Journal Title: Telecommunication Journal

Journal Issue: vol. 52 (no. 11), 1985

Article Title: Two Regional Radiocommunication Conferences

Page number(s): pp. 593-594

This electronic version (PDF) was scanned by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Library & Archives Service from an original paper document in the ITU Library & Archives collections.

La présente version électronique (PDF) a été numérisée par le Service de la bibliothèque et des archives de l'Union internationale des télécommunications (UIT) à partir d'un document papier original des collections de ce service.

Esta versión electrónica (PDF) ha sido escaneada por el Servicio de Biblioteca y Archivos de la Unión Internacional de Telecomunicaciones (UIT) a partir de un documento impreso original de las colecciones del Servicio de Biblioteca y Archivos de la UIT.

هذه النسخة الإلكترونية (PDF) للاتصالات الدولي الاتحاد في والمحفوظات المكتبة قسم أجراه الضوئي بالمسح تصوير نتاج (ITU) والمحفوظات المكتبة قسم في المتوفرة الوثائق ضمن أصلية ورقية وثيقة من نقلاً.

此电子版（PDF版本）由国际电信联盟（ITU）图书馆和档案室利用存于该处的纸质文件扫描提供。

Настоящий электронный вариант (PDF) был подготовлен в библиотечно-архивной службе Международного союза электросвязи путем сканирования исходного документа в бумажной форме из библиотечно-архивной службы МСЭ.

© International Telecommunication Union

The Conference adopted two Resolutions and three Recommendations:

— Resolution PLEN/1 relates to the approval of the Report of this Session of the Conference;

— Resolution No. COM/5 relates to the improvement of the accuracy of the Master Register, the International Frequency List, List VIIIA,[5] and the information provided to administrations;

— Recommendation PLEN/A proposes to the Administrative Council of the Union a draft agenda for the Second Session of the Conference;

— Recommendation PLEN/B relates to high definition television (HDTV) in the broadcasting-satellite service;

— Recommendation PLEN/C relates to satellite sound broadcasting systems for individual reception by portable and automobile receivers.

[5] List VIIIA relates to space radiocommunications stations and radio astronomy stations.

Two Regional Radiocommunication Conferences

Two Regional Radiocommunication Conferences which opened on 12 August 1985 at ITU headquaters completed their work on 13 August with the signature of the Final Acts.

The object of these two Conferences—the Regional Administrative Radio Conference of Members of the Union in the European Broadcasting Area and the Regional Administrative Radio Conference of the Members of the Union in the African Broadcasting Area—was to abrogate preceding Agreements or parts of Agreements resulting from provisions adopted by the recent Regional Administrative Conference for FM sound broadcasting in the VHF band (Region 1 and certain countries concerned in Region 3) (Geneva, 29 October-7 December 1984).

This Conference signed a regional agreement known as the "Geneva 1984 Agreement", to which was annexed a sound broadcasting plan known as the "Geneva 1984 Plan" for over 53 000 FM stations in the band (see the *Telecommunication Journal* of May 1985, pages 290-297).

Until now the stations operating in this band had been governed for the European Broadcasting Area by the Stockholm Agreement (1961) and associated Plan, and for Africa by the Geneva Agreement (1963) and associated Plan. Since the Geneva 1984 Agreement cannot be applied unless there are no other conflicting provisions, certain parts of the Geneva 1963 and of the Stockholm 1961 Agreements were to be abrogated. Other parts of the Stockholm 1961 Agreement were also to require possible revision and amendment.

Regional Administrative Radio Conference of Members of the Union in the European Broadcasting Area

This Conference, in which 77 delegates from 34 Member countries took part, elected Miss M. Huet (France) Chairman and Mr A. Issaev (USSR) Vice-Chairman and adopted the following structure:

Committee 1—Steering Committee

Composed of the Conference Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the other Committees.

Committee 2—Credentials Committee

Chairman:
Mr H. Kieffer (Switzerland)

Vice-Chairman:
Mr J. Szekely (Hungary)

Committee 3—Budget Control Committee

Chairman:
Mr F. Kralik (Czechoslovakia)

Vice-Chairman:
Miss O. Abdel El Hay Shawkat (Egypt)

Committee 4—Editorial Committee

Chairman:
Miss A. M. Nebes (France)

Vice-Chairmen:
Mr A. Marshall (United Kingdom)
Mr R. A. Alvarino Álvarez (Spain)

The delegates revised the Stockholm 1961 Agreement by deleting the parts relating to sound broadcasting in the band 87.5-100 MHz which are replaced by the Geneva 1984 Agreement.

They also revised the procedural provisions contained in the Agreement itself and applicable to television stations in the band 87.5-100 MHz, in order to take account of sound broadcasting stations in the same band now covered by the Geneva 1984 Agreement.

The provisions adopted appear in the Protocol amending the Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area (Stockholm, 1961), which is to enter into force on 1 July 1987, at 00h01 UTC, i.e. the date of the entry into force of the Geneva 1984 Agreement.

