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1 Introduction

This report covers the period between PCG#6 and PCG#7 and contains detailed information concerning the implementation of TSG results and MCC performance.

2 The Support Team

2.1 MCC Departures

There have been no departures from MCC since PCG#6. However, some departures are in the pipeline and suitable replacements will need to be found.

2.2 MCC Arrivals

During this period, **Andrijana Jurisic** (VIP-NET) has joined the team and has been assigned the task of supporting CN2. (Per Johan Jorgensen, who had previously supported CN2, now takes care of CN1). Her picture is given below will help you to recognise her.



2.3 MCC Vacancies

There are currently no specific vacancies within MCC and every working group has assigned resources to assist in their work. However, some vacancies will occur towards the end of 2001 with some seconded experts expected to have returned to their home organizations by that time.

2.4 Organization of MCC

The figure given below shows the allocation of resources to each entity with 3GPP and is a snapshot taken on 3 September. It can be seen that the recent structural changes in GERAN have now been reflected in the chart, but the final decision on the support of the new GERAN working groups is still under discussion. This chart is regularly maintained and the latest version may always be obtained from the 3GPP website at <http://www.3gpp.org/>

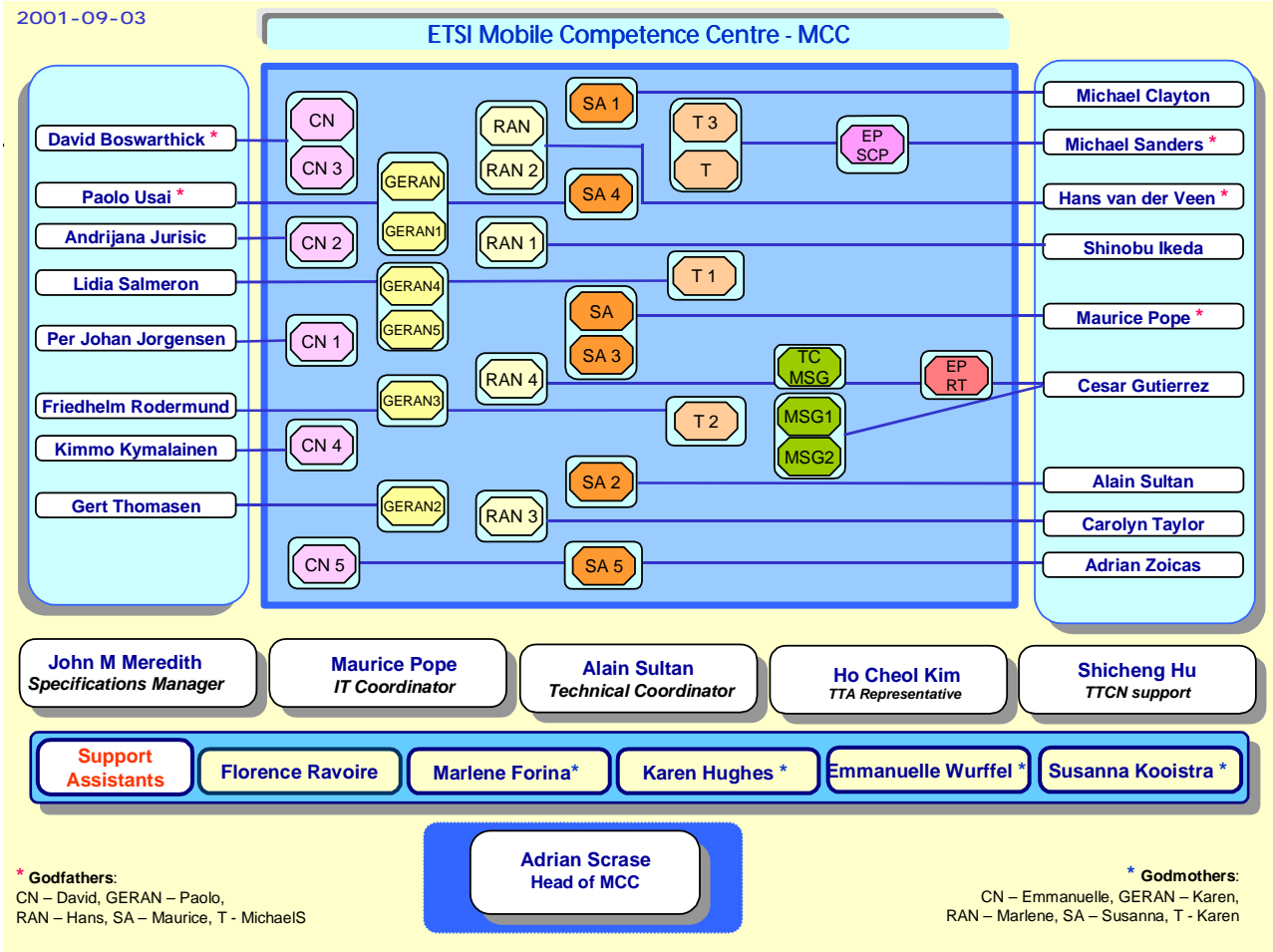


Figure 1: MCC Organizational Chart

3 Statistics and meeting targets

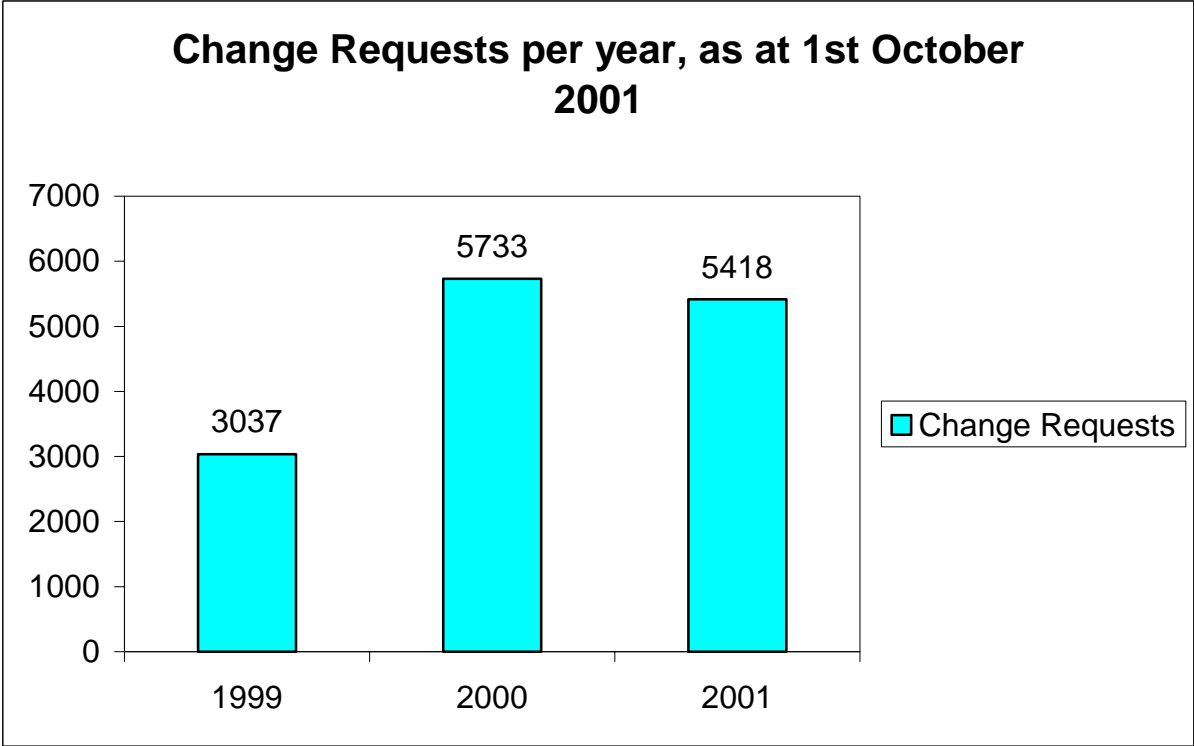
3.1 Interesting statistics

At the close of TSG#13, and with the advent of Release 4, MCC are now managing 2113 active specifications. The distribution of those specifications looks as follows:

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
3G Specifications	520
GSM Specifications	1289
Common Specifications	304
TOTAL SPECIFICATIONS	2113

