

Nomination of Mr. Asbjørn Grøvlen as 3GPP TSG RAN WG1 chairman candidate

Dear Sir / Madam,

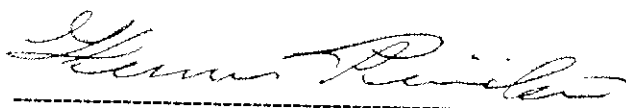
On behalf of Nokia, I'm pleased to inform our support for Mr. Asbjørn Grøvlen (Nokia Corporation, ETSI) as a candidate for chairman position of 3GPP TSG RAN WG1 for the election in August 2009.

Asbjørn Grøvlen was born in January 1969 in Flora, Norway. He graduated from Norges Tekniske Høgskule in Trondheim, Norway, in December 1994 with an MSc in Electronics Engineering, having specialized in signal processing. Asbjørn joined Nokia in January 1999 and has since held various positions in Nokia within standardization, research and development, and is currently a Technologist in Nokia Devices R&D, Wireless Modem System Research.

Asbjørn started his standardization career in 1999 attending GSM Location Services standardization in T1P1.5. He attended his first TSG RAN WG1 meeting in June 2001 as a technical expert during the standardization of HSDPA Release 5. Lately, Asbjørn has worked mainly on technical topics related to LTE and LTE-Advanced. Asbjørn has a strong knowledge of both HSPA and LTE, and a unique combination of experience from standardization and device implementation of both systems. Asbjørn has contributed on a wide range of technical topics within the HSPA, LTE, and LTE-Advanced areas, which will provide him with good tools for ensuring that all work and study items, on both HSPA+ and LTE and LTE-Advanced areas, will progress well and in an efficient manner in RAN1. Asbjørn is the rapporteur of 3GPP TS 36.214. Asbjørn has chaired different RAN1 ad hoc sessions as well as a RAN1 main session. Asbjørn is a very consensus-driven person and wants to involve all parties in the discussions in order to ensure a solid and positive outcome of the discussions.

If elected, Asbjørn is committed on supporting efficient and successful standardization activities in 3GPP, and will chair the group in a fair, unbiased, and efficient manner. As well Nokia is committed to provide all necessary support to Asbjørn to successfully carry out his duties as TSG RAN WG1 chairman.

Yours sincerely,



Hannu Pirilä
Director of 3GPP standardisation
Nokia Corporation