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- ◆ January 4-7, 2018 ◆ University of Colorado at Boulder
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- ◆ USNC-URSI website: www.usnc-ursi.org

This open scientific meeting is sponsored by the U.S. National Committee (USNC) of the International Union of Radio Science (URSI). The USNC-URSI is appointed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, and represents U.S. radio scientists in URSI. Through technical co-sponsorship of the meeting by the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society, authors will have their choice of submitting one-page abstracts that are not archived on IEEE Xplore, or two-page summaries that are archived on IEEE Xplore. At least one author is required to register for each presented abstract or summary. Papers must be presented for their corresponding summaries to be archived on IEEE Xplore. Abstracts or summaries on any topic in the interest area of a Commission are welcome. Contact the USNC-URSI Commission Chairs listed below or visit the meeting website for further information.

Please note that the meeting this year takes place on Thursday-Sunday (in the past it was usually Wednesday-Saturday). Sunday will be used for technical presentations only if needed to accommodate the number of accepted papers.

Meeting Plenary Highlights

(1) *The Wonderful World of Waves in the Near Earth Environment*

(2) *Radio Navigation Systems - New Challenges and Opportunities*

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COMMISSION A, Electromagnetic Metrology

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Incoming chair (2018-2020): Jeanne Quimby

TOPICS

Antennas
Bioeffects and medical applications
EM-field metrology
EMC and EM pollution
Impulse radar
Interconnect and packaging
Materials
Microwave to submillimeter measurements/standards
Millimeter-wave and sub-mm wave communications
Noise
Planar structures and microstrip circuits
Quantum metrology and fundamental concepts
Time and frequency
Time domain metrology

COMMISSION B, Fields and Waves

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Incoming chair (2018-2020): Jamesina Simpson

TOPICS

Antenna arrays
Antenna theory, design and measurements
Cognitive radio
Complex media (metamaterials, bandgap structures, biological and geophysical media, and others)
Educational methods and tools
Electromagnetic interaction and coupling
Guided waves and waveguiding structures
High-frequency techniques
Inverse scattering and remote sensing
Microstrip and printed devices and antennas
Nano-electromagnetics

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Nonlinear electromagnetics
Numerical methods (differential- and integral-equation based, hybrid and other techniques)
Propagation phenomena and effects
Rough surfaces and random media
Scattering
Theoretical electromagnetics
Transient fields, effects, and systems
Ultra-wideband electromagnetics
Wireless communications

COMMISSION C, Radio-communication Systems and Signal Processing

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TOPICS

Cognitive radio
Computational imaging and inverse methods
Distributed sensor networks
Physics-based signal processing
Radar systems
Radar target detection, localization, and tracking
Sensor array processing and calibration
Signal processing for radar remote sensing
Statistical signal processing of waves in random media
Synthetic aperture and space-time processing

**Abstract / Summary Submissions
and
Student Paper Competition Submissions
are due by
September 18, 2017
This is a FIRM DEADLINE!
Please visit www.nrsmboulder.org**

COMMISSION D, Electronics and Photonics

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Incoming chair (2018-2020): Negar Ehsan

TOPICS

Electronic devices, circuits, and applications
Photonic devices, circuits, and applications
Physics, materials, CAD, technology and reliability of electronic and photonic devices, in radio science and telecommunications
Wide bandgap materials

COMMISSION E, Electromagnetic Environment and Interference

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TOPICS

Communication in the presence of noise
Effects of natural and intentional emissions on system performance
Electromagnetic compatibility in: computational electromagnetics, education, measurement technologies, standards, and radiation hazards
High-power electromagnetic effects of transients on electronic systems
Spectrum management and utilization

COMMISSION F, Wave Propagation and Remote Sensing

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TOPICS

Point-to-point propagation effects:
Measurements *Mobile/fixed paths*
Propagation models *Horizontal/slant paths*
Multipath/mitigation *Surface/atmosphere interactions*
Land or water paths *Numerical weather prediction*
Scattering/diffraction *Dispersion/delay*
Indoor/outdoor links *Natural/man-made structures*
Microwave remote sensing of the earth:
Atmospheric sensing *Ocean and ice sensing*
Field campaigns *Interferometry and SAR*
Subsurface sensing *Scattering/diffraction*
Radiation and emission *Propagation effects*
Urban environments *Soil moisture & terrain*
Subsurface sensing
Propagation and remote sensing in complex and random media

COMMISSION G, Ionospheric Radio and Propagation

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TOPICS

Ionospheric imaging
Ionospheric morphology
Ionospheric modeling and data assimilation

Meteoroids and orbital debris
Radar and radio techniques for ionospheric diagnostics
Space weather – radio effects
Transionospheric radio propagation and systems effects

COMMISSION H, Waves in Plasmas

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TOPICS

Chaos and turbulence in plasmas
Plasma instabilities
Spacecraft-plasma interactions
Solar/planetary-plasma interactions
Space as a research laboratory
Wave-wave and wave-particle interactions
Waves in space and laboratory plasmas

COMMISSION J, Radio Astronomy

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TOPICS

ALMA 2030
The VLBA at 25: Recent Accomplishments and Future Directions
New Telescopes, Techniques and Technology
Observatory Reports
Spectral Line Cosmology and Low-Frequency Arrays

COMMISSION K, Electromagnetics in Biology and Medicine

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Incoming chair (2018-2020): Majid Manteghi

TOPICS

Biological effects
Dosimetry and exposure assessment
Electromagnetic imaging and sensing applications
Human body interactions with antennas and other electromagnetic devices
Therapeutic, rehabilitative and other biomedical applications
Body-Area Networks
Medical Devices

ERNEST K. SMITH USNC-URSI STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Prizes will be awarded to three student papers. Awards will be made for First Prize in the amount of \$1000, Second Prize at \$750, and Third Prize at \$500. The deadline for submission of **full papers** on the meeting website is **September 18, 2017**. Please see www.nrsmboulder.org for additional information, or contact the Student Paper Chair, Prof. Erdem Topsakal, Dept. of ECE, Virginia Commonwealth University, etopsakal@vcu.edu. Student papers and awards will be presented at the Plenary Session on Friday morning, January 5, 2018. Student Paper Competition participants will have the option of submitting their full papers for publication in a special section of the journal *Radio Science*.

ABSTRACT AND SUMMARY SUBMISSION

The organizers of this meeting require the use of electronic submission. Details and instructions may be found at the conference website, www.nrsmboulder.org. Authors may choose to submit to special sessions in addition to the general topics listed above. A list of special sessions will be available on the conference website. All abstracts or summaries must be submitted online by **Monday, September 18, 2017**. Abstracts must have a minimum of 250 words. You will not be able to submit an abstract that does not meet the minimum length requirements. After abstract or summary submission is complete, please note that registration is required to attend any session of the meeting or to present a paper. More information about USNC-URSI is available at www.usnc-ursi.org.

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