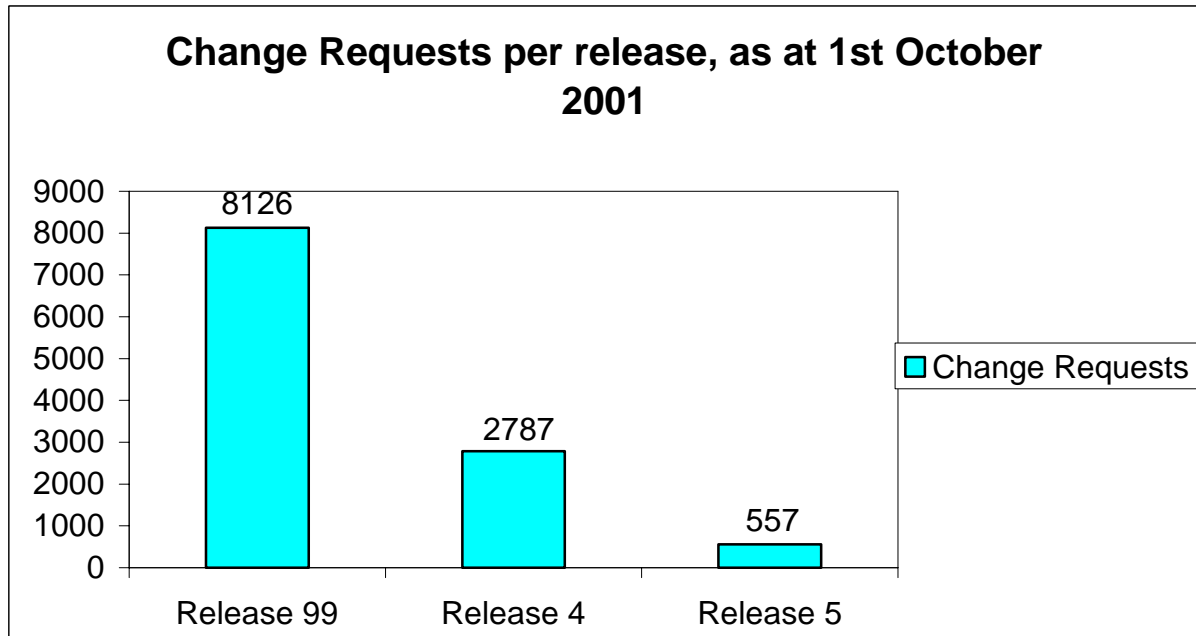
The number of change requests for these specifications continues to be high. When looking at the trend of approved change requests the following picture emerges:

CLASSIFICATION	CRs in 1999	CRs in 2000	CRs in 2001 (up to Sept)
3G Specifications	561	2931	2744
GSM Specifications	1906	1559	1646
Common Specifications	570	1243	1028
TOTAL	3037	5733	5418



When looking at the distribution of CRs across the different 3GPP Releases, the following picture emerges:

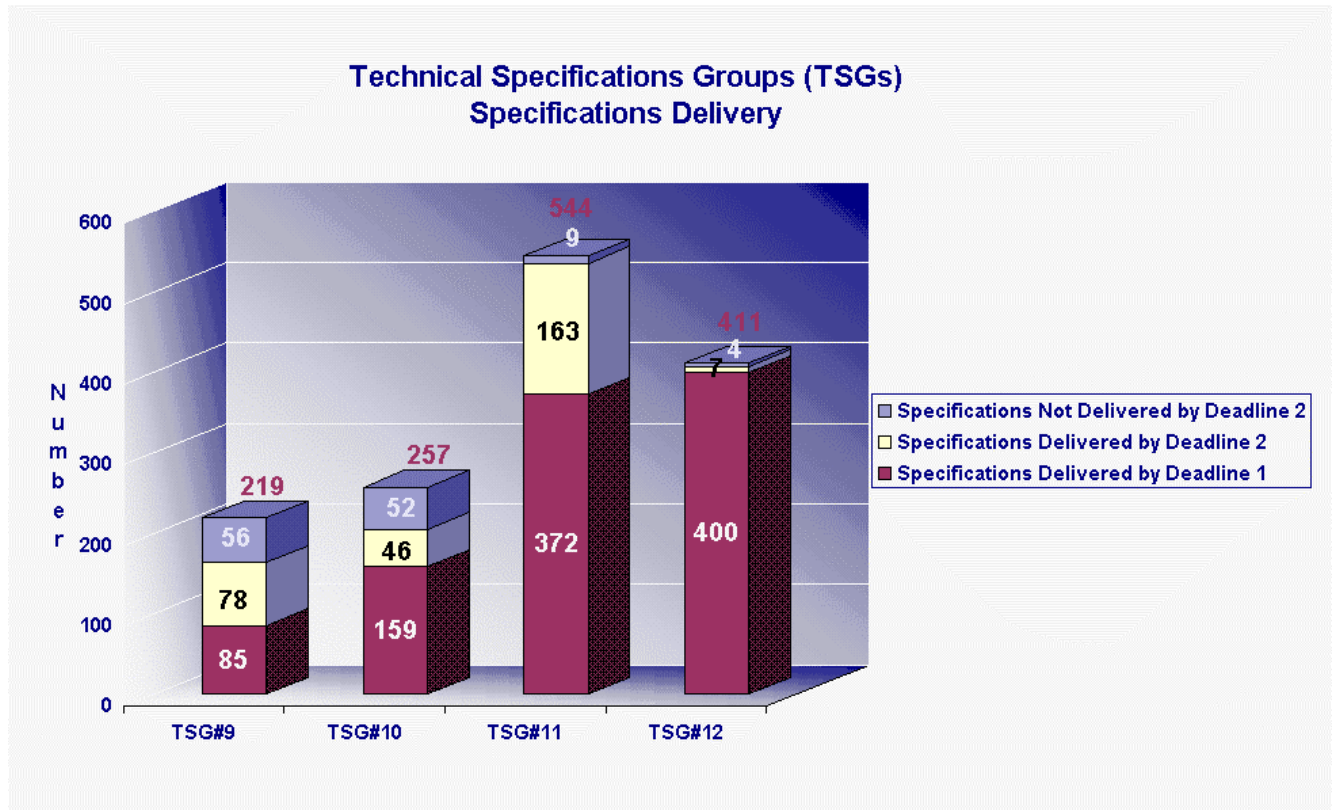
CLASSIFICATION	CRs in 1999	CRs in 2000	CRs in 2001 (up to Sept)	TOTAL
Rel 99 Specifications	1315	4662	2151	8126
Rel-4 Specifications		455	2332	2787
Rel-5 Specifications		36	521	557
TOTAL	1315	5153	5004	



