



**XXIX General Assembly  
of the International Union of Radio Science  
*Union Radio Scientifique Internationale***

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151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601, USA

***First Announcement***

The XXIX General Assembly of the International Union of Radio Science (Union Radio Scientifique Internationale-URSI) will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel in downtown Chicago, Illinois, USA on August 07-16, 2008.

The General Assemblies of URSI are held at intervals of three years to review current research trends, present new discoveries and make plans for future research and special projects in all areas of radio science, especially where international cooperation is desirable. The first Assembly was held in Brussels, Belgium in 1922 and the latest in New Delhi, India in 2005. Assemblies were held in the USA on three previous occasions: in Washington, D.C. in 1927 and 1981, and in Boulder, Colorado in 1957.

The XXIX General Assembly will have a scientific program organized around the ten Commissions of URSI and consisting of plenary lectures, public lectures, tutorials, invited and contributed papers. In addition, there will be workshops, short courses, special programs for young scientists and graduate students, and programs for accompanying persons. More than 1,500 scientists from more than fifty countries are expected to participate in the Assembly.

The Call for Papers will be issued in mid 2007, will be published in the *Radio Science Bulletin* and in the *IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine*, and will be posted on the URSI website. It is expected that all contributions should be received by the end of January 2008 and that Authors will be notified of the disposition of their submissions by the end of March 2008.

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### Preliminary information

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be devoted to tutorials, and to graduate student presentations.

Detailed information on the scientific program and on abstract submissions will be available toward the end of April 2007. All abstracts will be received electronically at URSI Headquarters, Gent, Belgium. A web site with current information on the XXIX General Assembly is available at: [www.ece.uic.edu/2008ursiga](http://www.ece.uic.edu/2008ursiga)