



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 2014 General Conference – Varna-Albena, Bulgaria

21 – 27 September 2014



Subject	Conference Report of the 23 rd IARU Region 1 General Conference
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The 23rd General Conference of IARU Region 1 was held from 21 to 26 September 2014 at the Flamingo Grand Hotel in the Albena resort, about 30 km north of Varna in Bulgaria. The Conference was hosted by the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs.

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The First Plenary of the 23rd IARU Region 1 General Conference was opened at 10:30 on Sunday 21 September 2014 in the Grand Hall of the Flamingo Grand Hotel, Albena, Bulgaria.

1. Mr Victor Tsenkov, LZ3NN, welcomes all delegates and guests to Albena on behalf of the BFRA.

“Dear friends,

On behalf of BFRA and all radio amateurs in Bulgaria, I would like to welcome all the delegates and guests to General Conference of IARU - Region 1 We, as organizers, will do our best for your stay in Bulgaria to be filled with positive emotions.

Over the past 20 years, Bulgarian amateurs have been active in all areas of Amateur Radio and the conference is a kind of peak and recognition of BFRA. BFRA demonstrated that it is a reliable and responsible host to a number of world and regional championships in HST and ARDF. From 1996 to today, BFRA has organized 10 such events. BFRA works closely with governmental authorities of the Republic of Bulgaria, mostly with Communications Regulation Commission. Thanks to that, now Bulgarian amateurs use the new HF and VHF bands and are one of the few countries in the world with such rights. BFRA has been licensed as a sport organization and Ministry of Youth and Sports significantly supported our sport activities recent years. BFRA was active in the field of emergency communications. We signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Greek and Turkish societies. We had active contacts and several personal meetings with Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva. I want to thank all the above-mentioned institutions and individuals.

I hope that the atmosphere that BFRA has provided for this forum will contribute to making the right decisions in the interests of Amateur Radio.

I wish you successful and fruitful work to all delegates. Thank you.”

2. Mr Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, President of IARU Region 1 welcomes guest and delegates to the 24th General Conference of Region 1 of the IARU.

“Welcome to the 24th IARU Region 1 General Conference. A warm welcome to our guests of honour,

- Mr Encho Gospodinov, representing Dr Kristalina Georgieva, European Commissioner on issues of international cooperation in the area of disaster management and humanitarian aid
- Mr Attila Matas representative of Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General of ITU
- Ms Andreana Atanasova representing Dr Veselin Bozhkov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Communications Regulation Commission;
- Mr Tim St John Ellam QC, VE6SH, President of IARU

Also a warm welcome to the other representatives of IARU, IARU Region 2 and Region 3 and of course a warm welcome to our delegates, observers and partners.

We are grateful to the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs taking on the organisation of this conference. We are lucky to have BFRA as a member society that is always willing to host meetings and events. Already have our hosts shown great flexibility when picking us up at the airport. We are looking forward to experience the good things of your country like excellent food and wine and great weather.

Delegates, thank you for traveling to Albena to attend this conference. Some of you suffered from long travels, strikes, delays long layovers and short connections. I am glad to see you here, away from international conflicts to discuss and agree on amateur radio matters. Never forget that one of the pillars of amateur radio is international friendship and that we will stay friends no matter what.

Silent keys

Allow me to make a serious note too. Since our last conference, we lost a number of well-known radio amateurs. I would like to mention Vasile Ciobanita, YO3APG; Greiss Sobhi Greiss, SU1GS; Dick Baldwin, W1RU, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, Pat Hawker, G3VA, Paul Kasus, 3B8BD, Sid May, ET3SID, R.J. "Tim" Hughes, G3GVV; Hubert Walcott Benjamin Sr., EL2BA, John Huntoon, W1RW, Max de Henseler, HB9RS, and Wes Wysocki, SP2DX.

Can I ask you to stand and observe a moment of silence to remember those great radio amateurs who are no longer with us?"

