

## Board Resolution by Circulation 2008.5

### Proposal:

- 1.0 Invite one representative each from TPRC and EuroCPR to attend *CPRsouth3*, to observe the proceedings of the third *CPRsouth* Board meeting and to participate in a special session facilitating an exchange between *CPRsouth*, EuroCPR and TPRC.

### Background:

- 1.0 Inaugurated in 1972, in the US, TPRC (Telecommunication Policy Research Conference) covers the legal, social, economic and technical issues on national and international Information and Communication policy. Among its main objectives of the conference are the dissemination of current research and the promotion of new research in emerging issues. EuroCPR (European Communication Policy Research) conference, the European counterpart of TPRC, has similar objectives. Theoretical and empirical research pertaining to the current policy environment, particularly in Europe, is presented at the annual conference. The two conferences bring together academic researchers, policy regulators and industry representatives of the communication sector.
- 2.0 Both TPRC and EuroCPR have recognized the need for dialog among the academic community, the regulators and other government officials in order to facilitate the growth of policy relevant research. The format of *CPRsouth* is broadly based on TPRC and EuroCPR.

### Rationale:

- 1.0 *CPRsouth* focuses on the communication policies and research of the South or the developing world. At present, a majority of the conference participants and hence the issues discussed are centered on the Asia Pacific region. A limited number of invitations being sent out to the Africa and Latin America, depending on interest expressed. While not yet fully representing the South, it is in inchoate form, the equivalent of TPRC and EuroCPR.
- 2.0 One of the main objectives of *CPRsouth* is to build policy intellectuals. This is an activity which both TPRC and EuroCPR has been engaging in for over three decades and the two conferences are recognized as key events in terms of the telecommunications sector. Their participation at *CPRsouth3* will be of great value to the young scholars and presenters in terms of contributions to discussions and reviews and feedbacks received. TPRC and EuroCPR however, focus predominantly on developed economies. Therefore, inviting TPRC and EuroCPR to *CPRsouth3* will help further the understanding the two organizations have of the issues with regards to communication policy of the emerging economies of the Asia Pacific region.
- 3.0 A special session facilitating a dialog between all three organizations will be beneficial to the further growth of *CPRsouth*.
- 4.0 If Professor Bill Melody is invited to serve as the dinner speaker, he can address common themes in the founding of the three organizations and provide an even strong basis for collaboration.
- 5.0 Therefore it is of my view that inviting a representative each from TPRC and EuroCPR to *CPRsouth3* will be beneficial both to the hosts as well as the invitees.