

- Definitions concerning the radian, as a unit of angle, and other units in the International System of Units (SI) are governed by the Consultative Committee for Units (CCU), a committee that advises the International Committee on Weights and Measures (CIPM) of the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM).
- Angle units have been problematic since the establishment of the International System of Units (SI).
  - Initially the radian and steradian were classified as "supplementary units".
  - In 1995 the radian was reclassified as a derived unit.
  - At the CCU meeting a month ago, it was mentioned that the earlier terminology might be reestablished.
- The debates about the proper role of the radian have been going on for many years.
  - A committee to study the issue was established many years ago and subsequently dissolved, because agreement could not be reached.
  - At the CCU meeting a month ago, a subcommittee was created to again examine the issue.
  - IUPAP has a representative on the committee: Eric Shirley, who is an Associate Commission C2 member and is in line to be the next US member of C2.
  - The GA resolution could have some influence on the committee.
- One of the problems addressed by the resolution is that both radians per second and Hz (cycles per second) are called  $s^{-1}$  (inverse second). This leads to errors of  $2\pi$  in publications. The resolution recommends always specifying which is meant.