March 22nd 2003 meeting report of the AES Technical Committee on Audio for Telecommunications.

A meeting of the AES Technical Committee on Audio for Telecommunications was held on March 22nd 2003 at 12:40 PM at the RAI Congress Centre Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The meeting took place during the 114th convention of the Audio Engineering Society.

In Attendance were: Bob Zurek, Andrew Bright, Oliver Sampson, Steve Dobbs, Miikko Vilermo, Poju Antsalo, Gunther Burghardt, Michael Howes, Richard Barham, Claus P. Nielsen, Carie Zhrasovec, and Peter Isberg.

The meeting began with a roll call, and then proceeded into news of the technical committee. The soon to be published Trends in Audio for Telecommunication report was discussed, as well as the impending Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements of cellular phones. The list of telecom related audio standards that was recently added to the committee website was also discussed.

The meeting continued with discussion of the next day’s workshop on “Handset and Headset Testing – Beyond narrowband” sponsored by the TC on Audio for Telecommunications. Discussion then turned to future workshops with the two most promising ideas being a workshop on audio standards for telecom tentatively slated for the 115th convention in New York, and a micro-loudspeaker workshop for the 116th convention in Berlin. There was talk about possibly teaming with the TC on Loudspeakers and Headphones for the micro-loudspeaker workshop.

After opening up the discussion to other issues from the floor, the meeting was adjourned.

Bob Zurek
Chairman