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2007 NASB Annual Meeting to be held at HCJB, Elkhart, Indiana

NASB Associate Member HCJB will host the next annual meeting at its Engineering Center (which has just changed its name to Global Technology Center) on Friday, May 11, 2007.

HCJB will also host the USA DRM Group's 2007 annual meeting on Thursday, May 10 in the same location. This is the first time in NASB's history that the annual meeting will be held outside of the Washington, DC area. Elkhart is located in northern Indiana, about a half hour's drive from the South Bend airport.

HCJB has built many of its own transmitters -- including a 500-kilowatt HF unit -- at the Engineering Center, which were later put into service at the station's location in Ecuador. Transmitters have also been built there in a cooperative venture with other mission groups. The Elkhart Engineering Center has also been in the forefront of research and development on DRM -- Digital Radio Mondiale.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference hotel for the annual meetings is the Holiday Inn Express, 58364 State Road 19, Elkhart, Indiana 46517. This is the only hotel located near the HCJB Engineering Center (it's about a mile away), and HCJB will be assisting us with transportation for those who need it between the hotel and the Engineering Center. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you stay at

this hotel. We have arranged a block booking for the group at a price of \$85.50 per night, single or double occupancy. To make your reservation, please contact the hotel directly by phone or fax:

Telephone +1-574-296-1110

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When making your reservation, please specify that you are with the "NASB" group. By mentioning "NASB" you will get the lowest available rate of \$85.50 per night, and you will have until May 1, 2007 to cancel your reservation if necessary. (If you cancel after May 1, your credit card will be charged one night's accommodation.) The rate of \$85.50 per night will be available to NASB/USDRM meeting attendees for a few days before and after the meeting as well, in case you want to arrive early or stay late.

Our block booking will be held until April 9, 2007. Reservations will be on a space-available basis only after April 9, or before April 9 if we exceed our block booking. So we urge you to make your reservation as soon as possible. You can always cancel until May 1 if you need to do so.

Please note there is a local tax of 11% on hotel rates in Elkhart. Check-in time for the hotel is 3:00 p.m. on the day of arrival, and check-out is at 12:00 noon. The hotel offers a free continental breakfast daily, free high-speed Internet access in all rooms, and an indoor heated swimming pool and fitness center.

PRELIMINARY MEETING SCHEDULE

(times are approximate and subject to change)

Thursday, May 10, 2007

9:00 am-10:00 am Tour of HCJB Engineering Center

10:00 am- 5:00 pm USA DRM Group Meeting at HCJB Engineering Center (Lunch will be catered at the Engineering Center by HCJB)

5:00 pm - Departure from HCJB Engineering Center in Elkhart to LeSEA Broadcasting headquarters in South Bend, Indiana

5:30 pm -7:00 pm Tour of LeSEA Broadcasting headquarters, which operates NASB member stations WHRI, WHRA and KWHR

7:30 pm - Dinner in Elkhart/South Bend area (sponsored)

Friday, May 11, 2007

9:00 am-12:00 noon - NASB Annual Meeting (morning presentations session). Tentative speakers include:

Allen Graham, host of HCJB's "DX Party Line" program; and
Adrian Peterson of Adventist World Radio.

12:00-1:00 pm - Lunch at the Engineering Center provided by HCJB

1:00-5:00 pm - NASB Annual Meeting (business meeting and board meeting)

GETTING TO ELKHART

We anticipate that most people will fly to the South Bend, Indiana airport, which is near Elkhart. It is also possible to fly into Chicago, which is about three hours away by car or bus, or 45 minutes by short commuter flights. You can also take the Coach USA bus from either O'Hare or Midway airport in Chicago to the South Bend airport (or to Mishawaka, which is closer to Elkhart) for \$34 one-way or \$59 round-trip. For more information, see the Coach USA website, www.coachusa.com or sales.coachusa.com

From the South Bend airport, there are several taxi companies, such as Michiana Taxi, that will take you to the Holiday Inn Express in Elkhart for about \$40 one-way. However, we urge you to send us your flight arrival and departure schedules (send them to wirmi@bellsouth.net), because HCJB will be operating some fixed-time shuttle pick-ups at the South Bend airport on Wednesday, May 9, and some fixed-time shuttles from Elkhart to the South Bend airport on Friday afternoon, May 11. They will try to arrange the shuttle pick-ups and drop-offs at the times when most people will be arriving and leaving.