3. Mr Tim Ellam, VE6SH, President of the International Amateur Radio Union delivers his address.

"Thank you Mr President

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen

Let me add my welcome to all of you today. On behalf the IARU officers, I bring greetings from the International Secretariat. We are very pleased to be attending the Conference and we are pleased to participate in the activities this week.

One a personal note, I would like to thank you for your support for the candidacy of Ole and I for another term as IARU officers. We are humbled and honoured by your faith in our actions and we look forward to working with you and Region 1 for the next term.

We will face a number of challenges in the years ahead and we will need the assistance of our member-societies to meet the goals of the IARU. In 2015, there will be new leadership at the ITU and we will have to work to establish a rapport with that leadership in order that they fully understand the benefits of the amateur radio service.

WRC-15 is also fast approaching. Our first and primary goal at any WRC is to maintain and protect existing spectrum. While we are working to gather support for an allocation at 5 MHz, we need to keep our primary goal in mind when we are considering future agenda items. We need to carefully consider our work to push for future agenda items given our resources and the hard work required to obtain new spectrum allocations.

On that point, we obviously are indebted to the support we receive from our

member societies and the work that a number of individual amateurs from your societies carry out on behalf of the IARU.

In order to continue those efforts we will be writing to each member society in the next few months to outline how you can assist these efforts by seeking support from your administration for the 5 MHz agenda item at WRC-15. We appreciate that many societies are already taking these steps and our goal is to ask all societies to work with their administrations to support our efforts.

I look forward to working with you this week and I am sure we will have time for individual discussions. Please do not hesitate to talk to Ole or me if you have any questions for us.

By the way, I should add that IARU Secretary Rod Stafford cannot attend the conference, as he has to attend an ITU meeting in Geneva this week. He will join us here in Varna on Friday.

Please enjoy the conference.

Thank you.”

4. Ms Andreana Atanasova representing Dr Veselin Bozhkov, chairman of the Communications Regulation Commission of the Republic of Bulgaria, delivers her message.

“Dear Mr Ellam; Dear Mr Timmerman; Dear Mr Danev; Dear Mr Tsenkov; Dear delegates,

First and foremost, I would like to emphasize, that it is a great honour for Bulgaria to be chosen to host the General Conference of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1.

Personally, it is an honour for me to be here with you today. Thank you for the invitation to Mr Victor Tsenkov – Chairman of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs, and to Mr Panayot Danev – Executive Committee Member of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1.

I think these conferences, which are held every three years, are important for all of us, since they gather the widest range of stakeholders and provide an opportunity to discuss important issues in this very specific field – amateur radio.

I believe everybody in this room will agree with me that the amateur radio is a unique phenomenon in itself. It is not just a hobby, it is far beyond this. There is no language barrier for it, nor geographical boundaries and cultural differences. The activity of the radio amateurs has repeatedly demonstrated its effectiveness and social importance, especially in cases where other types of communication have proved impossible. I avail myself of the opportunity to express my deepest compliments to the radio amateurs, who actually are true professionals in their field.

As a national sector regulator, the Communications Regulation Commission (CRC) specifies, by issuing relevant Technical requirements, the conditions for carrying out electronic communications through amateur radio equipment. They also specify the requirements to the persons using the amateur radio service.

Here is the place to express my satisfaction with the excellent cooperation between CRC and the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. As a result of our good interaction CRC adopted in 2014 the amendment of the Technical requirements, which sets the provisions for use of the new amateur radio frequency bands, introduced by amendment of the National Plan for Radio Frequency Spectrum Allocation.

As you are aware, the discussion of the possibility for granting access to the

amateur radio service in the 5 MHz range on a secondary basis is included in the agenda of the forthcoming World Radiocommunication Conference 2015, organised by the International Telecommunication Union. The amendments of the Technical requirements have already authorized the use of that range by the Bulgarian radio amateurs. It is important to note further, that this amendment allows also the use of the 70 MHz band.

