

G1: Ionosonde Network Advisory Group

Retiring Chair : R. Conkright (USA), Current Chair : T. Bullett, Vice-Chairs : P. Wilkinson (Australia) and J-C. Jodogne (Belgium)

The last three years have seen a great deal of consolidation in INAG. All the older INAG Bulletins have now been scanned and passed through text recognition software, the final product being placed on the INAG Website. The text recognition process has left residual errors in some of the texts, but a lack of resources has meant these errors have not yet all been removed. Plans for indexing all the Bulletins also stalled as a consequence. The complete UAG-23A has also been scanned and a PDF is available of the Website. This document is now out of print. Finally, a set of Australian ionogram scaling training notes was added.

An electronic mailing list was set up for communicating with people who had expressed an interest in INAG activities. The mailing list membership is self-managing and the INAG Vice Chair (Phil Wilkinson) moderates the group. The address is <http://www.ips.gov.au/mailman/listinfo/inag-general>. Currently, there are 231 email addresses registered in the mailing list.

Ray Conkright, the Chair of INAG, retired from NGDC in April this year. Ray had worked for many years to maintain the visibility of the ionosphere in the World Data Centres and the CD-ROM of hourly ionospheric data is concrete evidence of that work. Ray's work has ensured that scaled data from ionosondes from around the globe are collected together making a coherent dataset for studying a wide range of ionospheric climatology problems. The full value of this data set will persist for many years to come and be a testimony to one aspect of Ray's efforts. At the time of his retirement, Ray also retired from the Chair of INAG. On Ray's suggestion, Dr Terry Bullet, Air Force Research Labs (bullet@plh.af.mil) replaced him as Chair. This change was fully supported Phil Wilkinson, the Chair of Commission G.

INAG wishes to continue as an URSI Working Group in the forthcoming triennium.