Regional Administrative Radio Conference of the Members of the Union in the African Broadcasting Area

This Conference, in which 41 delegates from 22 countries took part, elected Mr J. A. Mbekeani (Malawi) Chairman and Mr F. Imounga (Gabon) Vice-Chairman and adopted the following structure:

Committee 1—Steering Committee

Composed of the Conference Chairman and Vice-Chairman and of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the other Committees.

Committee 2—Credentials Committee

Chairman:
Mr K. C. Tiemele (Ivory Coast)

Vice-Chairman:
Mr J. M. B. Sekete (Botswana)

Committee 3—Budget Control Committee

Chairman:
Mr M. Fawzy Yassin (Egypt)

Vice-Chairman:
Mr G. Thiam (Senegal)

Committee 4—Editorial Committee

Chairman:
Miss A. M. Nebes (France)

Vice-Chairmen:
Mr M. Bates (United Kingdom)
Mr R. A. Alvarino Álvarez (Spain)

The delegates revised the Geneva 1963 Agreement by deleting the parts relating to sound broadcasting stations in the band 87.5-100 MHz which are replaced by the Geneva 1984 Agreement.

The provisions adopted appear in the Protocol amending the Regional Agreement for the African Broadcasting Area (Geneva, 1963), which will enter into force on 1 July 1987, at 00h01 UTC, i.e. the date of the entry into force of the Geneva 1984 Agreement.

CCITT News

Meeting of Study Group II

Study Group II (Operation of telephone network and ISDN) held its first meeting of the current study period from 7 to 15 March 1985 at ITU headquarters, Geneva, under the chairmanship of Mr G. Gosztony (Hungary), assisted by Messrs T. Ohta (Japan), F. Danneels (Belgium), J. Hamel (France), I. N. Knight (United States) and A. Lewis (Canada) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr B. L. Wattenbarger (United States) as a Working Party Chairman.

The meeting was attended by some 160 delegates from 25 countries.

By the decision of the VIIIth Plenary Assembly, Study Group II will *inter alia* be responsible for the operational and quality of service aspects of ISDN and, as the heir to almost all Questions of the dissolved CMBD (Circuit noise and availability), has to extend its work to reliability, availability and related studies. The latter involves a general co-ordination type task within the CCITT, while the former requires pioneer work since the gradual transition from the present PSTN to the world-wide system of co-operating ISDNs offers new problems to be solved day by day.

In the current study period, CCITT and Study Group II have to perform more work with less available resources. This requires better organization, decentralization of the preparatory work and effective co-operation between CCITT Study Groups and other organizations such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

During the meeting six permanent Working Parties were established:

- Working Party II/1—Operation and services (5 Questions)
- Working Party II/2—Human factors (7 Questions)
- Working Party II/3—Numbering, routing and interworking (4 Questions)
- Working Party II/4—Traffic engineering, forecasting, network planning (7 Questions)
- Working Party II/5—Quality of service, network management, mobile service (4 Questions)
- Working Party II/6—Availability, reliability (7 Questions).

Question 25/II on terms and definitions has remained on Study Group level and will concentrate on the updating of Recommendations E.600 (Teletraffic engineering) and E.106 (Availability and reliability) and on harmonizing the introduction of new terms necessary in the work of the Study Group.

During this meeting efforts were mainly devoted to:

— identifying the objectives of the forthcoming studies;
— nominating Special Rapporteurs and Associate Rapporteurs;
— forming expert groups to be the basis for out-of-meeting activities;
— organizing co-operation by choosing the appropriate form of interworking;
— preparing an action plan of answering the questions;
— resuming the study of Questions.

Working Party II/1—Operation and services

This Working Party, under the chairmanship of Mr Hamel, deals both with regulatory problems and with questions relating to the development of international telephone services.

Question 1/II concerns the steady adaptation of the Recommendations, and more specifically of the instructions for the international telephone service, to new operating conditions.

Question 5/II (Revision of regulatory provisions) relates to the revision of the International Telephone Regulations as part of the preparations for WATTC-88. The Regulations, which serve as a bridge between the Convention and the Recommendations, have force of law in most countries.

This probably makes it one of the most delicate of Study Group II's Questions since it concerns a problem which goes far beyond the Study Group's frame of reference. Indeed, the Preparatory Committee WATTC-88 entrusted the recasting of the administrative regulations to Study Groups I (Definition, operation and quality of service aspects of telegraph, data transmission and telematic services (facsimile, teletex, videotex, etc.)), II and III (General tariff principles including accounting), which between them must produce a single joint text. An initial approach confirmed that Working Party II/1 should organize its work in accordance with the relevant guidelines laid down by the Preparatory Committee, first by comparing the existing texts with the preliminary draft presented by that Committee and then formulating specific proposals.

Question 2/II (Use of computers to supply information requested on call number of telephone subscribers in foreign countries) should result in the definition of an integrated service enabling administrations to improve their telephone information services.

So far, this Question has been studied mainly by European administrations, although countries in other continents (America, Middle East) are now beginning to take an interest. It is to be hoped that this will encourage further study of the Question in the CCITT.

Question 3/II (New international telephone services) relates to planned new services for users, services which should be standardized for the purposes of international operation.

An initial list has been made of the services to be introduced in existing net-