CRC maintains a public register of radio amateurs. At present, over 6 000 names are enlisted in it. Recent years have also seen growing interest in the exams for acquiring radio amateur licenses. Just for comparison – in 2005 CRC has held four exams with 68 applicants; in 2013 they were seven with 183 applicants. A steady trend is also observed for more and more young people sitting for these exams. In this context is the recent amendment of the Technical requirements, which allows persons who have not yet passed the exam (especially kids) to operate on “Amateur Bands” under certain conditions. Undoubtedly, the radio amateur activity retains its position as an integral part of the wireless sector progress in the context of 3G, 4G and all new technologies.

Dear delegates and guests of the Conference,

I am confident that the amateur radio is not just a leisure passion. It develops technical skills and promotes new knowledge acquisitions. It provides for sharing of experience and information from all over the world. However, the radio amateurs’ activity is much more – it is a factor in scientific research and an indispensable tool for timely response in disaster areas. In this context, it plays and will continue to play an important role on a national, regional and global scale.

I wish you all a fruitful Conference and enjoyable stay in Bulgaria.

Thank you for your attention.”

5. Mr Panayot Danev, LZ1US, reads the message from Ms Evgenia Radanova, Minister of Youth and Sport

Republic of Bulgaria
Ministry of Youth and Sports

To the organizers and participants of the General Conference of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Dear organizers, delegates and guests,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the organization and conduct of the General Conference of International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 and I welcome you in Bulgaria.

It is an honor and responsibility to me that my beautiful and hospitable country hosts for first time a forum of IARU – union that brings together national amateur radio organizations of 165 countries. I am convinced that you will take important decisions about the development and the future of your sports. I believe that this event will further promote amateur sports, and draw your new followers.

Good luck!

Evgenia Radanova
Minister of Youth and Sports

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6. Mr Attila Matas, OM1AM, tendered the apologies of Dr Hamadoun Toure, HB9EHT, Secretary General of the ITU. Dr Toure addressed the Conference by means of a video message.

Mr Matas presented Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, the ITU Golden Pin in recognition of the work he has done for the IARU at the ITU.

Mr Matas handed over an Icom IC-765 transceiver on behalf of the ITU to the Region 1 STARS project.

7. Mr Encho Gospodinov delivers the message on behalf of Dr Kristalina Georgieva, European Union Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

“Dear IARU Conference participants,
Dear radio messengers in times of trouble and hope
Friends, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my pleasure and privilege to address your General Conference. The timing for your gathering could not be more indicative for the world we live in and the challenges we all face today.

The lives of millions of people is impacted by troubling events: conflicts in Africa and the Middle East (and sadly, in Europe); natural disasters all over the world with all the un-predictabilities of the mother Nature and the responsibilities of the human beings for the Climate Change; human waves of migrants and refugees moving from one place to another, and assorted diseases often trailing the disasters and conflicts. In short, this is a world, which does not stop to surprise us every morning when we open the TV screen or a newspaper.

At the same time, the world has never been better connected and wired. Today's communications are a real miracle once considered a fantasy coming from the novels of Arthur Clarke or Rey Bradbury. Never before, we had this privilege to transmit or exchange information with such accuracy, speed and scope of distribution. And never before so many people from all corners of the world and all layers of the society had access to this information. The arrival of internet really made our planet a Global village and ever since our lives changed forever in the way we deal with information. Politics, diplomacy, journalism, technology, science, research, banking, literally all changed overnight with this powerful instrument.

However, there are moments in life when a good, stable, reliable and independent information tool is the only one we can use to save lives. And this is the one we call simply the RADIO.

Imagine a major natural disaster, which knocks down all modern information tools in the affected area: with no electricity, no internet, no telephone and fax connections, not even the old telex machines. No trains and ships moving, no roads to use or airports functioning. Nothing. We know a tragedy has happened, we know many are dead, and even more still alive, but trapped and helpless. And no one can help them as nobody knows what has happened. Because there is no information.

