

CONCORDAT ON RESEARCH ISSUES

- 1 The Independent Television Commission (ITC) and the Radiocommunications Agency (RA) are both engaged in engineering research projects. The former covers research related to television and new media, the latter covers wider spectrum management issues which might include television and new media.
- 2 In the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding established by the five existing bodies going into OFCOM, ITC and RA have agreed to:
 - co-operate fully in the development of engineering research policy;
 - share results of all research projects of mutual interest to both bodies;
 - meet regularly to ensure that there is complete transparency and a harmonious approach towards research interests with neither overlap nor neglect any important areas of common interest;
 - participate jointly in programmes of common interest where this is feasible;
 - involve the Radio Authority and/or OFTEL where there is any overlap with the engineering activities of those regulators;
 - co-ordinate the presentation of research results to national and international bodies;
 - ensure that contractors (some of whom might be engaged for both organisations) understand the joined up nature of the relationship;
 - ensure that the respective web sites offer effective links between the two programmes.
- 3 Gary Tonge, Director of Technology at the ITC, is a member of the RA's Radio Research Advisory Committee. The ITC does not have a comparable external advisory committee structure for its engineering research but will ensure that relevant RA staff are fully consulted during the development of research proposals. There will be meetings at working level every four months to review the respective programmes to ensure that the above principles are being met.

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