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Candidature: Vice-Chair “Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV)”

Paul Najarian currently serves as Vice-Chair of the SCV; and is also serving as “Acting Chair” since 2015. Mr. Najarian is seeking to renew as Vice-Chair of the SCV for a second term. He is also available to serve as Chair, if there are no interests by any other Administration.

Paul Najarian is a Foreign Affairs Officer in the office of International Communications & Information Policy within the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.

Mr. Najarian is fluent in 3 Languages of the Union (English, French and Arabic). His active participation in the SCV, in the ITU-R Coordination Committee of the Vocabulary (CCG), the ITU Council Working Group on the Use of the 6 Languages of the Union, and the Editorial Committee of the major conferences of the ITU has proven very beneficial for the ITU in enhancing and promoting Intersectoral collaboration.

He is actively engaged in all 3 sectors of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); but mainly serves as U.S. Head-of-Delegation to ITU’s standardization activities on Security (i.e. SG17), as well as international regulatory activities on terrestrial radiocommunications.

Mr. Najarian is the liaison rapporteur between ITU-R and the Collaboration on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Communication Standards (CITS); and has been involved with ITU-R activities dating back to 1985.

From 1996 to 2006, Paul Najarian was the Director of Telecommunications and Standards for the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS) as a federal advisory body to the U.S. Department of Transportation. His main responsibilities included the spectrum allocation in the 5850 – 5925 Mhz for Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC), the assignment of the “511” telephone number for traveler information services, and several ITS public safety programs such as Next Generation 911. Mr. Najarian also served as international secretariat, as well as U.S. TAG administrator, for ISO/TC 204 on ITS.

Mr. Najarian began his professional career in 1985 as a systems analyst for the Air Force and the Department of Defense on satellite communications networks. His first interaction with the ITU was to analyze the impact of WARC-85 on the U.S. geostationary satellites; and has remained regularly active in domestic preparations for the ITU-R, the WARC and the WRCs. By

1992, his career gradually transferred to Land Mobile communications, including VLF/LF propagation.

From 1992 to 1995, Mr. Najarian was a technical and operational analyst as part of the UN Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM) inspection teams. This activity provided a broader exposure to UN activities, including the IAEA and UNDP.

Since 1995, Mr. Najarian has been a regular participant in ITU-R activities and the WRCs, but mainly in Study Group 5 (formerly SG 8 as well as the activities of the JRG 8A-9B), as well as a number of activities in the ITU-T related to the collaboration among standards organizations including the Fully Networked Car.

This was followed by the Dept. of Commerce / National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA), from 2006 to 2009; and at the U.S. State Department since 2009.

Mr. Najarian has authored many technical and regulatory papers on ITS radiocommunications, public safety, and land mobile communications. In 1998 and 1999, he served as President of the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC), which groups more than 22 organizations representing the frequency managers, manufacturers, systems integrators, and end-users of land mobile and public safety communications, before the FCC.

Mr. Najarian holds a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Virginia, as well as a Masters degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the George Washington University (in Washington, DC) with a specialization in Finance and the Management of Science, Technology and Innovation.