

**Minutes of the USNC/URSI Commission F Business Meeting
IGARSS 2006
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado
August 1, 2006**

1. Roger Lang called the meeting to order at 1805 MDT.
2. Overlap in dates between URSI North American Radio Science Meeting, Ottawa, July 22-26, 2007 and IGARSS 2007, July 23-27 in Barcelona, Spain. Overlap in dates between IGARSS 2008 in Boston, MA, July 6-11, and IEEE APS/URSI Meeting in San Diego, July 5-11. This is a problem that needs to be addressed.

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2. For USNC URSI Comm. F, Roger Lang is the Chair, Al Gasiewski is the Vice-Chair, Steven Reising is the Secretary and Mike Newkirk is the Membership Chair.

Past Meetings:

1. APS/URSI 2005 in Washington, DC
1178 Oral Papers + 601 Posters = 1779
Surplus generated was 30%.
Percentage of URSI papers was 25%.
2. URSI General Assembly in New Delhi, India
New President: Francois Lefeuver
New Vice-President: Chalmers Butler
International Commission F Chair: Piotr Sobieski, Vice-Chair: M. Chandra
1300 attendees, 150 Young Scientists, 400 Indians
66 USNC Travel Grants
(Not enough Young Scientists were selected by U.S. Commissions.)

Future Meetings:

1. 2007 No USNC URSI Meeting in Boulder, CO in January.
2. 2007 North American Radio Science Meeting in Ottawa, Canada: July 22-26, 2007. All Commissions will meet. Students who are the first author on an accepted paper will receive \$600 for travel expenses. Comm. B EM Theory Symposium will occur from Thursday to Saturday the same week.
 - a. Comm. F: Overlap with IGARSS 2007 in Barcelona.
 - b. Roger organized 5 sessions on Propagation. One joint with Comm. C and one joint with Comm. B.
 - c. Contact Roger if you are interested in submitting Comm F papers in Remote Sensing!
 - d. You could send your students to Ottawa and then go to Barcelona.
3. Wants to get IEEE and GRSS more closely associated with URSI. If Comm F had a representative to the URSI Meetings Committee, we would have had a voice.

4. Do we want to have a USNC URSI meeting at IGARSS 2007 in Barcelona? We could have a telecom from Barcelona to the meeting in Ottawa. This will be Monday, July 23. Lunchtime in Ottawa and evening in Barcelona.
5. 2008 January USNC URSI Meeting will be held in Boulder, CO. No dates selected.
6. 2008 IEEE APS/URSI Meeting in San Diego, CA, July 5-11, 2008. Overlaps with IGARSS 2008 in Boston, MA!
7. 2008 URSI General Assembly in Chicago, IL, August 7-16, 2008. Students who are a first author on a paper will be given free accommodations at the Chicago Hyatt Regency (\$1000 value).

Attendance List

Alexander Voronovich (M)		Leung Tsang (M)
Roger Lang (M)		Calvin Teague (M)
Philip Rosenkranz (M)		Edward Walsh (M)
Tom Wilheit (M)		Wolfgang Martin-Boerner (M)
Al Gasiewski (M)		Kultegin Aydin (M)
David Le Vine (M)		Steven C. Reising (M)
Valery Zavorotny (M)		Cuneyt Utku (G)
V. Chandrasekar (M)		Sermsak Jaruwatanadilok (G)

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Welcome

Pass around Membership List for Update

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US Proposal selected for General Assembly 2008 in Chicago

Awards:

Booker Award to Yahya Rahmat-Samii

Kuga Medal to Susan Hagness

3. USNC/URSI January 2007
Attendance 240 regular, 60 students/retirees (estimate)
Commission F: 3 Regular sessions (19 papers)
3 Joint sessions with B (19 papers)
Student “travel” stipend (\$590 for 1st author students from US universities) 65 Students supported (Steve Reising)
Student Paper Contest: 17 Papers submitted (Awards \$1000, \$750, and \$500 + Travel expenses) *Commission F paper among finalists*
Contest organized by Steve Reising

3. MicroRad’06 – 9th Specialist Meeting on Microwave Radiometry and Remote Sensing Applications in San Juan, Puerto Rico
Jointly sponsored by GRS and others.
Feb 28 to March 3, 2006
125 attendees from 15 countries
130 technical papers in 16 sequential sessions over 4 days
MicroRad’06 Proceeding on a CD available from IEEE
Meeting organized by Steve Reising

4. IEEE APS/URSI Meeting in Albuquerque, NM
July 9-14, 2006
1700 papers (20% URSI)
USNC URSI Com F 1 full session and 3 joint sessions

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Note: Meeting coincides with IGARSS2007 in Barcelona!!!

Suggestion: Commission F members who are going to Barcelona – submit NARSM paper to be presented by a student.

URSI Commission B Symposium on Electromagnetic Theory will occur

on July 22-26.

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New Business

Adjourn

IEEE AP/S-URSI, National, and North American Meetings

2006	NRSM	Boulder, CO	4-7 Jan
2006	AP/URSI	Albuquerque, NM	9-13 July
2006	IGARSS	Denver, CO	31 July – 4 Aug
2007	AP-S*	Honolulu, HI	10-15 June
2007	NARSM*	Ottawa, CA	22-26 July
2007	IGARSS	Barcelona, Spain	23-27 July
2008	NRSM	Boulder, CO	TBD
2008	AP/URSI	San Diego, CA	5-11 July
2008	IGARSS	Boston, MA	7-11 July
2008	URSI GA	Chicago, IL	7-16 Aug
2009	AP/URSI	Charleston, SC	1-5 June
2009	AP/URSI**	Toronto, Canada	

* IEEE AP-S meeting is separate from URSI. No Boulder meeting in 2007.

** Tentative, NARSM in 2010/11 or regular AP/URSI