Some people may want to rent cars at the Chicago or South Bend airports and drive themselves to Elkhart. There are many rental car companies at both major airports in Chicago, and at the South Bend airport there are offices of Avis, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Alamo and Budget. For specific driving directions from the South Bend airport (airport code SBN) to the Holiday Inn Express (58364 State Road 19, Elkhart, IN 46517), you can use Yahoo.com or Google.com, for example.

If you plan to attend one or both days of the annual meetings, please notify Dan Elyea, NASB Secretary, at 863-763-0281 or by e-mail no later than May 4, 2007 at: fsiyfr@okeechobee.com.

DRM NEWS

The 2007 annual meeting of the USA DRM Group will be held at the HCJB Global Technology Center in Elkhart, Indiana in conjunction with the NASB annual meeting. The USA DRM meeting will take place on Thursday, May 10, and the NASB meeting will be the following day, May 11.

It is anticipated that the presentations will include the very latest information about DRM receivers, including demonstrations if possible. For more information on the two days of meetings and registration details, see the NASB 2007 Annual Meeting article elsewhere in this edition of the NASB Newsletter.

Christopher Rumbaugh of the DRM North American Yahoo Group

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/drmna/>) writes the following regarding a recent editorial in Radio World: Did you see this article? They advocate scrapping HD-R AM and possibly going with DRM. Likewise Canada is heading in that direction.
<http://rwonline.com/pages/s.0044/t.557.html>

Dear DRM Members,

Here are some recent newsclips mentioning DRM, regarding DRM developments in Canada, the Netherlands and Africa.

Best regards and Happy New Year,

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REGARDING DRM IN CANADA:

Radioworld Online -- December 21, 06

Canada Eyes IBOC, DRM: <http://www.rwonline.com/dailynews/one.php?id=10151>

Digital AM-FM.com - December 27, 06

Canada May Allow HD Radio: http://digital-am-fm.com/2006/12/canada_may_allow_hd_radio.html

Radioworld Opinion -- December 20, 06

Rethinking AM's Future: <http://www.rwonline.com/pages/s.0044/t.557.html>

REGARDING DRM IN THE NETHERLANDS:

Radiocommunications Agency Netherlands (as reported on the Southgate Amateur Radio Club Web Site) -- January 3, 06

Dutch Medium Wave Stations Now Allowed to Use DRM:
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2007/dutch_drm.htm

REGARDING DRM IN AFRICA:

Mail & Guardian Online (South Africa) -- December 5, 06

Battle for the Ear of Africa:
http://www.mg.co.za/articlePage.aspx?articleid=292320&area=/breaking_news/breaking_news_africa/

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HFCC A07 Conference

The next A07 HFCC/ASBU shortwave frequency planning conference will be held from February 5 to 9, 2007 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The Millennium Hotel in Abu Dhabi has been chosen for the Conference venue. Preparations are ongoing. The sponsor/organizer is EMI Emirates Media, which also organized a previous HFCC Conference in nearby Dubai in February of 2004.

The official NASB representative at this HFCC Conference is KTWR-Guam. George Ross from KTWR will be in Abu Dhabi, along with Mike Sabin, the station's chief engineer. Jeff Lecureux, who has been a part of the Guam team at many past HFCC's, has recently left KTWR and is now working as a civilian engineer with the U.S. Navy in Guam.

NASB member stations who do not have their own representatives at the HFCC Conference are welcome to contact the KTWR representatives regarding any issues that might need to be resolved at the meeting in Abu Dhabi, such as collisions and interference problems. You may contact George Ross prior to or during the HFCC Conference at his e-mail address, gross@guam.twr.org.

