INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS’ FEEDBACK

Speaking notes
from

International Association of Institutes of Navigation
(history, size, role, representation on UN bodies)

Spreading the word.

• Written and verbal briefs provided to IAIN Officers (plus others) at European navigation Conference, Geneva May 2007.
• Round table discussion at TransNav Conference, Gdynia June 2007.
• Article in IAIN newsletter.
• Circulation to all member institutes of PNT Minutes of March 2007.
• Word of mouth.

Some feedback.

• Clear understanding of purposes of PNT and appreciation of its public record. Grateful for opportunity to contribute.
• Admiration for the comprehensive briefings given by US Federal Government Departments/Agencies = leadership.
• Welcome for ‘no selective availability (S/A) for GPS III’.
• Support for a minimum GPS constellation of 30 operating satellites. Yet to percolate to public.
• Recognition of need for a back-up system for GNSS e.g. enhanced-Loran.
• No desire for any financial charging mechanisms, such as proposed for some GALILEO services.
• No support for unilateral imposition of carriage requirements.

Personal comments on GALILEO.

• Finance Ministers’ meeting (Oct 07) failed to achieve agreement on making up shortfall in Galileo budget.
• European Council meets (Dec 07) to possibly resolve issue (Qualified Majority Voting). Early signs of horse trading over which Member States manufacture system components.
• Radio interviews.

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