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# Background

At the 2016 meeting of RAG, it was noted that while the History of ITU Portal contained much interesting and instructive material on the general history of ITU, there was considerably less material regarding the activities of the ITU Sectors and almost no historical information on the activities of the study groups. The ITU Library and Archives – the service responsible for creating and maintaining the History Portal – took these concerns into consideration and has added some key resources of direct interest to ITU-R.

# Recent additions to the History of ITU Portal

*List of study groups and chairmen, 1929-present*

An interactive historical list of study groups for each ITU Sector was added to the History Portal in January 2018. Information includes the study group name, designation, chairman, and study period.

Main page: <https://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/StudyGroups.aspx>

CCIR/ITU-R Study Groups: <http://search.itu.int/history/Pages/StudyGroupsITU-R.aspx>

*Note:* The lists are based on the information published in the proceedings of the CCIR Plenary Assemblies, RA, WTSA and WTDC. Changes of chairman or study group structure that occurred between assemblies/conferences may not be reflected in the lists. If you wish to suggest a correction or addition to the lists, please contact the Library and Archives Service (library@itu.int)

*CCIR Plenary Assembly volumes, 1929-1990*

Each CCIR Plenary Assembly has a dedicated page on the History Portal that provides access to the published volumes of the Assembly. In a first phase undertaken in 2017, the volumes containing the minutes of the plenary meetings and the approved resolutions, Questions, and study programmes were scanned and posted on these pages. These documents will facilitate research into the history of CCIR/ITU-R study groups, the questions assigned to them, and the names of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the groups.

The complete list of radio assemblies is available on this page: <http://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/CompleteListOf-CCIR-RA-Assemblies.aspx> .

Each event title is clickable and leads you to the page for the selected Plenary Assembly.

During 2018, the Library and Archives will scan and post the remaining volumes containing all the Recommendations and Reports. The complete set of volumes for the CCIR XVIIth Plenary Assembly (Düsseldorf, 1990) has already been scanned and processed, and is available online:

<https://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/AssemblyRadio.aspx?conf=4.283>

*Historic journals collection, 1869-2015*

The complete digitized collection of *ITU News* (1994-2015) and its predecessors the *Telecommunication Journal* (1934-1993) and the *Journal télégraphique* (1869-1933) was made available in 2017 on a specialized platform: <http://historicjournals.itu.int/issues>. The complete collection is searchable, and readers can browse, read online, and download PDF copies of all issues.

Much useful information on the activities of the CCIR/ITU-R and its study groups can be found in the pages of these journals.

*Report on Telecommunication and the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, 1962-1996*

This series of annual reports submitted to the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) provides an overview of ITU’s main activities in the field of outer space.

<https://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/PeacefulUsesOfOuterSpace.aspx>

Details of the work carried out by the CCIR and IFRB can be followed from year to year.

The status of international regulations, the international registration of radio frequency assignments for space communications and technical studies related to the use of telecommunications in outer space were all covered in these reports.

# “Focus on Radiocommunication” web page

An overview of the historical information specifically related to the CCIR/ITU-R can be found on the History Portal’s “Focus on Radiocommunication” page: <https://www.itu.int/en/history/Pages/FocusOnRadiocommunication.aspx>.

This page is updated regularly as new content is added to the History Portal.

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