National Radio Science Meeting

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COMMISSION A, Electromagnetic Metrology

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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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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
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

COMMISSION D, Electronics and Photonics

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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

Abstract / Summary Submissions
and
Student Paper Competition Submissions
are due by
September 21, 2015
This is a FIRM DEADLINE!
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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*
- *Propagation models*
- *Multipath/mitigation*
- *Land or water paths*
- *Scattering/diffraction*
- *Indoor/outdoor links*
- *Mobile/fixed paths*
- *Horizontal/slant paths*
- *Surface/atmosphere interactions*
- *Numerical weather prediction*
- *Dispersion/delay*
- *Natural/man-made structures*

Microwave remote sensing of the earth:
- *Atmospheric sensing*
- *Field campaigns*
- *Subsurface sensing*
- *Radiation and emission*
- *Urban environments*
- *Ocean and ice sensing*
- *Interferometry and SAR*
- *Scattering/diffraction*
- *Propagation effects*
- *Soil moisture & terrain*

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

COMMISSION H, Waves in Plasma

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TOPICS

Chaos and turbulence in plasma
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

Atacama Large Millimeter Array – Systems and Science
Digital Developments
Timing and Transients
SKA Technical Development
Emerging Instrumentation and Techniques
New telescopes, techniques, and observations
Timely technical tutorials

COMMISSION K, Electromagnetics in Biology and Medicine

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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

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 21, 2015***. 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 Thursday morning, January 7, 2016. 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 21, 2015**. If you have any questions on abstract/summary submission or the technical program, please direct them to the USNC-URSI Secretary, Sembiam Rengarajan, at *srengarajan@csun.edu*. 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.*

Questions about the conference

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