

ABU TECHNICAL BUREAU MID-YEAR MEETING

23-24 APRIL 2024



The ABU Technical Department organised the ABU Technical Bureau Mid-Year Meeting on April 23 to 24 at the Hualuxe Beijing Xinan Hotel in China. Hosted by RTPRC (NRTA), the meeting was conducted in hybrid mode.

The meeting was chaired by Chairman of the ABU Technical Committee **Mr Masashi Kamei** of NHK-Japan, and joined by Vice-Chairman, **Mr Sheng Zhifan** of RTPRC (NRTA) – China. The in-person attendees included representatives from NHK–Japan, PB-India, Mediacorp-Singapore, and IRIB-Iran. Remote participants joined from VOV Vietnam, RTM Malaysia, NTV Nepal, PB India, KBS Korea, and Phoenix Hong Kong, China.

During his opening remarks, ABU Secretary-General **Mr Ahmed**

Nadeem provided an overview of the comprehensive three-year plans crafted for the technical bureau, focusing on initiatives aimed at enhancing members' activities within the organisation. He also elaborated on the broader strategic plans for ABU, emphasising the streamlining of the General Assembly for improved efficiency and effectiveness.

The meeting commenced with the introduction of the new Technical Bureau members, followed by updates on various projects from their respective organisations. Followed by updates from all members on the current situation, this information sharing exercise proved beneficial to members, allowing them to learn from experiences by others and appreciate the situation of other members. The bureau was

presented with the activity report led by **Dr Veyssel Binbay**, Director of ABU Technology. Amongst the items presented was a review of TB tasks and actions, which included updates on different activities, one of which was the DBS2024. The 4-day symposium attracted about 1000 attendees among 300 organisations from 50 countries. DBS2024 had received an incredible amount of support from participants, industry partners, and sponsors who were interested in the event.

The discussion about DBS continued emphasising on the strategies to enhance involvement and input from TB members. Dr Veyssel Binbay provided insights into ABU's initiatives to establish a special session tailored for TB members at the upcoming DBS event. Additionally, various approaches



for addressing vacant TB seats were explored during the discussion.

During the meeting, a significant topic of discussion revolved around a questionnaire that had been provided by the Chairman. This questionnaire was circulated prior to the bureau meeting, aimed to gather insights on the practices of TV and radio broadcasting within each respective organisation. It served as a valuable platform for sharing experiences and engaging in discussions regarding the variations in organisational practices.

Reports on Study Topic Areas were presented by designated chairpersons: **Mr P Das** from PB-India on Training & Services, **Mr Yuji Nagata** from NHK-Japan on Distribution, and **Dr Li Leilei** from RTPRC (NRTA) – China on Spectrum, though Dr. Li was not in attendance.

Finally, the members reviewed and discussed the schedule for the upcoming annual Technical Bureau and Technical Committee meetings. These important meetings are scheduled to take place during the General Assembly, which is set to be held in

the vibrant city of Istanbul, Türkiye, in the month of October. The meeting concluded with the Director of ABU Technology expressing gratitude to the hosts and attendees for their valuable contributions and participation. ■

