

LPRRA CHAIRMAN'S / DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2016-2017

Dear LPRRA Members,

I am pleased to report that the last 12 months, although challenging, have been very good for the LPRRA, and once again our members were at the forefront of innovation in our industry through their creativity, resilience and adaptability.

I'm also pleased to say that we welcomed five new members during the year, further strengthening the Association and increasing our significance within our industry.

A very major part of our activities remains the policy/advocacy and standards work that we do within the EC, CEPT and ETSI to ensure that the interests of our members and the SRD industry are properly represented. Members of the LPRRA council remain in senior positions in the relevant Technical Committees and Task Groups within ETSI as well as attending many of the important meetings in CEPT.

Our initial efforts via TCAM to lobby the European Commission for changes to the Radio Equipment Directive RE-D's 13th June 2017 deadline or extend the transition period were rejected, despite strong support from MSA's (Italy and Germany in particular). However, our determination to protect our members best interests will not waiver.

Council members have been very active in ETSI for the revision of several ETSI for RED including EN 300 220, EN 300 330, EN 300 489-1 and -3 and EN 300 422 (paging systems). One of our achievements this year was to collect information and provide guidance to our members on interpretation and timeline of these standards.

The follow up conference to last year's successful LPRRA Radio Solutions event hosted by ETSI in Nice, France is now just a matter of days away. Radio Solutions 2017 will be generously sponsored and hosted by LPRRA member Nedap, the Conference will take place on Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th May 2017 at Nedap's HQ in Groenlo in The Netherlands. The LPRRA and Nedap have worked hard to secure a very strong line-up of speakers from around the world. The diversity of topics and the breadth of knowledge about the RE-D make RS2017 an exciting opportunity for our members to get answers to the questions that directly effect their businesses, it will also be a great

networking opportunity. I will be liaising with LPRA Council members to plan a follow-up event in 2019.

Once again I should like to thank members of the Council and Secretariat for all of their hard work over the past year. The activities of Council Members are entirely voluntary so I should like to say how much I appreciate their efforts.

I would also like to say a very special thank you to John Falck and John Hallatt for their outstanding contributions over many years, sadly both retired as LPRA Council Members at last year's AGM, they will both be greatly missed.

However, we recruited two new LPRA Council Members at the last AGM who together with the existing Council are all committed to working together to strengthen the Association and continue to protect the interests of our members.

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