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1 Introduction

This brief report gives details of the development which have taken place within MCC since TSG#6 (Nice, December 1999).

2 Financial Resources

The 3GPP Organizational Partners have approved the year 2000 budget for MCC which takes into account the support demands from the TSGs. The approved budget is given in the table below. This budget will allow the existing support levels to be maintained in year 2000 and includes agreed funding for all specific tasks requested by the TSGs at the end of 1999.

Approved MCC 3G Support budget for year 2000

Resource description	Resource estimate (kEuro)
ETSI officers	750
ETSI assistants	245
Contracted experts	1890
Accommodation and building maintenance	155
Travel and subsistence	800
Administration	50
Publicity and Promotions	75
IT servers and maintenance	30
IT PCs/laptops	45
Telecommunications	40
Contingency	640
Total	4720

Approved budget for MCC 3G Task Forces in year 2000

Task description	Resource estimate (kEuro)
Encryption algorithm (actual cost)	344,7
AMR characterization	55,0
USIM testing	144,0
3G UE test description for release 99	108,0
TTCN for MS interoperability	936,0 (312 in 2000)
Total	1587,7 (963,7 in 2000)

3 Allocation of resources

3.1 Departures

During this reporting period **Ian Doig** and **Carole Rodriguez** have departed from MCC. (Note: a relationship between these two departures is not implied!)

3.2 Arrivals

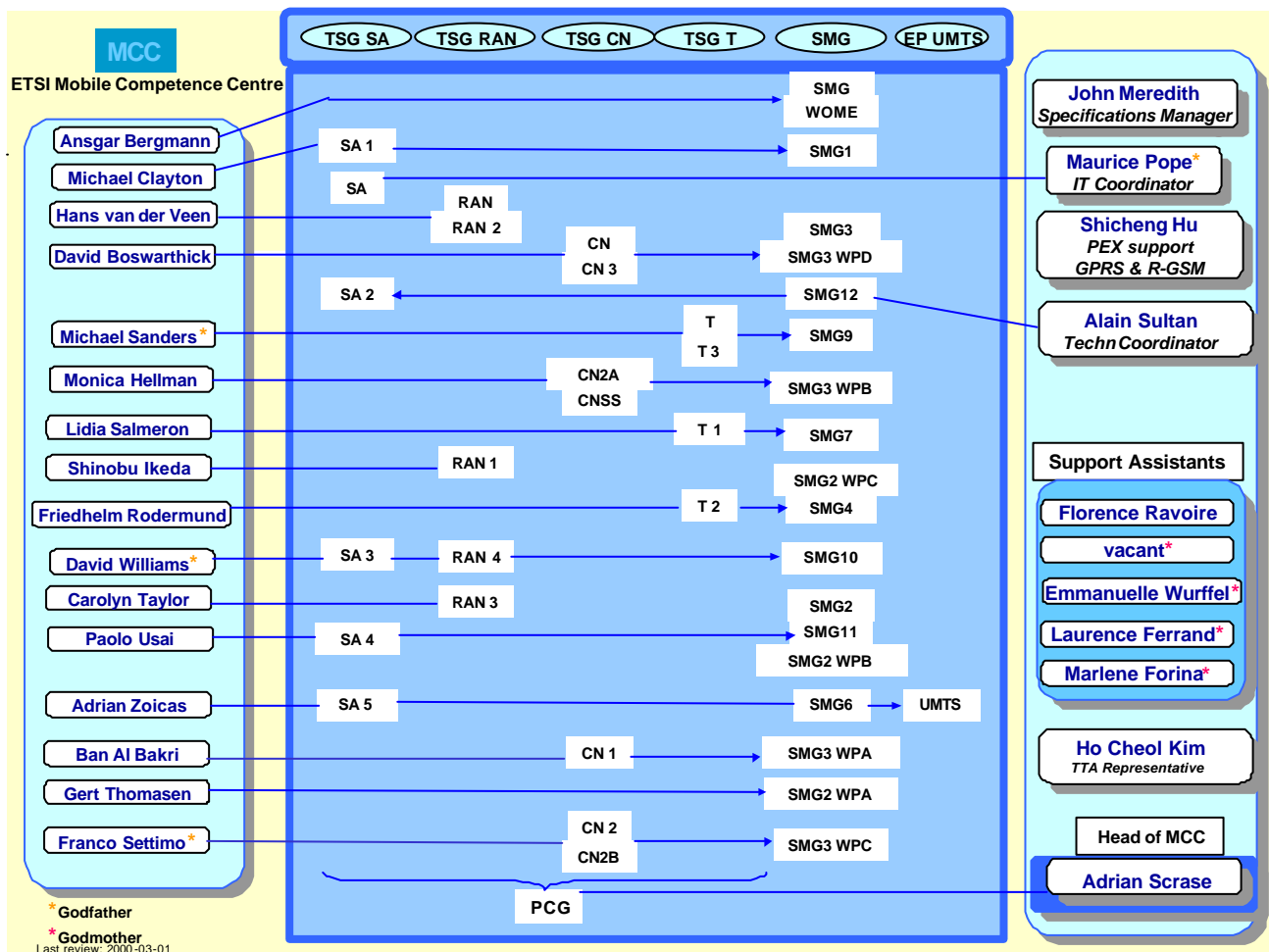
2 new persons have joined MCC as follows:

John Meredith has become part of the team and will take up most of the functions previously being performed by Ian Doig. John is a long standing member of the ETSI Secretariat and brings with him considerable knowledge of the standardization process.

Gert Thomsen has joined the team as a contracted expert to take care of SMG2 WPA. SMG2 demands a large amount of support resources and Gert has been contracted to reduce the unreasonable hours previously being worked by some members of the team. The support to SMG2 WPA will be a full time work load for one expert.

Following the departure of Carole Rodriguez a successor has now been found. **Karen Hughes** will join MCC shortly as part of the assistants team. Karen is a well experienced member of ETSI staff and will be a real asset to the team.

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4 MCC Task Forces

At the request of the TSGs, three Task Forces are currently in preparation for USIM testing, 3G UE test description for release 99, and TTCN for MS interoperability.

Calls for Experts have been widely circulated to all Organizational Partners and have been posted on the 3GPP web site with a closing date of end March. The initial response is promising, and after the closing date a selection process will be undertaken in conjunction with the relevant TSG officials.

Funding has been secured for the 3G AMR characterization tests and this work can commence once a work plan has been prepared.

During TSG#7 a request has been received for approximately 200 kEuro for the preparation of a 3G authentication algorithm. This request will be passed to the Partners for their consideration.

5 3GPP Web site

MCC has spent some effort in trying to improve the 3GPP web site, by adding new features and additional information. A record is kept of the number of hits per day and these show that the site is being heavily used. The maintenance of the site is resource consuming and MCC is conscious of the need to meet the expectations of Individual members. Feedback would be appreciated (both good and bad) to help ensure that expectations are met.

6 Is MCC providing the right service?

The support budget for MCC is not insignificant and it is essential to make sure that TSG and WG Chairmen are receiving the support that they expect and require. A satisfaction survey will be undertaken shortly and all Chairmen are kindly requested to participate. This will enable the paymasters to ensure that the resources are being used appropriately and may lead to improvements if required. Such a measurement of satisfaction is also required to meet the requirements of the ISO 9000 quality system. It is hoped that Chairmen will be honest and fair in completing the survey.