Luckily, there is a last resort: the radio amateurs; the people who are the eyes and the ears of the world in time when all other information channels are silent. "Amateurs" is actually not the right word in this case: these are professional communicators who are listening to the heartbeat of the planet and registering the emotional vibrations of people who may be in danger. In short, you are the last technical miracle, which is independent, reliable information channel, which can transmit an important piece of news from any place in the world, any time, by anyone who knows how to operate this wonderful creature, called radio.

Your advantage is that you are independent. A well-trained radioman with good equipment and ever-charged batteries can be a fantastic link between two villages, two countries or two continents. When organized in a Union, you are a communication superpower in time of total electronic darkness. But the most important part of your equipment is the people you have; the Bravehearts of men and women listening to people who may be in danger and may need help; the professional live-savers called strangely amateurs, who nevertheless act as volunteers when and where they are needed.

In your history, you have many examples of lives being saved because some of your members caught a signal from a village, a region or un-accessible place that someone needs help. We need your skills and services because we will have more and more disasters in the future. The dry statistics reveal troubling trends: during the last 20 - 30 years, the number and the intensity of the natural disasters have increased dramatically. So did the number of people killed or affected. The earthquake in Haiti in 2010 killed 230 000 people alone Between 2003 and 2012, some 6 700 disasters hit the planet with 2005 being the darkest one – 810 disasters in one year. Typhoons in the Philippines, floods in Pakistan, China or Europe, droughts and famine in Africa, garnished with conflicts, are now almost daily events. The economic losses from these disasters went up from \$ 50 billion to \$ 200 billion a year since the 80s.

Every Red Cross volunteer will tell you that during a disaster the most needed and precious live saving element is not food, water or medicines. It is the timely, accurate information that is the most needed. As timely and accurate information saves lives, prevents major tragedies, stops rumours, which create panic and leads to even more casualties. This is how solid information flow becomes the backbone of a successful communication strategy. In short, everything, which you do and helps your societies to organise themselves better, is vital. Local and national authorities count on you as the last bastion of reliable information channel. Your professional skills and your humanitarian duties make you more than radio amateurs; you are truly needed guardians in time of troubles and I hope you will always stay as a pillar of hope and courage for all who are in danger.

Thank you for your noble work. I wish you every success in this Conference.”

Kristalina Georgieva

8. Following the Opening Ceremony, certain formalities need to be concluded before the First Plenary can be closed. The business to be concluded is defined in the Constitution and Bylaws of Region 1 and by the Standing Recommendations.

9. Roy Steven's, G2BVN, Memorial Trophy

Before the main business of the Opening Plenary, the chairman is required to ask that any Member Societies wishing to propose recipients for the Roy F Stevens, G2BVN trophy, submit their proposals now. If there are any nominations, it must be handed to the secretary now.

There is one proposal for the Roy Stevens trophy and a Committee of five people to consider the nomination must be appointed. The names of all Societies present at this Opening Plenary (not proxies) will be in the ballot and five names drawn out. On opening the envelopes containing the name(s), if it is found that a Society has nominated someone from a Society forming the panel, this Society will withdraw and a further name drawn.

Mr Gospodinov is requested to draw five names from the bowl. The Committee that will consider the nomination is therefore: URE Spain, CRC Czech Republic, ARA Algeria, ZRS Slovenia and ARTJ Cameroun.

10. Election of members of Conference Committee C2 – the Credentials and Finance Committee

This is the Committee which examines and verifies credentials to the General Conference, to establish the rights to vote and gives a report to the Plenary Meeting on the second day of the General Conference, and examines the financial situation of IARU Region 1 and gives a report on the last day of the General Conference.

According to the Constitution and Bylaws, the Committee should consist of an elected chairman and not more than one delegate from each of six different Member Societies – a maximum of seven people in total. The President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Executive Committee are ex-officio members of this Committee and their job is to provide information.

Delegates are reminded, particularly those here for the first time, that only Heads of Delegation may attend the meetings of Committee C2 as observers and that only for the sessions concerned with Finance, which start on Sunday evening. The Credentials session of C2 this evening is for the Committee members only.

