

GAUSS GROUP MEETING

PROGRAMME NOTES

Background

The decision to hold ILA 30 in Europe was made well over a year ago for the specific purpose of creating a forum for the exchange of experience, developments and ideas amongst nations of a revitalized Loran to serve for years to come. We had no idea of the events that would take place during the intervening months since the decision was made. Today as participants convene they do so with emotions of disappointment and horror balanced with optimism, opportunity and new challenges. Not at any one of the 29 previous ILA Conventions has there been so many important, even critical, issues to address. It is our hope that the program and its format will enable profitable discussions to be held resulting in a proactive closing Convention Resolution.

Registration

The registration desk will be open on Sunday afternoon and throughout the Convention. The registration fee for all participants not previously registered is \$520. A one day registration fee is \$200. Membership dues may be paid at the registration desk. Orders for CDs of the past two Technical Symposiums or hard copy of any of the previous Symposiums may be made.

Technical Program

There are no parallel sessions and speakers are encouraged to allow time for questions and discussion. Time limits have been placed on the sessions but not individual papers to permit session chairs some flexibility. Catering for breaks and lunches requires that we adhere to the scheduled time for the end of sessions. Note that the names listed in the program are the presenters, many of the papers have two or more authors.

Speakers' Breakfasts – 7:30 am

On the day that speakers are scheduled to make their presentations there will be a speakers' breakfast in the Salon Historique.

Hospitality Room

The Salon Historique will be available during the day following the speakers breakfast for use of those accompanying Convention participants. In the evenings this same room will be used for drinks and light refreshments for all those attending the Conference.

Social Program

No formal social program has been prearranged because of the variety of tours and visits available. If group visits are desired, it is suggested those interested meet in the Salon Historique on Monday morning at 09:00.

Gauss Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Gauss Group at IALA headquarters on Thursday and a half day Friday. See adjacent column.

Board of Directors' Meetings

There will be a Board of Directors' meeting on Sunday at 15:00 in the Salon Historique and a second meeting of the new Board in the same room after the close of the Convention.

Background

The Gauss Standardisation Group, abbreviated to GROUP in the following, was originally convened as a result of an initiative of the Northwest Europe Loran System consortium of States¹ to provide a revision to document Recommendation ITU-R M.589-2² to include data transmission using Loran-C/Chayka type transmitting facilities. The GROUP generated the necessary revision and was successful in having the revised standard being accepted by the International Telecommunications Union providing a world-wide standard for the technology.

The task to revise Recommendation ITU-R M.589-2 having been completed the group identified new work associated with integrated radio navigation systems utilising Loran-C/Chayka and capable of data communications in regions of the world outside the area of coverage and political jurisdiction of the NELLS consortium.

To overcome the territorial limitation of NELLS the GROUP sought an independent international organisation to act as host in order that the essential standardisation work could continue with participation of states world-wide. The International Loran Association (ILA) with specific interest in the provision and use of Loran-C/Chayka services for land, sea and air throughout the world was approached and agreed to host the GROUP endorsing its expanded mandate.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gauss Group will follow the ILA Convention and will take place at AISM/IALA Headquarters here in St Germain en Laye.

The International Loran Association is grateful to Mr. Torsten Kruuse, Secretary General of AISM/IALA (the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities), for providing the assistance of IALA office staff and facilities in the planning and execution of this conference and the follow-on Gauss meeting.

¹ The Northwest Europe Loran System (NELS) is an intergovernmental treaty organisation comprised of Denmark, Ireland, France, Germany, Norway and The Netherlands. It is operated from a co-ordinating office in Oslo, Norway.

² The title of this Recommendation ITU-R M.589 is "Technical Characteristics Of Methods Of Data Transmission And Interference Protection For Radionavigation Services In The Frequency Bands Between 70 And 130 kHz"



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Provision and Use of Loran-C and Chayka Services

October 7-10, 2001
Pavillon Henry IV
19-21, rue Thiers
Saint Germain-en-Laye
Paris, France

Programme of Events

Ice-Breaker
Pavillon Henry IV
Sunday, October 7, 19:00

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Day 1 – Monday, October 8

09:00-10:30 Session 1: Updating Radionavigation Policy

Session Chair: Jim Doherty, Co-Chair: Christian Forst

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

John Beukers, President, International Loran Association

Keynote Address

Torsten Kruuse, Secretary General, AISM/IALA

The Volpe Center Report: Loran Goes Up the DOT Flag Pole

Langhorne Bond, Past US Federal Aviation Administrator

An Overview of the US Loran Evaluation Program

Mitch Narins, US Federal Aviation Administration

National Plans for Positioning Navigation and Time Keeping

Robert Lilley, Illgen Simulation Technologies

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00 Session 2: Providers of Loran-C Services

Session Chair: Bill Roland, Co-Chair: Bob Lilley

Loran-C in Europe: Not the End – a New Beginning

Terje Jorgensen, NELS Co-Ordinating Office

Operational Status of Loran Equipment Modernizations

Tom Rice, US Coast Guard

Keeping the Pulse Alive Through Heart Transplants

and Face Lifts Jay Boyer, US Coast Guard

Service Life Extension & Modernization of the

AN-FPN/64 Transmitter Eric Johannessen, Megapulse, Inc.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session 3: Multimodal Loran-C Use

Session Chair: Gunn Marit Hernes, Co-Chair: Curt Dubay

Developments in the Use of Radionav. Services by Met.

