**The programme of the ceremony
to celebrate “40 years of digital television broadcasting studies in ITU-R”**

**Place**: Geneva, ITU, Room Popov

**Date**: 30 October 2012, **16.00 hours**

* Opening of the meeting by Christoph Dosch, Chairmen of ITU-R Study Group 6
* Welcome by Dr. Hamadoun Touré, ITU Secretary General
* Presentation by Prof. M. Krivocheev (RF, NIIR), former Chairman of the CCIR SG 11 (TV broadcasting), Honorary Chairman of ITU-R SG 6, on
“40 years of digital television broadcasting studies in ITU‑R”
* Presentation by Phil Laven, Chair DVB and Vice-Chair FOBTV, on the Future of Broadcasting Television
* Offering of a metal plaque to ITU that commemorates these 40 years of achievements in digital television studies, by David Wood as representative of the World Broadcasting Unions (WBU) and by Christoph Dosch
* Remarks by Malcolm Johnson, Director TSB
* Remarks by François Rancy, Director BR

At 17.30 the ceremony will be followed by a cocktail reception outside of the Room Popov.

During the reception, we also recall the achievements of Prof. Mark Krivocheev (RF, NIIR), who initiated the studies on digital TV broadcasting as acting Chairman of SG 11 in June 1972, and congratulate him on his 90th birthday.

There is the opportunity for an informal Q&A session (including press coverage) in the lounge area near the cyber café towards the end of the reception.

 C. DOSCH
 Chairman, Radiocommunication Study Group 6

NOTE: The ceremony will be webcast over the Internet. Details will be made available via the website of ITU-R Study Group 6: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/index.asp?category=study-groups&rlink=rsg6&lang=en>