

Curriculum Vitae of Kiritkumar P. Lathia



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MOTIVATION for application as Vice Chairman for Mobile Communications SG

During the last few years, with the downturn of the telecommunications industry, ITU-T has been in a transitional phase with more focus on finances and re-positioning itself in a world where there are many fora and SDOs.

The convergence between telecommunications, information technology, broadcasting and entertainment is continuing to drive the whole added-value chain and ITU-T, as a pre-eminent UN body needs to play a significant role in determining the global standards. These standards need to be open and non proprietary more than ever so as to remove market uncertainties, Technical Barriers-to-Trade and create a large global market base to reduce costs.

ITU-T needs to maintain its leadership role not only in fixed networks via “NGN” but also in “mobile communications”, middleware, and other (communications) technologies so that ALL ITU-T membership is served - with full support of the excellent TSB which is one of the key assets of ITU-T.

It is important to recognise that “Mobile Communications” is different. This was recognised in WTSA2000 when SSG was created. Both ITU-R (through its WP8F) and ITU-D (Q18/2) also recognise the importance of mobile communications as a separate activity. I have served as Vice Chairman in SSG where I was also responsible for organising “seminars/workshops” and participating actively in them.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Standardisation is now a key element of strategic business planning. Kiritkumar P. Lathia is Vice President for “Standards & Fora” for mobile telecommunications products at Siemens Mobile Communications S.p.A., Italy and he forms part of the international management team responsible for defining and directing the evolution of Siemens telecommunications systems and products.

Mr. Lathia has more than twenty five years of management experience within telecommunications industry and has worked within all stages of life cycle from

customer requirements and conceptual design through to field installation and hand-over of telecommunications system.

Within ITU, he is Vice Chairman of SSG and active participant in ITU-R WP8F. He is also actively participating in the development of the ITU-D “Mid Term Guidelines for IMT-2000” and has contributed towards the IMT-2000 Handbook (where he is the editor for the SSG part of the Handbook).

He has also organised and/or chaired ITU seminars on IMT-2000 at ITU HQ in Geneva and in Brazil, Canada, Cote d'Ivoire, Slovenia, Russia, etc.

At ETSI, he is a member of the ETSI Board and Finance Committee. He has held chairmanship of various strategic committees and has been a key player in establishing 3GPP. He participates as ETSI Representative in 3GPP PCG/OP meetings and in Global Standards Coordination meetings.

At European Industry level, he has also been chairman for “Standardisation Policy Group” of the European Industry Associations ECTEL and its successor EICTA. In Italy, he is Chairman of “Regulatory Committee” of the Industry Association ANIE.

Mr. Lathia has given numerous strategic presentations related to standardisation at international conferences and has also edited three ETSI publications: “State of the Art – 1995”, “Global Multimedia Mobility – A Standardisation Framework”, and its update “Global Multimedia Mobility (GMM); Seamless service offering”.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Graduated in Electrical Engineering with Magna cum Laude, he is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, UK.