

Opening Session: A Retrospective of the Impact of Ka Band on Satellite Communications

October 1, 2014 – 08:30AM

Moving Forward, the theme of this year's Conference, celebrates the beginning of the efforts to explore the Q and V bands for satellite communications using the Italian Space Agency's Paraboni experiment package flown on Alphasat, which will be described along with early experimental results during the Conference.

This year also marks the **20th anniversary** of the Conference, and now that Ka Band is well established, we have invited a number of **Experts** who were instrumental in its adoption to discuss the efforts of those many years, along with some of the "lessons learned" for the benefit of the current experimenters and promoters of the Q and V bands.

The panel of **Experts**, moderated by **Frank Gargione**, is composed of

- Jim Stegeman,
- Naoto Kadowaki,
- Franco Marconicchio,
- Richard Gedney,
- Giuliano Berretta
- Peter Garland,
- Tom Butash,
- Luigi Pasquali,
- Chris Hoeber,
- Massimo Claudio Comparini
- Roger Rusch.