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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

COMMISSION C, Radio-communication Systems and Signal Processing
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TOPICS
- Addressing digital divide through radiocommunication systems
- Artificial intelligence/Machine learning for RF systems
- Cognitive radio
- Computational imaging and inverse methods
- Computational resource management
- Distributed sensor networks
- Dynamic spectrum networks
- Physics-based signal processing
- Quantum RF theory/Technologies/Applications
- Radar systems
- Radar target detection, localization, and tracking
- RF spectrum convergence/Harmony/Maneuver
- Sensor array processing and calibration
- Signal processing for radar remote sensing
- Software-defined and cognitive radio/Radar/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
- THz electronics
- Reconfigurable RF

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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
Signal and power integrity
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
Space environment modeling and forecasting
Wave-wave and wave-particle interactions
Waves in space and laboratory plasmas

COMMISSION J, Radio Astronomy
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TOPICS
Next generation very large array (ngVLA)
The quest for characterizing the low-frequency sky and detecting the epoch of reionization
Digital signal processing technology for very long baseline interferometry
New telescopes, techniques, and technology
Observatory reports
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

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