

LPRA CHAIRMAN'S / DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2018-2019

Dear LPRA Members,

I am pleased to report that the last 12 months, although challenging, have been very good for the LPRA, 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 2017, four of them as a direct result of Radio Solution 2017 (RS2017), this will further strengthen our Association and increasing our significance within our industry. Unfortunately, due to mergers we have also lost members, however, the Council and Secretariat continue to make the recruitment of new members an absolute priority. We are confident that Radio Solutions 2019 (RS2019) will attract new members.

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 LPRA 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 EU Members States (Italy and Germany in particular). However, our determination to work for our members and our industry through our involvement with regulators will not waiver.

The follow up conference to 2015's successful LPRA Radio Solutions event hosted by ETSI was held in May 2017. The event was generously sponsored and brilliantly hosted by LPRA member Nedap at their HQ in Groenlo, The Netherlands. The conference was a huge success with delegates and speakers from 10 countries. We had 14 great speakers from a wide section of our industry, including the FCC, ETSI and Ofcom. The feedback from speakers and delegates was overwhelmingly positive, 94.73% said that they would attend a future event. We are delighted to report that LPRA member Nedap have offered to host and sponsor for RS2019 for the second time. My confidence in them as a host sponsor gives us a fantastic opportunity to build on the success of

RS2017 and make RS2019 an even better event for our members and to continue to raise the profile of the LPRA.

Once again I should like to thank members of the Council and Secretariat for all of their hard work over the past 12 months. The activities of Council Members are entirely voluntary so I should like to say how much I appreciate their efforts.

The LPRA Council and Secretariat are all committed to working together to strengthen the Association and continue to protect the interests of our members.

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