

3GPP TSG T2 Election of Chairman

Vodafone Group is pleased to propose Ian Harris for election to the T2 Chair and, if he is elected, to provide him with all the means necessary to fulfil the role.

A Curriculum Vitae for Ian with particular references to his current work and background relevant to this proposal will be found in an associated document – CV-I.HARRIS-3GPP-T2.

Ian was in 1987 one of the founder members of what became ETSI SMG4 and has participated in ETSI – GSM – 3GPP standards work ever since.

He has been Vice Chairman of ETSI SMG4 and Vice Chairman of ETSI SMG4 DGMH. He is currently Chairman of T2-SWG3.

Vodafone considers Ian to be an excellent candidate for a very important role.



Professor Michael Walker
R&D Director, Vodafone Group



Alan Cox
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Curriculum Vitae for Ian Harris with regard to Vodafone Group's proposal for his election to 3GPP TSG T2 chair

Ian has been with Vodafone since 1984 and has been responsible for the introduction of many of the Value Added Services into the Vodafone Network. He has a good Commercial and Technical understanding of the Mobile Telephony business and brings this long-standing experience to the standards committees.

He was in 1987 one of the founder members of what became ETSI SMG4 and has attended every ETSI SMG4 and every 3GPP TSG T2 meeting since then almost without exception.

He has had particular responsibilities for standards work for data, RLP, facsimile, SMS and CBS and of late MMS. He has been Vice Chairman of ETSI SMG4 and Vice Chairman of ETSI DGMH whose primary responsibilities were for SMS and Cell Broadcast.

He is currently Chairman of T2-SWG3 responsible for MMS and is the rapporteur for the SMS and CBS 3GPP specifications.

Ian values highly the need for standardisation whilst recognising the need to allow vendors adequate room to differentiate their products from each other.

Ian is very approachable and is always willing to listen to the views and advice of others.

He recognises other people's strengths and encourages and supports them in taking an active role in their particular area of expertise.

Ian is known for his fair but firm manner. His management style is assertive rather than aggressive. He personally accepts responsibility and accountability.

In the event of conflict, he always endeavours to strike a workable compromise whilst upholding the need for common sense and not sacrificing quality or professionalism.

Ian is determined and has an acute awareness of time management. He strives hard to fulfil commitments but is unafraid of delaying proceedings in the interest of achieving the best result.

Ian is a Eur.Eng. a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. He has a background in hardware and software design in airborne electronics, data processing and offshore industries that have required Ian to achieve high engineering standards for these demanding environments.

Ian values highly the need for professional engineering practices and always strives to uphold the values of the engineering profession.