

Report of the ICTS Fall Meeting, 21 October 2003 (held during ITC'2003 at Las Vegas)

The ICTS General Meeting was held during ITC'2003 in Las Vegas, on October 21st.

After a welcome speech by Chairman Tim Chalfant, an individual presentation of all the attendees was made to enable the non-members present to understand better what the ICTS stands for, as well as the difference between this working group and the other Conference sessions.

This session was dominated by the success in WRC 2003 on the 1.5 agenda item, relative to future frequency band allocation for high bit rate telemetry. Presentations were made as follows :

- An activities report by Region coordinators gave a list of actions undertaken, mainly concerning WRC'03 preparation,
- A comprehensive presentation given by Carolyn Kahn (Mitre Corp., USA) on the economic impact of Telemetry,
- An overview on 3-30 GHz research projects by Saul Ortigoza (DOD, USA),
- A report on 3-30 GHz spectrum studies by Darrell Ernst (Mitre Corp., USA),
- Presentation of a study on effects atmospheric absorption on telemetry links versus frequency band,
- Presentation from Korea on telemetry and use of electronics in Korea
- Global spectrum utilisation matrix by M. Ryan (DOD, USA),
- Report sent by V. Crouch (Sté, Australia) on global utilisation maps, DSTO, Australia)
- Discussion about the ICTS strategy to maintain and increase the support to the National Authorities, with some kind of coordination between members, to ensure all our needs are taken into account.

Due to the importance of this session, an extra meeting was held the next morning, conducted by Ken Keane (USA), providing an interesting report of the WRC'03 meeting, and discussion on what action to take with regard to ICTS support of commitment to the National Authorities at the various WG meetings relative to Agenda point 1.5.