The choice of Chairman of C2 is an important one and ideally, a candidate with knowledge of financial matters is needed.

A proposal for the Chairman of Committee C2 is requested.

The RSGB proposes Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW. There being no further nominations and PB2T declares Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW, chairman of Committee C2.

Proposals for the six members of Committee C2 are called for. The following Member Societies are willing to serve SARL, KARS, NRRL, OeVSV, RSGB and VERON. PB2T therefore declares that the members are elected to Committee C2 and wishes Committee C2 good luck in their work. The Committee is reminded of the first meeting at 16.00 this evening in the Loti Hall.

11. The election of the Election and Ballot Committee

This Committee consists of a Chairman and two members who are duly accredited delegates from different Member Societies. None of them may be a member of the Executive Committee, Chairmen of Specialised Bodies or a candidate for election.

The purpose of this Committee is to arrange the Elections in accordance with Section B.5 of the Region's Byelaws, and any other secret ballots throughout the course of the work of the General Conference. This Committee reports to the Final Plenary Meeting and only acts for the duration of the General Conference.

PB2T asks for a proposal for the Chairman of the Election and Ballot Committee.

Zjelko Ulip, 9A2EY, volunteers to be chairman of the committee. PB2T declares Zjelko Ulip 9A2EY, as chairman of the Election and Ballot Committee.

Proposals for two members of the EBC is called for. ARA and RAL make themselves available for the committee. PB2T declares that Afif Benlgha, 7X2RO, of ARA and Riri Azrak, OD5RI, of RAL are duly elected as members of the EBC.

12. Election of the Chairman of Committee C3 - the General Administrative and Organisational Committee

In the past, it has been general practice for this to be chaired by the President of the Region, although there is no requirement for this to be the case. Nominations for the Chairman of Committee C3 are called for.

RSGB and OeVSV proposes Hans, PB2T. There are no further nominations and the chairman declares himself elected.

That concludes the formal business of the opening Plenary.

The first plenary is closed at 11:40.

Delegates and guests move to the area of the swimming pool for photographs.

Subject	Member Societies, Delegates and Proxies
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Country	Society	Delegates	Call Sign	HoD	Proxy
Albania	AARA	Marenglen Memaj	ZA1B	X	
Algeria	ARA	Afif Benlagha	7X2RO	X	
Austria	OEVSV	Michael Zwingl	OE3MZC	X	
		Thomas Ostermann	OE7OST		
		Dieter Kritzer	OE8KDK		
Belgium	UBA	Claude van Pottelsberghe de la Potterie	ON7TK	X	RL
		Carine Ramon	ON7LX		
		Jacques Verleijen	ON4AVJ		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	ARABIH	Darko Rusman	E70A	X	TRAC
Bulgaria	BFRA	Victor Tzenkov	LZ3NN	X	
		Boycho Hadshiyski	LZ1BJ		
		Stefan Aleksandrov	LZ1WDX		
		Valentin Petkov	LZ1DOT		
		Zdravka Buchkova	LZ1ZQ		
		Ivan Kotev	LZ1IK		
Burkina Faso	ARBF	Hugolin Pooda	XT2HB	X	ARAI
Cameroon	ARTJ	Florence Ntsiyep	TJ3NF	X	
Croatia	HRS	Zeljko Pilat	9A2R	X	
		Zeljko Ulip	9A2EY		
Czech Rep.	CRC	Jiri Sanda	OK1RI	X	
		Jan Karel	OK1VAO		
Denmark	EDR	Ivan Gyllich Stauning	OZ7IS	X	FRA
		Jan Thögersen	OZ1ADL		
Egypt	ERASD	Said Kamel	SU1SK	X	
Estonia	ERAU	Juri Ruut	ES5JR	X	LRMD
Finland	SRAL	Jorma Saloranta	OH2KI		
		Jussi Liukkonen	OH5LK		
France	REF	Pierre-Louis Cassot	F5NED	X	URA
		Philippe Martin	F6ETI		
		Sylvain Azarian	F4GKR		
		Jacques Saget	F6BEE		
Germany	DARC	Joerg Jaehrig	DJ3HW	X	
		Christian Entsfellner	DL3MBG		
		Kai Pastor	DG0YT		
		Fabian Kurz	DJ1YFK		
		Jann Traschewski	DG8NGN		
Greece	RAAG	John Traikos	SV1GE	X	CARS
Hungary	MRASZ	Laszlo Berzsenyi	HA5EA	X	RSM
Iceland	IRA	Kristjan Benediktsson	TF3KB	X	
		Vilhjalmur Thor Kjartansson	TF3DX		

