

ISCe India SatCom Forum @ INFOCOM

Program

The theme of the ISCe India SatCom Forum @ INFOCOM is "Inclusion and e-Connectivity via Satellites" in recognition of growing role of this medium in the fast pace development sweeping throughout this region. The one-day conference will be inaugurated by a recognized leader who will also deliver the keynote address, setting the stage for the deliberations for the conference. Four sessions are planned, each on a topical area in this dynamic field. Brief objectives and expected composition of these sessions is provided below.

9:30 am Welcome and Keynote #1

Welcome: [D.K. Sachdev](#), Chairman, ISCe India SatCom Forum @ INFOCOM; and President - SpaceTel Consultancy (Confirmed)

Keynote: [Prof. U.R. Rao](#), Chairman - Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, and former Chairman - Indian Space Research Organization (Confirmed)

10:15 am Session #1

Direct-to-Home Broadcast: Its Growing Expansion In India and the East

This session will highlight several rapidly growing DTH systems in the region. After years of television growth through distribution channels, a number of DTH systems are currently showing unparalleled growth rates and attracting new entrants in this field.

Moderator: [Jimmy Schaeffler](#), Chairman and CSO, Carmel Group, USA (Confirmed)

Panelists: David Ball, Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific - Intelsat, Singapore
Philip Father, CEO - ProtoStar, USA (Confirmed)
Dave Shull, Managing Director, Asia and Far East, Echostar Asia (Confirmed)
[K.R. Sridhara Murthi](#), Executive Director, Antrix (a unit of ISRO) (Confirmed)

11:30 am Coffee Break

11:45 am Session #2

Achievements of National Space Industries in the East

Concurrent with growth of applications of satellites, this region has demonstrated a sustained leadership in the industrial side of space technology as well, thus giving them a place among the handful of countries with such capabilities. This also creates a business opportunity for international companies with spacecraft platforms in the medium-class category. This session will highlight some of these developments and opportunities.

Moderator: Dr. K. N. Shankara, Director - ISRO Satellite Center (ISAC), India (Confirmed)

Panelists: Dr. Ali Atia , President - Orbital Sciences, USA (Confirmed)
Dr. K. P. Bhatt - Space Systems Loral (Confirmed)
[Parthasarathi \(Ram\) Ramachandran](#), Director Marketing, India Mobile Satellite Systems – Boeing Satellite Systems International, USA (Confirmed)
Stephane Vesval, Resident Director, Bangalore Operations - Astrium, India (Confirmed)

1:15 pm Lunch Break

2:45 pm Session 3

E-Connectivity and Broadband via Satellites

VSAT networks and broadband systems have proven their unique merits for providing efficient connectivity among communities as well as businesses, particularly in developing regions. With concerted efforts for including all strata of society in the overall economic boom in the region, such systems are likely to expand rapidly both at the local levels as well across different countries in the region. This session will highlight such systems from India and other regions.

Moderator: [Patrick M. French](#), Senior Analyst & Head - NSR, Singapore (Confirmed)

Panelists: [Robert Bell](#), Executive Director - SSPI, USA (Confirmed)
David Marshack, Senior VP, Terrestar Global, USA (Confirmed)
Dr. M. Y. S. Prasad, Dy. Director - ISRO Satcom Applications Center, India (Confirmed)
Pranav Roach, President - Hughes Network Systems India Ltd. (Confirmed)
M.N. Vyas, Director - Essel Shyam Communication Limited, India (Confirmed)
IPSTAR System in South East Asia (Invited)

4:00 pm Refreshment Break

4:15 pm Session 4

Growing Capabilities of Satellite Operators

Regional satellite systems in Asia started about the same time as in the rest of the world. In many cases, they have stimulated new technologies and system concepts particularly suited for developing countries. Some of these systems have been created through predominantly national technologies and efforts. This session will highlight several such systems with their current and future plans.

Moderator: [D.K. Sachdev](#), President - SpaceTel Consultancy, LLC, USA (Confirmed)

Panelists: A. Bhaskaranarayana, Project Director, INSAT, India (Confirmed)
Paul Brown-Kenyon, COO - MEASAT Satellite Systems, Malaysia (Confirmed)
Cynthia Dickins, President - SES Asia, Hong Kong (Confirmed)
Peter Jackson, President & CEO - AsiaSat, Hong Kong (Confirmed)
Dr. Eui Koh, President - ProtoStar Asia, Singapore (Confirmed)
[Dr. Nongluck Phinainitisart](#), President - Thaicom & APSCC, Thailand (Confirmed)