NASB Board member Glen Tapley of WEWN in Alabama and Dr. Jerry Plummer of WWCR in Tennessee also plan to attend the HFCC in Dubai. More information about the HFCC and the upcoming conference in Abu Dhabi can be found at www.hfcc.org.

NASB Associate Member HCJB World Radio Becomes "HCJB Global"

News release from HCJB

HCJB World Radio, the world's first missionary broadcasting ministry which also has developed an international medical outreach, officially changed its name to HCJB Global on January 1, 2007.

The ministry also named its media ministries HCJB Global Voice and its healthcare ministries HCJB Global Hands.

"We feel as we move into the future and expand the incredible dynamic between media and healthcare, the HCJB World Radio name did not accurately portray this vision," said HCJB

Global President David Johnson. “We will work to develop leaders and mobilize missionaries as we serve the world through HCJB Global Voice, our media arm, and HCJB Global Hands, our healthcare ministry.”

At the same time, HCJB World Radio Engineering Center in Elkhart, Indiana, has become the HCJB Global Technology Center, focusing on the provision of quality assistance through consulting, service and engineering development wherever technological solutions play a role in the advance of the gospel.

The new names, along with new logos, were launched at Urbana 06 in St. Louis, Missouri, in late December. HCJB Global will formalize the name change in a dedication event at the ministry’s newly named Ministry Service Center in Colorado Springs in late January.

“This is a major change for our ministry, because it is far more than skin deep. Our new name reflects major changes in our vision and focus as we work to integrate media and healthcare ministry around the world,” said Communications Director Jon Hirst. “As we moved toward the name change, we found that our friends and supporters wanted us to retain the call letters of our first radio station—HCJB—that we established 75 years ago in Quito, Ecuador. In maintaining the name, we are honoring our heritage and building upon it.”

For 75 years HCJB Global Voice has used shortwave radio, satellite, FM, AM, television and the Internet to deliver the gospel worldwide. For over 50 years HCJB Global Hands has been providing compassionate healthcare to those in the greatest need.

Since 1990 HCJB Global has enabled local partners to plant more than 300 radio ministries in 100 countries throughout Euro-Asia, North Africa/Middle East, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia Pacific and the Americas.

HCJB Global’s missionaries, pastors, broadcasters and healthcare providers use media, healthcare and training to work with partners in more than 100 countries around the world to spread the gospel. Lives are transformed, so that people are engaged in the growing church, making an impact on their communities as they are empowered to use media and healthcare tools. The ministry is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

News from VT Communications

NASB associate member VT Communications (formerly VT Merlin Communications) sent us the following news items:

Richard Hurd Leaves VT Communications

Richard Hurd, Head of Broadcast Services at NASB associate member VT (Merlin) Communications, tells us that " It is with great sadness that I have to announce that I have decided to leave VT Communications at the end of [December] and seek new career challenges elsewhere."

Richard had worked at Merlin/VTC for eight years, and he attended many HFCC Conferences during that time. He said: "One of the best things about working in the international

broadcasting industry is meeting the terrific people who are involved and this is one memory that I will cherish in my future career."

Taking Richard's place at VTC will be Paul Hellings. Nick Gilboy is also expected to attend future HFCC Conferences on behalf of VTC

Transmission Services Contract with China Radio re-signed

China's international broadcaster, China Radio International (CRI), have re-signed their transmission services contract to broadcast a daily total of 9 hours of programming for another year. VT Communications will continue to deliver this programming into Africa and South America on its global short wave network.

Korean radio prolongs DRM for another year

Korea Broadcasting System (KBS), Korea's public service broadcaster, agreed to extend their trial DRM transmissions into Europe for a further year.

German service at Voice of Vietnam

Voice of Vietnam, Vietnam's national radio, started a new 1 hour per day German service at the beginning of November 2006 . They have also re-signed their contract for transmission services to Europe and America for a further year.

Shortwave Idents & Interval Signals Now on CD

Ian McFarland, the now-retired former host of the "Shortwave Listeners Digest" program on Radio Canada International, tells us that "Back in September I launched a nostalgia project. I released the very popular **Idents & Interval Signals Series**, featured on the old Radio Canada Shortwave Club program back in the 1970s, on a set of two CDs. The series features some 100 identifications and interval signals from shortwave stations and services from all over the world. Some of the stations heard in this series, such as Swiss Radio International, are no longer on the air."

