

REMARKS BY FCC CHAIRMAN JAMES H. QUELLO

USTTI AWARDS CEREMONY

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I am pleased to be with you today to recognize thirty-five staff members who served as instructors for the FCC portion of the United States Telecommunications Training Institute (USTTI) course "Spectrum Management and Computer Aided Techniques." Although the course has been given annually since 1983 following establishment of USTTI at the 1982 Nairobi Plenipotentiary Conference, this was the first year the Commission presented a totally separate portion of the course. In prior years, presentations were intertwined with those of the other sponsors.

Consequently, the new format required extensive preparation of the lecture sessions, including the appropriate material and handouts for some twenty-five foreign student from sixteen different countries. I have been informed that the response was outstanding and the students were generous in their comments regarding the FCC presentations and expressed desire for expanded FCC training in future course offerings. We will be responding to that desire as plans for future courses materialize.

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Also receiving letters and certificates today are seven staff instructors from the Field Operations Bureau's Laurel Monitoring Station and one from that Bureau's Baltimore Office who presented a separate course, "Radio Spectrum Monitoring and Measuring". The course followed and complemented the Spectrum Management course in May. These employees have consistently presented high quality training - both theoretical and practical "hands on" -- having presented the course annually since 1987. Preparation for the course requires a significant amount of time and effort to assure the training is current and thorough. Again, the course was well-received and I understand that, in feedback from a number of students, the training has already been applied in the students' home countries.

As a direct result of these courses, excellent international relationships are formed between the FCC and foreign national spectrum managers with whom the FCC works on a continuing basis. Not only is a very positive bond formed between the FCC specialists and their counterparts throughout the world, but liaisons are established which facilitate elimination of radio interference, coordination of radio systems, and better negotiation and discussion at formal ITU Conferences in Geneva and elsewhere.

Graduates of these FCC sponsored courses are found increasingly as delegates to conferences and even as heads of the foreign delegations. Because of their need, both of the cited courses have become very popular and are among the most heavily subscribed of the courses offered by USTTI.

As you know, the Commission has been very supportive of the USTTI program since its inception. Sharing of our telecommunications technology and regulatory experiences is very much desired and appreciated by the third-world countries. Imitation has been said to be the sincerest form of flattery and there are numerous countries today who are in various stages of establishing FCC-type regulatory entities. We can encourage them through the training you are providing.

I want you to know that the Commission is proud of your efforts. You should be proud too.

Thank you very much.

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