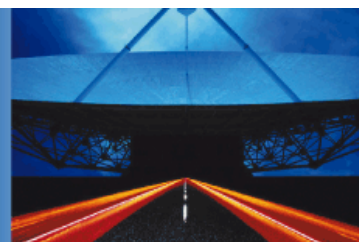




Workshop on Market Mechanisms for Spectrum Management



Opening Address by Mr. Valery Timofeev

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Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

2007 is a very special year for ITU! We are starting a new term in the 4-year Plenipotentiary cycle with a new management team of elected officials, a revised set of strategic objectives and goals. But 2007 is also a particular year with relation to radiocommunication regulations.

We are starting a new century for the international *Radio Regulations* which centenary was celebrated last year as some of you may recall. It has been so far a successful story of international cooperation among States with the invaluable support of telecommunication industry partners. The challenge is before us to prove the continuing adequacy of the current arrangements or to search for new paradigms for the international regulatory regime. I am sure that you will conclude that without good spectrum management practices this is not possible.

Moreover, 2007 is the year of another world radiocommunication conference (**WRC-07**) which will consider, among other topics of high interest to the wireless community, the results of studies on options to improve the international spectrum regulatory framework based on the examination of the effectiveness, appropriateness and impact of the *Radio Regulations* with respect to the evolution of existing, emerging and future applications, systems and technologies.

ITU is proud to host this important workshop, which is a result of a successful **partnership** with the Ugo Bordoni Foundation of Italy within the framework of the ITU's Shaping Tomorrow's Networks Programme, in close collaboration with the Radiocommunication Bureau. In the light of the papers, presentations and debates, this workshop will serve as a basis of discussion for possible future approaches for radio spectrum management, in line with recent technological developments, attempting to provide realistic forecasts in an increasingly ubiquitous, user centric and converged telecommunication environment. The daring title of the workshop, inferring that market mechanisms could address the main issues in spectrum management today, should not make us forget the need to safeguard the crucial interests of non-commercial uses of the spectrum, including some essential safety services, critical defense applications and scientific research.

It is my pleasure to welcome here today **Mr. Guido Salerno**, General Manager of the Ugo Bordoni Foundation. At the same time, I am honoured to introduce to you **Dr. William Lehr**, Research Associate in the Center for Technology, Policy and Industrial Development at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), who will chair the workshop.

Finally, hoping you will all enjoy your stay in Geneva, I'd like to wish you a very fruitful workshop.

Thank you.