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## Meeting Plenary Highlights

### (1) *Electromagnetic Spectrum Coexistence and Codesign*

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### (2) *Fast Radio Bursts and the Discovery of Missing Matter*

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## COMMISSION A, Electromagnetic Metrology

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### TOPICS

*Antennas*  
*Bioeffects and medical applications*  
*EM-field metrology*  
*EMC and EM pollution*  
*Impulse radar*  
*Interconnect and packaging*  
*Materials*  
*Microwave to submillimeter measurements/standards*  
*Millimeter-wave and sub-mm wave communications*  
*Noise*  
*Planar structures and microstrip circuits*  
*Quantum metrology and fundamental concepts*  
*Time and frequency*  
*Time domain metrology*

## COMMISSION B, Fields and Waves

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### TOPICS

*Antenna arrays*  
*Antenna theory, design and measurements*  
*Cognitive radio*  
*Complex media (metamaterials, bandgap structures, biological and geophysical media, and others)*  
*Educational methods and tools*  
*Electromagnetic interaction and coupling*  
*Guided waves and waveguiding structures*  
*High-frequency techniques*  
*Inverse scattering and remote sensing*  
*Microstrip and printed devices and antennas*  
*Nano-electromagnetics*  
*Nonlinear electromagnetics*  
*Numerical methods (differential- and integral-equation based, hybrid and other techniques)*  
*Propagation phenomena and effects*  
*Rough surfaces and random media*

*Scattering*  
*Theoretical electromagnetics*  
*Transient fields, effects, and systems*  
*Ultra-wideband electromagnetics*  
*Wireless communications*

## COMMISSION C, Radio-communication Systems and Signal Processing

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### TOPICS

*Cognitive radio*  
*Computational imaging and inverse methods*  
*Distributed sensor networks*  
*Physics-based signal processing*  
*Radar systems*  
*Radar target detection, localization, and tracking*  
*Sensor array processing and calibration*  
*Signal processing for radar remote sensing*  
*Statistical signal processing of waves in random media*  
*Synthetic aperture and space-time processing*

## COMMISSION D, Electronics and Photonics

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### TOPICS

*Electronic devices, circuits, and applications*  
*Photonic devices, circuits, and applications*  
*Physics, materials, CAD, technology and reliability of electronic and photonic devices, in radio science and telecommunications*  
*Wide bandgap materials*

**Abstract / Summary Submissions  
and  
Student Paper Competition Submissions  
are due by  
September 19, 2016  
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## COMMISSION E, Electromagnetic Environment and Interference

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### TOPICS

*Communication in the presence of noise*  
*Effects of natural and intentional emissions on system performance*  
*Electromagnetic compatibility in: computational electromagnetics, education, measurement technologies, standards, and radiation hazards*  
*High-power electromagnetic effects of transients on electronic systems*  
*Spectrum management and utilization*

## COMMISSION F, Wave Propagation and Remote Sensing

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### TOPICS

*Point-to-point propagation effects:*  
*Measurements*                      *Mobile/fixed paths*  
*Propagation models*                *Horizontal/slant paths*  
*Multipath/mitigation*               *Surface/atmosphere interactions*  
*Land or water paths*                *Numerical weather prediction*  
*Scattering/diffraction*              *Dispersion/delay*  
*Indoor/outdoor links*               *Natural/man-made structures*  
*Microwave remote sensing of the earth:*  
*Atmospheric sensing*               *Ocean and ice sensing*  
*Field campaigns*                    *Interferometry and SAR*  
*Subsurface sensing*                 *Scattering/diffraction*  
*Radiation and emission*           *Propagation effects*  
*Urban environments*                *Soil moisture & terrain*  
*Propagation and remote sensing in complex and random media*

## COMMISSION G, Ionospheric Radio and Propagation

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### TOPICS

*Ionospheric imaging*  
*Ionospheric morphology*  
*Ionospheric modeling and data assimilation*  
*Meteoroids and orbital debris*  
*Radar and radio techniques for ionospheric diagnostics*  
*Space weather – radio effects*  
*Transionospheric radio propagation and systems effects*

## COMMISSION H, Waves in Plasmas

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### TOPICS

*Chaos and turbulence in plasmas*  
*Plasma instabilities*  
*Spacecraft-plasma interactions*  
*Solar/planetary-plasma interactions*  
*Space as a research laboratory*  
*Wave-wave and wave-particle interactions*  
*Waves in space and laboratory plasmas*

## COMMISSION J, Radio Astronomy

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### TOPICS

*Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization*  
*New Telescopes, Techniques and Technology*  
*Next Generation Very Large Array*  
*Observatory Reports*  
*Planetary Remote Sensing*  
*Timely Technical Tutorials*

## COMMISSION K, Electromagnetics in Biology and Medicine

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### TOPICS

*Biological effects*  
*Dosimetry and exposure assessment*  
*Electromagnetic imaging and sensing applications*  
*Human body interactions with antennas and other electromagnetic devices*  
*Therapeutic, rehabilitative and other biomedical applications*

## ERNEST K. SMITH USNC-URSI STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Prizes will be awarded to three student papers. Awards will be made for First Prize in the amount of \$1000, Second Prize at \$750, and Third Prize at \$500. The deadline for submission of **full papers** on the meeting website is **September 19, 2016**. Please see [www.nrsmboulder.org](http://www.nrsmboulder.org) for additional information, or contact the Student Paper Chair, Prof. Erdem Topsakal, Dept. of ECE, Virginia Commonwealth University, [etopsakal@vcu.edu](mailto:etopsakal@vcu.edu). Student papers and awards will be presented at the Plenary Session on Thursday morning, January 5, 2017. Student Paper Competition participants will have the option of submitting their full papers for publication in a special section of the journal *Radio Science*.

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## ABSTRACT AND SUMMARY SUBMISSION

The organizers of this meeting require the use of electronic submission. Details and instructions may be found at the conference website, [www.nrsmboulder.org](http://www.nrsmboulder.org). Authors may choose to submit to special sessions in addition to the general topics listed above. A list of special sessions will be available on the conference website. All abstracts or summaries must be submitted online by **Monday, September 19, 2016**. If you have any questions on abstract/summary submission or the technical program, please direct them to the USNC-URSI Secretary, Sembiam Rengarajan, at [srengarajan@csun.edu](mailto:srengarajan@csun.edu). Abstracts must have a minimum of 250 words. You will not be able to submit an abstract that does not meet the minimum length requirements. After abstract or summary submission is complete, please note that registration is required to attend any session of the meeting or to present a paper. More information about USNC-URSI is available at [www.usnc-ursi.org](http://www.usnc-ursi.org).

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