Observation Systems John Nash, UK Met Office

Loran-C Based Systems in Meteorology

Pekka Kostamo, Vaisala, Oy

The LOREG Program

Stephan Baumann, Telematica

Does Integration of GPS and Loran-C Meet User Needs

Durk van Willigen, Reelelektronika b.v.

Why 3G Networks Need Loran-C

Mark Searle, INSIG ltd

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Session 4: Loran-C Data Communications

Session Chair: Mitch Narins, Co-Chair: Durk van Willigen

Wagging the Tail & Flying with Loran-C Data Comms

Ben Peterson, Peterson Integrated Geopositioning, LLC

Intra Pulse FM and the AN-FPN/64 Transmitter

Andre Grebnev, Megapulse, Inc.

Eurofix Installation & Checkout On FERN Korean Tx

Gerard Offermans, Reelelektronika b.v.

19:00 Reception

Day 2 – Tuesday, October 9

08:30-09:00 Membership Meeting

09:00-10:45 Session 5: New Developments and User Requirements

Session Chair: Terje Jorgensen, Co-Chair: Gerard Offermans

Integrating GPS & Loran-C

Gunther Abwerzger, Teleconsult Hoffmann-Wellenhof & Partner

Development & Status of H-Field Antenna & DSP Loran

Receiver for FAA Loran Program Linn Roth, Locus, Inc.

Measuring and Comparing GPS and Loran-C/Eurofix

Performance Arthur Helwig, Reelelektronika b.v.

Migration of Loran-C for Land Navigation GLORIA Project

Jörg Pfister, ZIV Institute

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:30 Session 6: Tests and Trials

Session Chair: Linn Roth, Co-Chair: Jim Nagle

Ohio University Flight Test Support to the FAA

Loran-C Program David Diggle, University of Ohio

Status of Loran-C Evaluations

Mitch Narins, US Federal Aviation Administration

Flight Trials Comparing SatMate DSP Receiver, GPS

and Legacy Loran Receivers Jim Schliem, Locus, Inc.

PC-104 & DDC H-Field Loran-C Navigation Receivers

Richard Hartnett, US Coast Guard Academy

European Sea Trials of Kalman-Filtered Loran-C System

Carsten Collrep, STN Atlas

Loran Coverage Round Ireland

Nick Ward, Trinity House Lighthouse Service

Lunch on your own, followed by free afternoon.

19:00 Cocktail Hour

20:00 Banquet and Annual Award Ceremony

The traditional Banquet, during which the ILA presents its annual awards to individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to loran or the Association, will be held at the Pavillon Henry IV in the Salon Grande Arche.

Black tie and formal dress is optional.

Day 3 – Wednesday, October 10

09:00-10:30 Session 7: Reports and Studies

Session Chair: Tom Rice, Co-Chair: Jacques Manchard

Loran-C for European Non Precision Approaches

David Last, University of Wales

Loran-C User Position Software Navigation Performance with

PC-104 & DDC Rx Flight Test Data in the New Jersey Area

John Kirk, Illgen Simulation Technologies

GPS Vulnerability Study,

Jim Carroll, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00 Session 8: Propagation and Calibration

Session Chair: David Last, Co-Chair: David Diggle

Vital Statistics of Solar Activity during Sun Spot Cycle 23

Robert Lilley for Joe Kunches, Space Environmental Center

Loran-C Signal Propagation, Reception and Processing Aspects

in Urban Areas Wouter Pelgrum, Delft University

Loran Tomography

Nobuyoshi Kouguchi, Kobe University

Unusable GPS PRN30 Illustrates Requirement for

Low Mask Angles, Loran-C and Galileo John Beukers

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:15

The ILA Web Page -Time to Update

our On-Line Presence Robert Lilley ILA Secretary

14:15- 15:30 Session 9: Panel Discussion

The Future Role of Worldwide Loran-C

Moderator: Langhorne Bond

Panelists:

Sally Basker, Olivier Carel, Curt Dubay, Terje Jørgensen,

Wolfgang Lechner, John Nash, Alex Steciw

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Convention Resolution

Discussion and adoption of the Conference Resolution

Closing Remarks

17:30-18:30 ILA Board of Directors Meeting