This popular series, which was originally broadcast more than 30 years ago, and which will no doubt bring back many nostalgic shortwave memories for long-time SWL's, is now available on a set of two digitally-remastered CD's. When played on a computer, all of the tracks on these CD's are fully indexed and very easy to find.

"Sales so far have been pretty good," reports Ian. "I've sent out over 130 sets so far to shortwave listeners as far afield as Australia and Japan, with the bulk going to the U.S. The net profits from this project are being donated to the local food bank in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada, where I work as a volunteer every week. So far we've raised more than \$500, thanks to shortwave listeners from all over the world."

The two-CD set of the Idents & Interval Signals Series costs from \$10 to \$16, depending where in the world you live. For complete details and an order form, go to the website www.dxr.ca.

European DX Council Conference 2007 in Switzerland

News release from EDXC Secretary General Tibor Szilagyi

The EDXC (European DX Council) cordially invites you to the next EDXC Conference, November 1-4, 2007 in Lugano, Switzerland. The EDXC is the umbrella organization for shortwave listening/DX clubs throughout Europe. The EDXC Conference is primarily a gathering for radio listeners, although a number of shortwave broadcasters always attend as well. The NASB took part in the 2006 EDXC Conference in St. Petersburg, Russia.

As the number of inexpensive hotel rooms are limited, we kindly ask you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Venue of the Conference: Hotel Dischma, Vicolo Geretta 6, CH-6900 Lugano Paradiso, Switzerland. Phone: + 41 91 994 21 31. Fax: + 41 91 994 15 03. E-mail : hotel-dischma@bluewin.ch Home page: www.hotel-dischma.ch

Please note: This is a two-star hotel. Prices: Single-room (small): SFR 79 = EUR 49. Single room (larger): SFR 100 = EUR 63. Double-room for two persons: SFR 132 = EUR 83. All above prices per night, including Swiss breakfast, VAT and service. This hotel accepts the following credit cards: American Express, Visa, Eurocard, MasterCard. Please make your own reservation now via the hotel's website, phone or fax. You must give the special password for this reservation: EDXC CONFERENCE 2007. Then write your surname, first name, your arrival date at hotel, your departure date from the hotel. If you arrive on November 1 and depart on November 4, you will need three nights.

The Conference fee is EUR 95 per person.

Preliminary

programme:

November 1, Thursday: Arrival, register for the Conference. Informal gathering in the evening approx. 19.00 hours at the hotel bar/restaurant.

November 2, Friday: Lectures, discussions, EDXC matters. We are planning to have lecturers including a representative from Lugano City; Mr. Bob Zanotti, former journalist and DX-editor at Swiss Radio International; and Mr. Jeff White, Radio Miami International. Mr. Anker Petersen, Chairman of Danish Shortwave Club International, will speak on the subject: "DX-ing in the High Andes." Mr. Torre Eklblom from Finland will speak on the subject: "Utility Listening, especially Airline-Traffic." There will be an EDXC business session of approx. one hour and a half.

November 3, Saturday: Sightseeing tour in Lugano by bus with English speaking guide. We continue with the same bus to visit the local radio and TV station Radiotelevisione Svizzera di lingua Italiana (RTSI). Free time in the afternoon. At 19.30 hours in the evening at our

conference hotel: Banquet Dinner consisting of three-course menu from Ticino (Ticino is the southern, Italian speaking province of Switzerland), including local Ticino drinks.

November 4, Sunday: Departure from our conference hotel.

The conference fee of EUR 95 includes the use of Conference room, relevant papers, name-tags, sightseeing in Lugano, visit to the local radio station by bus. The conference fee also includes the Banquet Dinner and the drinks. Please observe: Breakfast every day is included in the hotel room price. Not included: Thursday evening what you consume during the informal gathering, Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch. These meals are on your own account.

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