URSI activities in NL can become a member. In the last years, URSI general has launched a program to allow individual to hold a status of membership. It is a way to reward people who would like to contribute to URSI. Several benefits also come with this membership, like discount on URSI flagship conferences and also some other associated conferences, like IEEE APS, for instance.

#79: It looks like hybrid format will be the new normality for our meetings. Everybody is welcome to send ideas to improve the attendance and appeal of the meetings.

#105: MAB is not present in the meeting, action item may need to be reconsidered after point 5 on the agenda.

#108: MJB is not present in the meeting, action item may need to be reconsidered after point 5 on the agenda.

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

#122: SW gives an overview of the different categories. The point is related to our financial situation. Moving down in category, would mean less influence and votes within URSI general.

BA supports the idea of moving down in category when the times comes, if we have to.

#125: This will be discussed at point 7 on the agenda.

4 Announcements

- BS has succeeded WvE as chair of the SWAN. PZ arranged UBO for the SWAN board members to satisfy our legal obligations.
- A. van Ardenne, who retired from the NUC, left a vacancy as Official Member for Commission J. He discussed this with SW.
- The NUC received 14 copies of the URSI100 book for PR purposes.
- The AT-AP-RASC will be held from May 29 – June 3 as a hybrid event. No poster sessions, all contributions are in oral format. All sessions will be recorded. >700 registrations (305 online, 446 onsite). This is a good number.
- A request was received from ED. ED's main task at VSL is to measure the Dutch time. Satellites are used for that. ED is experiencing issues with the antenna systems. It looks like a polarization problem. ED is looking for advice/experts who can have a look at the system and



maybe even improve the setup. BS volunteers to help ED. They will be in contact for these matters.

5 Financial status

PZ gives an overview of the income and expenditures (budgeted and realized) for 2021. TU/e and VSL still need to pay their contributions for 2021. The situation is healthy, though not sustainable.

We need to decide on our category in the next fall meeting, in order to communicate to Ghent if we want to change our membership category for the next triennium before the GASS. SW will form a working group on the sustainability of the finances, which will work to prepare a proposal to be presented at the fall meeting (new AP).

BA suggests to ask “something” back from Ghent, but it is clarified that URSI gives 500€ to the poster award in the Benelux forum. A proposal to upgrade the forum to a conference which could raise the scientific level (e.g. indexed papers) and also raise more funds. We need leadership, or someone willing to take this task.

6 Looking back

- a. URSI Benelux Forum
SW gives an overview of the forum. Initially planned for February and then moved to March due to corona issues. This effort to turn this into a face-to-face meeting paid off! The IEEE Benelux AP/MTT chapter sponsored part of the awards.
- b. Report AT on radio noise and spectrum used
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. Questions can be addressed to JS.

7 Planning/brainstorm other activities in 2022

- a. KIVI-URSI meeting 2022
No date fixed, topic will likely be Dutch contributions to the GASS 2021 or AT-AP-RASC 2022. AP SW.
- b. Festive event in honour of WvE
BS: WvE is organizing an IEEE event (Life Member Affinity Group, LMAG) on the topic of 5G together with Peter Baltus, consisting of two presentations and a lab tour. This event will be held on Wednesday, July 6 in the afternoon. This could be a nice occasion to organize a 30-minute recognition moment for WvE. BS will draft a schedule/program for the event. SW will organize a communication plan to WvE and the other NUC members.

8 New NUC members

David Marpaung (UT) expressed interest in becoming a NUC member and was welcomed by SW. ROP proposes to invite Ben Wietvliet (AT). Good idea. SW will check the list and signal ROP about how to invite Ben.

PZ will contact Maarten Paulides for membership. Maarten is already a NUC member.

RS proposes Irena Zivkovic and Rob Mestrom as candidates for commission J.



9 AOB

No other business

10 Closing

SW closes the meeting at 14:54, thanking 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
121	Set up working group on finances and prepare proposal to make our financial situation sustainable	SW	Next meeting
125	Organize festive event in honour of WvE	SW & BS	Next meeting
126	Organize next Klvi-URSI meeting	SW	Next meeting
127	Invite Ben Witvliet, Irena Zivkovic and Rob Mestrom as new NUC members	SW, ROP & RS	Next meeting
128	Distribute updated NUC member list	SJW	Next meeting