

# Report for 2012 Spring BoG

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

### Constitution, Organization & Bylaws

First year with the new AESS Governing Documents. It is interesting to see how they work and how they help the management of the S/C and the related activities. So far, so good. Therefore, it seems inappropriate at this stage to propose any change in the documents.

### International Directors Liaison

Activities are reported by UK and Ireland (H. Griffiths), Canada (R. Djzaii), Italy&Western Europe (M.Ruggieri & C. Stallo), China (courtesy of W. Shunjun, non BoG member), India (courtesy of R. Gupta, non BoG member).

See the dedicated report for details.

### Nominations & Appointments

A Committee composition has been proposed and approved, aiming at the coverage of a broad geographic area (in particular, with the present composition: USA, Europe, South America, Asia) and topics within the AESS FoI. The Committee composition is:

*Erwin C.Gangl, James Howard, Russel ILefevre, Alberto Moreira, Ramjee Prasad, Robert C.Rassa, M. Ruggieri (Chair)*

The Committee had intense exchanges and two telecon meetings. The first activity was related to solicit candidates and finalize the slate for BoG member elections (8 vacancies, term 2013-2015).

Next topic will be VP appointments (only those who are expiring in 2012) for the Fall BoG.

## CONFERENCE LIAISON

### IEEE Aerospace Conference

The 2012 edition of the conference has been successful and interesting. The current conference Chair David Woerner wish to be replaced in 2014. The Conference team will communicate asap the new Chair.

A connection has been created bewteen the Aerospace Conference organizers and the ESTEL AESS key-person (C. Stallo), to create possible synergy between the two events for the next editions.

## REPRESENTATIVE TO IEEE ENTITIES

### IEEE Women in Engineering Committee

A special session organized by the WIE has been proposed for the ESTEL Conference. C. Stallo is working with Ramalatha Marimuthu, Chair of the WIE Committee, to this respect. The WIE Chair also is proposing a postworkshop session to discuss issues connected with career sustainability of women in aerospace. Work in progress.

## **LIAISON TO NON-IEEE TECHNICAL SOCIETIES**

### **American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronautics (AIAA)**

A first active cooperation with AESS is in the Aerospace Conference.

I have contacted the AIAA International Activities Committee, through its staff contact Magan Scheidt, to identify additional cooperation frameworks. Magan is working to finalize the connection.

It could be interesting to connect also with the AIAA Educational Activities Committee, the Student Activities Committee and the Young Professional Committee, to search possible synergy with the corresponding activities at AESS level.

### **Armed Forces Communications & Electronic Association (AFCEA)**

The major contact are currently with AFCEA Europe and the AFCEA\_Rome Charter, connecting the related activities and initiatives with AESS initiatives.

A very interesting meeting has taken place in Roma between the Chair of AFCEA Europe, the Chair of AFCEA\_Rome Chapter and myself for planning future initiatives.

AFCEA is co-sponsor in the AESS Estel Conference.

Furthermore, the development of the AFCEA M.Sc on "System Engineering" at the University of Roma Tor Vergata is in an advanced stage. As underlined in previous reports, this will create a synergy with AESS, through our representatives therein (B. Rassa and R. Oliva).

I am soliciting AFCEA members to join AESS and candidate themselves for active position in our S/C.

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