

## WorldDAB General Assembly 2019

5-6 November, Brussels

### Day 1 – 5 November 2019

11:00 Registration open

#### 11:30 – 12:30 **WorldDAB General Assembly (member only session)**

Moderator: Ron Schiffelers, Treasurer, WorldDAB

WorldDAB Committee updates:

Steering Board – Patrick Hannon, President

Finance Committee – Ron Schiffelers, Treasurer

Technical Committee – Lindsay Cornell, Chair

Spectrum and Network Implementation Committee – Hanns Wolter, Chair

Asia Pacific Committee – Joan Warner, Chair

WorldDAB election results

WorldDAB Award for Outstanding Service

#### 12:30 – 13:30 **LUNCH**

#### 13:30 – 14:40 **Session 1 – Europe-wide digital radio**

Moderator: Joan Warner, Commercial Radio Australia

WorldDAB world view

Patrick Hannon, President, WorldDAB

France – the platform for radio

Nicolas Curien, Board Member, CSA, France

Italy – positive steps to digital

Stefano Ciccotti, CTO, Rai

United Kingdom – diversity of content

Jonathan Wall, Controller, BBC Sounds

Switzerland – working together toward DSO

Ladina Heimgartner, Deputy Director General, SRG SSR

#### 14:40 – 15:15 **COFFEE**

## 15:15 – 16:30 **Session 2 – global broadcasters' vision for digital radio**

Moderator: Patrick Hannon, President, WorldDAB

Keynote: Europe public broadcasters now and the future

Antonio Arcidiacono, Director of Technology and Innovation, EBU

Conference home country - moving forward with DAB+

Jean-Paul Philippot, Chief Executive, RTBF

Paul Lembrechts, CEO, VRT

Asia Pacific - trials, trends & new opportunities with DAB+

Joan Warner, CEO, Commercial Radio Australia

MENA – opening up new DAB+ markets

Kamel Haj Ammar, General Engineer and Director of Commercial Affairs,  
ONT Tunisia

**Panel Discussion and Q&A**

## 19:00 – 22:30 **Networking drinks and Gala Dinner**

Comic Book Museum

Rue des Sables 20

1000 Brussels

## Day 2 – 6 November 2019

## 09:00 – 10:00 **Session 3 – reaching new audiences with DAB+**

Moderator: Jacqueline Bierhorst

Keynote: Securing broadcast radio in the new audio landscape

Heike Raab, State Secretary, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

Securing a future for DAB+ in Sweden

Christer Modig, VP Radio, NENT

Putting listeners at the heart of digital radio

Eleanore Bamber, Strategy and Development, Wireless

New audiences with DAB+

An Caers, Director of Radio, DPG Media

**Panel Discussion and Q&A**

### **Country updates**

United Kingdom: Ford Ennals, Chief Executive, Digital Radio UK

Italy: Eugenio LaTeana, Head of Research and Development, RTL  
102.5 Hit Radio

## 10:00 – 10:30 **COFFEE**

**10:30 – 11:30      Session 4 – how the digital radio listening experience is evolving**

Moderator: Caroline Graze, Radioplayer

Keynote: Content is king on smart devices across Europe

Nik Goodman, Bounce, UK

Receiver sales – what the data tells us

Jan Lorbach, Regional Senior Market Insights Manager, GfK

Smart speakers, voice control and hybrid

Ole Jorgen Torvmark, CEO, Norsk Radio

Manufacturers' view on device regulation

Paul Hide, Director, Tech UK

**Panel discussion and Q&A**

**Country updates**

Czech Republic: Karel Zyka, Czech Radio

Poland: Krystyna Roslan-Kuhn, KRRiT

**11:30 – 12:30      Session 5 – The automotive sector and digital**

Moderator: Lindsey Mack, BBC

Keynote: Thierry Boitel, Director of TME Electronics, Toyota Motor Europe

Automotive DAB overview

Steven Nagels, Research Coordinator, JATO

Collaboration between broadcasters and the auto sector

Laurence Harrison, Automotive Partnerships Director, Radioplayer

The importance of metadata for the car

Gregor Pötzsch, Infotainment Development, Audi

**Panel discussion and Q&A**

**Country updates**

Slovenia: Igor Funa, Broadcast Expert, AKOS

Austria: Matthias Gerwinat, Managing Director, Digitalradio Austria

**12:30 – 13:30      LUNCH**

**13:30 – 14:30 Session 6: DAB - marketing, advertising and retailers**

Moderator: Jean-Marc Dubreuil, WorldDAB France

Marketing and advertising DAB+ Germany  
Carsten Zorger, Digitalradio Büro Deutschland

Raising awareness of DAB+  
Jacqueline Bierhorst, Project Director, Digital Radio NL

Belgium – communicating for DAB+  
Francis Goffin, Ma Radio and  
Tom Klerkx, Mediahuis & SBS

Working with the retail sector  
Ford Ennals, Digital Radio UK in conversation with  
Peter Blampied, Roberts Radio and Girish Janday, Pioneer

**Panel discussion and Q&A**

**14:30 – 15:30 Session 7 – DAB networks and the multiplatform landscape**

Moderator: Rosemary Smith, WorldDAB

Keynote: 5G a complement not a replacement  
Helwin Lesch, Head of Distribution and Controlling, Bayerischer Rundfunk

France - planning for DAB+ road coverage  
François-Xavier Bergot, Deputy Head of Radio Directorate, CSA France

Small-scale DAB  
Lindsay Cornell, Principal Systems Architect, BBC

Optimising DAB+ networks  
Hanns Wolter, Technical Director, DAB Italia

**Panel discussion - Q&A**

**15.30 Closing remarks: Patrick Hannon, WorldDAB President**

**Networking Coffee**