

- 1) The PMSE community would like to see more ‘joined up thinking’ with regards to spectrum policy. For example while SE7 is preparing a report on possible co-existence of wireless microphones in the frequency band 1492-1518 MHz both the European Commission and Ofcom UK – along with several other National Administrations) will be going into World Radio Conference 2015 (WRC-15) in favour of the entire L-Band (1427-1518 MHz) being identified as a candidate spectrum band for mobile use. These two positions would appear to be incompatible.
- 2) The pace of change in spectrum management and allocations has never before been this fast moving. Extreme caution is required on behalf of spectrum policy makers in order to ensure that existing services are not disadvantaged by the ‘rush to mobile’.
- 3) Serious questions need to be asked about the veracity of the mobile sector’s claims with regards to their need for ever more spectrum. During his presentation Professor Fisher clearly showed that just allocating ever more spectrum to the mobile sector will not be able to meet their own claims of growth in data demand. Other solutions, rather than just giving more and more spectrum to the mobile sector, need to be identified.
- 4) The current production environment is ‘out there’ working every day. It’s real and it produces exciting content that citizens want to consume. The creative sector employs many thousands of people and generates large amounts of revenue and tax for Governments. Spectrum policy should not be permitted to destroy that production environment.
- 5) The APWPT is very encouraged Administrations and the European Commission are represented here today. PMSE has never before been more visible within these types of organisations. And it’s very good news that within these organisations, in particular Ofcom UK, that work is going on to try to ensure a future for PMSE. However, it should be noted that Administrations and the Commission are labyrinthine organisations with, understandably, differences of opinion on which services should take preference.
- 6) With regards to geo-location databases, we should be mindful of who runs them and for whom? We were recently informed in the UK that protection for wireless cameras will be directly under Ofcom UK’s control whereas protection for audio PMSE will be provided by the database providers. This situation has the potential to become problematic in the future. PMSE is not their ‘customer’. Yes, the database providers will have to conform to strict rules handed down by Ofcom, but how long will they stick to them? There could be conflict ahead.
- 7) And to come full circle, we should all remember that before content can be distributed across any network be it DTT, satellite or mobile, it has to be created. Administrators and the Commission, please, please do not lose sight of this. Situated as it is, at the very forefront of the production chain, if PMSE is not permitted to do what it does, then everybody else downstream will suffer.