

CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF IUCAF: THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON  
FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS FOR RADIO ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCE  
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Considering that for research in radio astronomy and space science it is essential to have the use of adequate frequency bands that are sufficiently protected from interference with scientific observations, ICSU established, under URSI as Parent Union, an Inter-Union Commission between URSI and IAU in conjunction with COSPAR with no more than twelve representatives from the adhering bodies and the Counselor of Study Group 7 (Science Services) of the Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU-R) as a member *ex-officio*. For specific issues the Commission, now known as IUCAF: The Scientific Committee on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Science, has the power to co-opt not more than three *ad hoc* members not representing the constituent bodies.

IUCAF is managed by a Chair, a Vice Chair, and the immediate past Chair as an advisor. Each member's term is three years, which is renewable. The Chair's term is also three years, renewable up to two terms.

The terms of reference are as follows:

- a) To study the requirements for frequency bands and radio frequency protection for research in the fields of radio astronomy and space science;
- b) To co-ordinate these requirements for the three constituent bodies which may set up special committees for this purpose;
- c) To formulate proposals for frequency allocations which are adequate to meet these requirements;
- d) To bring these proposals to the attention of the appropriate national frequency allocation authorities with the assistance of the national member bodies which may establish joint national committees for this purpose;
- e) To initiate necessary action to get these proposals placed on the agenda of the ITU;
- f) To initiate such other action as is deemed appropriate under the charter of ICSU to ensure favourable action on these proposals by the ITU-R and ITU;
- g) To note that any formal communication from IUCAF to ITU-R or ITU will be sent on behalf of the three bodies by the IUCAF Chair.

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CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INTER-UNION COMMISSION ON  
FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS FOR RADIO ASTRONOMY AND SPACE SCIENCE (IUCAF)

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Considering that for research in radio astronomy and space science it is urgently necessary to have the use of an adequate number of frequency channels that are sufficiently protected from interference with scientific observations, ICSU established, under URSI as Parent Union, an Inter-Union Commission between URSI and IAU in conjunction with COSPAR, with no more than four representatives of each of the adhering bodies; with the Secretary of the Commission as full member ex officio. The Commission will have the power to co-opt not more than three members not representing the constituent bodies.

The terms of reference are as follows:

- a) To study the requirements for frequency channels and radio frequency protection for research in the fields of radio astronomy and space science;
- b) To co-ordinate these requirements for the three constituent bodies which may set up special committees for this purpose;
- c) To formulate proposals for frequency allocations which are adequate to meet these requirements;
- d) To bring these proposals to the attention of the appropriate national frequency allocation authorities with the assistance of the national member bodies which may establish joint national committees for this purpose;
- e) To initiate necessary action to get these proposals placed on the agenda of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU);
- f) To initiate such other action as is deemed appropriate under the charter of ICSU to ensure favourable action on these proposals by the International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) and ITU;
- g) To note that any formal communication from the Commission to CCIR or ITU will be sent on behalf of the three bodies by the Secretary of the Inter-Union Commission on Frequency Allocations for Radio Astronomy and Space Science.