CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009 - 2010

Dear members of the LPRA,

I am pleased to present my Chairman's report for the period 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010.

We are at the end of yet another financial year for the LPRA. When I wrote to you this time last year we were in the depths of the worst recession that most of us will have experienced in our lifetime. While conditions still remain very difficult, at long last the economists are saying that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Throughout the past year the LPRA has continued to improve it's standing within the ECC, the European Commission and ETSI. This has been due to our frequent participation in regulatory meetings where we have actively contributed towards strategic documents concerning SRDs. Amongst other topics this has included such diverse areas as assisting ECC in their report on RFID; regulatory studies in Medical Body Area Network (MBAN); and ensuring the continued protection of SRDs at UHF during a period when the regulatory requirements have been subject to a succession of changes.

We have also continued to develop our relationships with national spectrum authorities. During the course of the last year we held Council Meetings at both ANFR in France and OFCOM in the UK. A part of these meetings was assigned to an Open Forum, which was attended by representatives from the host administration. This allowed a two-way exchange of information, which all present found very helpful. We hope to extend this practice in the coming year to include the administrations of other member states.

I have also been very pleased with the significant amount of use that is being made of the LPRA website. We perform a monthly analysis of traffic and note that the site is regularly visited not only by our members but also by an encouraging number of visitors. Of these a surprising quantity comes from the USA, India and China. The biggest proportion of visits is to the LPRA trade directory so hopefully you will be seeing a benefit. A number of visitors have made complimentary remarks to me about the user-friendly layout of our site and the quality of the information.

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Those of you who have recently visited the website may have noticed that we have refined the LPRA procedure for the appointment of representatives and experts. This has become necessary due to our increasing involvement in specialist meetings and study groups.

This year we are holding Radio Solutions 2010 at Robinson College in Cambridge. As always it has involved us in a lot of hard work and careful planning. We have been successful in assembling a wide range of high quality speakers, who will talk on subjects which we believe will be both varied and interesting. We have also arranged for a dinner on the Thursday night in the Upper Hall of Jesus College. For those of you who are able to attend the conference, we hope that you will find the event both informative and enjoyable.

Finally it just remains for me to wish each and every one of you all the very best for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

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