

Dear WWRF Members,

Once again, it's time to look back and review what's happened over the 12 months.

This year, we've held a number of online events, including our 45th meeting, hosted by Wirahswasta from Malaysia, and we were able to run the 46th meeting, hosted by Huawei in Paris, as a hybrid meeting, which thanks to the efforts of the technical teams who worked very smoothly to create a good working atmosphere for those present and on line.

A major activity for us this year has been the opportunity to take part in the second phase of the independent evaluation of IMT-2020 technologies for the ITU. The WWRF Independent Evaluation Group simulated the performance of DECT and EUHT technologies against the ITU's requirements, and made a major contribution to the decisions made. Detailed results were published as two editions of WWRF Outlook, available on our website.

I'm also happy to report that we are continuing to work with ITU on the next phase of evaluation of IMT-2020 technologies, and our application for full membership of ITU will allow us to work more extensively with them in future.

Recent new members include individual members Akshay Jain of Neutron Technologies S.L. and Manoj Mittal from India, and TII from Abu Dhabi who have joined as our latest sponsor member. We welcome them all and it's good to see them already strongly involved in our activities. Don't forget that by recommending someone to become a member, you can get a discount on your next membership fee.

We also appointed Dr Chih-Lin I, head of research at China Mobile, as our latest Fellow

We have a busy 2022 planned. The major events will include the 8th iteration of our well supported WWRF Huddle. This time it will take place in Ottawa on the 10-11 May and will feature the usual high-level high-quality programme. Associated WWRF workshop will take place before and after the Huddle, covering ehealth for remote regions and connected vehicles.

Our regular WWRF meetings will be held in Bristol, UK, in June and at TII in Abu Dhabi in November. Given the ongoing Covid situation, these will both be run as hybrid events. We look forward to hearing your suggestions for themes and sessions, and receiving your contributions to these meetings.

I look forward to exciting challenges for us in 2022.

Nigel Jefferies

WWRF Chairman