



90th Anniversary
CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups
(1927-2017)

Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members and Academia of the ITU

Subject: **Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups, Geneva, 21 November 2017**

The end of this year will mark the [90th Anniversary of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups \(1927–2017\)](#), a testimony of global collaboration to produce universally applied regulations, standards and best practices and enable the sustainable development of the wireless ecosystem.

Currently, more than 4000 specialists from administrations, national regulators, operators and other players of the telecommunications industry, international, regional and academic organizations throughout the world, participate in the work of the ITU-R Study Groups (formerly CCIR Study Groups) on topics such as efficient use and management of spectrum/orbit resources, radiowave propagation, future radiocommunication systems characteristics and performance, including fixed communications, aeronautical, maritime and land mobile communications, public protection and disaster relief, sound and television broadcasting, radiolocation, satellite communications and radionavigation, Earth exploration, meteorology, space science and radio astronomy.

The celebration of this 90th anniversary will take place on 21 November 2017 at ITU Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland, in conjunction with the first ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation.

I have great pleasure in inviting you to attend the celebrations of this anniversary. Given the importance of this event in the context of the development of internationally harmonized radiocommunications, the participation of representatives of the whole ITU membership would be most welcome.

This invitation is also extended to the current members of the Radio Regulations Board and to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the ITU-R Study Groups, including the Radiocommunication Advisory Group and the Conference Preparatory Meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend, through you, this invitation to those who have *largely contributed by their efforts and years-of-service to the 90-year history of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups*:

- the former officials of the Radiocommunication Bureau, the Radio Regulations Board, and the former IFRB,
- the former Chairs of the ITU-R Study Groups, including the Radiocommunication Advisory Group, the Conference Preparatory Meeting and the Special Committee, and of the former CCIR Study Groups.

Programme

The celebration, to be held in conjunction with the first ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation¹, will begin at **16h00 hours on Tuesday 21 November 2017** with an official ceremony, followed by a panel discussion highlighting the importance of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups activities and their contribution to shaping and enabling the global wireless ecosystem.

The celebration will be provided with simultaneous interpretation, captioning and webcast in the six official languages of the Union via the website [90th Anniversary of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups \(1927–2017\)](#).

The draft programme of the celebrations is contained in **Annex**. The full programme of the event will be made available on the event website.

Registration and practical information

Participants registered to the First Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation (Geneva, 21-22 November 2017)¹ will be automatically registered to also attend the celebration of the website [90th Anniversary of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups \(1927–2017\)](#).

For further inquiries about attending these celebrations, please contact the ITU-R Event Registration Unit at ITU-R.Registrations@itu.int.



François Rancy
Director

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- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group
- Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Conference Preparatory Meeting
- Members of the Radio Regulations Board
- Secretary-General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

¹ See [BR Administrative Circular CA/235](#) on the first Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation (Geneva, 21-22 November 2017) or visit the [corresponding website](#).

Annex

Draft Programme

Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups (1927 – 2017)

DATE

Tuesday 21 November 2017, in conjunction with the first ITU Inter-Regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation, at ITU Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland.

VENUE

Popov Room, ITU Headquarters, Place des Nations, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- **16h00 – Opening**

Mr Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General, ITU

Mr François Rancy, Director, Radiocommunication Bureau, ITU

- **16h30 – Panel discussion - The importance of the CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups activities and their contribution to shaping and enabling the global wireless ecosystem.**

Pannelists

- Mats Granryd, Director General, GSMA (TBC)
- Aarti Holla, Secretary General, ESOA (TBC)
- Noel Curran, Director General, EBU (TBC)
- Kitack Lim, Secretary General, IMO (TBC)
- Fang Liu, Secretary General, ICAO (TBC)
- Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, WMO (TBC)
- Tony Gray, Chief Executive, TCCA (TBC)
- John Zuzek, NASA (ITU-R Study Group 7 Chairman) (TBC)
- Peter Riedel, President & COO, Rohde & Schwarz (TBC)
- Timothy S. Ellam, President, IARU (TBC)
- Dominic HAYES, European Commission (TBC)
- Harvey Liszt, Secretary, IUCAF (TBC)

- **18h00 – Cocktail Reception**
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