

Engineering News

ITU-R Study Group 11 50 Years in the Making

On December 16, 1999 the ITU-R (formerly known as the CCIR) celebrated the 50th anniversary of Study Group 11. The group has been responsible for such well-known standards as ITU-R 601, (formerly CCIR 601) and the more recent ITU-R 709, in addition to many other recommendations cited in Professor Krivocheev's address to a special gathering at the ITU in Geneva. (The address will appear in the March issue of the *Journal*.)

The study group has had only two chairmen since its inception. The current chairman, Professor M. Krivocheev, announced on this occasion that, sadly, he will be relinquishing his title in a matter of months.

SMPTE and the ITU-R have for many years maintained close coordination in areas of common interests. Many SMPTE committee members continue to participate in this ongoing effort: Stan Baron, Bill Connolly, and David Fibush are but a few. Many members of the ITU-R Study Group 11 are SMPTE members with close ties to national standards bodies. Professor Krivocheev is a Fellow of the Society.

The celebration of the 50th anniversary took place during a joint meeting of Study Groups 10 and 11. The event was attended by about 60 ITU participants from all over the world, FACTS Australia was represented by Dick Barton;



At the 50th anniversary of ITU-R Study Group 11. Professor Mark Krivocheev (l) and Chairman of WP 11A David Wood, EBU.

Japan was represented by a six-man delegation; the U.K., by a five-man delegation; the U.S. with a seven-man delegation, Canada, two representatives, and by many other countries.

Following the address by Professor Krivocheev, an award was made to him on behalf of the World Broadcasting Union. Other presentations were made recognizing the administrative staff of the ITU for their fine work.

—P. Dare

NOTICE

Trial Publication and Public Comment on SMPTE Standards, Recommended Practices and Engineering Guidelines

SMPTE Standards, Recommended Practices and Engineering Guidelines are now published on the SMPTE World Wide Web site at www.smpte.org/stds for trial publication and public review. These proposal documents will continue to be published in the *SMPTE Journal* for information-only purposes. This change is in accordance with the SMPTE Administrative Practices:

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If the comments are considered by the appropriate chairs and Engineering Director to be exclusively editorial, the Director of Engineering, in consultation with the Technology Committee Chair, makes the necessary editorial revisions. Commenters shall be promptly notified of the disposition of their comments and the justification for the actions by the Technology Committee Chair."

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ENGINEERING MEETING SCHEDULE

February

(All meetings are are MCI-Worldcomm, Richardson, TX)

28	Comm. on Television Record/Reprod. Technology	
Mon.	V16	(N. Neubert)
28	Comm. on Image Technology	
Mon.	I23	(G. Schutz)
28	S22 Ad-Hoc Groups	
Mon.	Advanced Systems Control Architectures	
28	WG on Digital Audio Interfaces	
Mon.	A12.96	(C. Garsha)
28	WG on Audio Level/Monitoring	
Mon.	A12.96	(S. Lyman)
29	Committee on Systems Technology	
Tues.	S22	(M. Weiss)
29	Committee on File Network/Management	
Tues.	N26	(H. Hoffman)
29	Television Steering Committee	
Tues.	ST13.14	(P. Symes)