**Decisions of the 34th RDS Forum meeting, Geneva Lake Hotel, Geneva (Versoix), Switzerland,**

**10th and 11rst October 2022**

**1. Organisational matters**

**1.1 Income and expenditure report for 2021**

This was accepted as in doc. R22/009\_2.

**1.2 Programme of activities and budget for 2022.**

The budget for this year was approved as in in document R22/010\_2.

**1.3 Nomination of honorary members**

Former members Vincent Simonacci and Olivier Soulié were nominated honorary members of the RDS Forum.

**1.4 RDS Forum membership fee for 2023**

The annual membership fee for 2023 will be CHF3500 or the equivalent in Euro. It was agreed to continue to offer new members for the first year in the RDS Forum a 30% reduced member fee.

The membership renewal continues to be automatic and those wishing to leave would have to opt out and give a two months’ notice before their annual membership subscription ends.

**2. Election of the RDS Forum’s management team members**

As there were insufficient members present at this meeting for a formal election of the management team, it was agreed that existing members would continue to serve for a further year.

**3. Pending RDS2 issues**

* 1. **UECP implementation**

RDS encoders are still only “RDS2 ready”. This term meant that the UECP part dealing with RDS2 has not yet been implemented.

**3.2 RDS Guidelines updating**

A list with themost important RDS 2 issues to start with and its priority will be prepared after this meeting**.**

**4. Update on the French RDS2 projects**

The RDS2 Slideshow is still on air in Nantes. It has been proposed to have later in 2023 a workshop in Nantes, combined with a real road-test for RDS2 for those RDS Forum members interested.

The new French energy saving project ‘Fleximax’ intends to use RDS2. Five French companies are part of the consortium. The project’s main goal is to contribute to France objective to reach a neutral carbon balance in 2050 and a transition to full sustainable energy. During this transition, the need is to control the electrical consumptions in real time. By doing so, a better matching between energy loads and provider constraints is expected. The solution is based on a communication via radio broadcasting and internet. The radio broadcasting may use RDS to broadcast real time commands to the energy loads: end users, companies, collectivities. This critical RDS data could be send via an ODA using RDS2.

**5. RDS-TMC**

As regards the ISO 14819 RDS-TMC standard, other than the addition of two additional event messages there had been no substantive changes since the last update in 2019.

There was a question as to whether the standard referred to the opportunities afforded to TMC by using the additional RDS2 subcarriers, It was confirmed that there was no mention of RDS2 in the current RDS-TMC specification. The Forum agreed that this was surely an oversight by TISA who should be contacted about this, as RDS2 was now recognized by the IEC and ITU.

**6. Liaison with the IEC - RDS standards development**

The updating since 2015 of the restructured RDS standard will soon come to an end. The last part to be updated was Part 6, the compilation of public ODAs. Part 6 will most probably be published in final form by the IEC in the first quarter of 2023.

This will be an important achievement for the RDS Forum.

**7. Liaison with the ITU-R**

In 2021 the RDS Forum liaised with the IEC TC 100 to help ITU-R Study Group 6 (Broadcasting) in the updating the ITU Rec 643-3 (2011) and to include there the RDS2 options as standardised in IEC 62106, Parts 1 to 10. This preliminary version of the new Recommendation was presented to ITU-R Study Group 6, which met in Geneva on 30 September 2022.

Study Group 6 approved the new preliminary Rec. BS.643-4 The ITU-R will now consult its members again and, if no request to change is received within the next months, it will publish it, as approved by Study Group 6.

This will also be an important achievement for the RDS Forum.

**8. Liaison with the NRSC / Recent developments**

David Layer, who was unable to be present at this meeting gave a comprehensive report on activities within the NRSC and the NAB show via a pre-recorded video presentation.

RDS Forum members can look-up the content of this presentation in doc R22/019\_1.

**9. Liaison with the DRM Consortium**

Frits de Jong (RDS Forum Chairman) and Ruxandra Obreja (DRM Consortium Chairman) expressed to the members the expectations for a future cooperation on working together on issues of common interest,

It has been agreed to have a reciprocal institutional membership.

**10. Technical issues concerning the use of DRM in Band II**

The Forum will produce a position paper on the technicalissues to be considered and to be coordinated with the view to harmonize the data applications specified in both, DRM and RDS.

**11. RDS-ODA developments**

Two ‘test AIDs’ would be allocated for trial use of Journaline within RDS2. The respective ODA will now be developed.

**12. RDS2 in Korea**

The RDS Forum was informed that Korea studies since 2021 possibilities for using RDS and RDS2.

**13. RDS – worldwide / RDS implementation and inquiry on national PI code administrators**

As it has previously been noticed that in some country’s transmissions incorrect PI codes outside the allocations in the RDS standard are used, a questionnaire had been produced to establish the responsible authorities in each country, and to make them aware that they were to remain active in allocating and policing PI codes.

**14. RDS eBook project**

All RDS Forum members are invited to contribute and report new developments and issues of common interest to update the last version completed in 2021. This eBook is freely available on the RDS Forum website

**15. EWS –projects**

A position paper shall b e created to inform state authorities in charge of such issues in order to collect more information on what will be required in addition what is already possible with RDS and RDS2.

**16. Date and venue for 2023 meeting**

The meeting agreed that the 2023 meeting would again be held at the Geneva Lake Hotel, in Geneva (Versoix) on 9 and 10October.