3.2 MCC performance

The MCC task having the highest priority continues to be the implementation of Change Requests and the delivery of the revised specifications within the shortest possible time. Of course, inherent in the demand for a fast turnaround of the specifications is the need for absolute accuracy.

At previous meetings a detailed analysis of performance has been presented to demonstrate that improvement actions had been effective. At this TSG meeting it is only necessary to consider the overall performance improvements since TSG#9. This is depicted in the chart below. (You will remember that the default targets are for 90% of the change requests to have been implemented within 2 weeks and 100% within 3 weeks of the close of TSG SA). It can be seen that the percentage of specifications processed within two weeks of the TSG meetings has improved from 38% at TSG#9 to 97% at TSG#12. It is hoped that the number of errors has not increased as a result of this improvement action (although measuring the number of errors is not that easy). The challenge for MCC is now to maintain this improved level of performance.



3.3 Chairman's Satisfaction Survey

In order to obtain an indication of how satisfied TSG and WG Chairmen and Vice Chairmen are with the services provided by MCC, a survey has been undertaken. Following a request made during TSG#12 the number of responses rose to an impressive 70% when compared to the 48% response received for a similar survey undertaken in year 2000. The overall satisfaction rating for the survey was 81,5 % when compared to a rating of 79,3 % for the year 2000 survey.

The survey indicated that, in general, Chairmen are satisfied with the quantity and quality of the support that they receive. There were a number of complementary remarks which were of course pleasing to receive, but the real purpose of the survey was to extract improvement ideas and in this respect the survey was successful.

One common observation concerned the quality and quantity of the 3GPP website. This has led to an immediate improvement action, and following an in depth analysis of the wishes of the community the site has been completely overhauled during the summer months. It is expected that the new site will go live on 6 October and hopefully it will meet with your approval.

Another common complaint concerned the different methods deployed within the working groups and the need for these to be harmonized. MCC have been aware of this problem for some time but will now take a much more proactive approach to harmonize document templates, report formats, etc to the extent that each working group is willing to conform. This will not be a quick fix, but will require a much more concerted effort over a period of time.

A comprehensive report of the survey results will be prepared in the near future and will be posted on the 3GPP web site.

4 Working methods

4.1 Wireless LANs at TSG meetings

TSG#11 decided that from March 2002 onwards access to the meeting server will be possible by wireless means only. **This target date is being maintained and thus the TSGs should be fully wireless by 1Q 2001.**

4.2 DVD containing GSM document archives

A DVD has been created which contains the reports of every GSM/SMG plenary meeting from 1983 to 2000 (meetings No.1 to No.32), plus all Temporary Documents from meetings No.6 to No.32. Priced at 85 EUR, the DVD may be obtained from the ETSI Publications Office (contact Gabriella Vincent on +33 4 92 94 42 41 or e-mail: publications@etsi.fr).

4.3 DVD of 3GPP TSG Documentation

3GPP delegates have requested that a DVD archive be provided after each TSG meeting. In response to this request, MCC has made available a DVD following the TSG#13 (September 2001) which contains all documents, draft meeting reports, and revised specifications. Depending on the response to this service, a decision will be made on whether to continue with such a service in the future.

5 Concluding remarks

MCC has adhered to the budget assigned to it during year 2001 and has maintained a reasonable level of service despite the rising workload. The challenge for 2002 will be to maintain that same level of service.