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Ireland	IRTS	Seamus McCague	EI8BP	X	ARAB
		Sean Nolan	EI7CD		
Israel	IARC	Ros Bunyat-Zade	4Z5LA	X	
Italy	ARI	Gabriele Villa	I2VGW	X	
		Alessandro Carletti	IV3KKW		
Kazakhstan	KFRR	Seitkul Assaubay	UN7ZA	X	
Kuwait	KARS	Faisal Alajmi	9K2RR	X	RJARS
		Mohammad Alnesf	9K2MN		
		Ahmad Ali	9K2QA		
Mali	CRAM	Hamadoun Yattara	TZ6HY	X	
Monaco	ARM	Robert Scarlot	3A2CR	X	ARAC
		Claude Passet	3A2LF		
Montenegro	MARP	Ranko Boca	4O3A	X	
		Srdjan Mihaljevic			
Netherlands	VERON	Abraham van den Berg	PB0AOK		
		Coen Vermaire	PA5KM		
		Peter de Bruijn	PA3CWS		
		Remy Denker	PA3AGF		
		Sjoerd Ypma	PA0SHY		
Norway	NRRL	Stein-Roar Brobakken	LB3RE	X	
		Tom V. Segalstad	LA4LN		
		Kjetil Toresen	LA8KV		
Oman	ROARS	Ali Nasser Al Harthi	A41KQ	X	EARS
		Fahad Saleh Ibrahim	A41LK		
		Younis Mohammed Al Balushi	A41MA		
Poland	PZK	Tomasz Ciepielowski	SP5CCC	X	
		Paweł Zakrzewski	SP7TEV		
Qatar	QARS	Abdul Aziz Al Emadi	A71GO	X	
		AbdulRahim Al Mushiri	A71BA		
Romania	FRR	Constantin Neacsu	YO3IRC	X	
		Marius Mitrut	YO3CZW		
		Ion Purceleanu	YO5IP		
Russia	SRR	Leonid Mikhalevskiy	RL3BW	X	
Senegal	ARAS	Moustapha Diop	6W1KI	X	
Serbia	SRS	Zoran Mladenovic	YU1EW		MRSF
		Dusan Ceha	YU1EA		
Slovakia	SZR	Roman Kudlac	OM3EI	X	
		Anton Mraz	OM3LU		
Slovenia	ZRS	Miha Habic	S51FB	X	
		Robert Vilhar	S53WW		
Spain	URE	Ramon Paradell	EA3JI	X	REP
		José Ramón Hierro	EA7KW		
South Africa	SARL	Rassie Erasmus	ZS1YT		NARL
		Geoffrey Levey	ZS6C	X	
		Riaan Greeff	ZS4PR		
Sweden	SSA	Mats Espling	SM6EAN		

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		Eric Lund	SM6JSM		
		Brita Renstrom Lund	SM6YBR		
Switzerland	USKA	Daniel Kaegi	HB9IQY	X	AFVL
		Matthias Schumacher	HB9JCI		
		Markus Walter	HB9HVG		
United Kingdom	RSGB	John Gould	G3WKL	X	MARL
		Murray Niman	G6YJB		
		John Regnault	G4SWX		
		Don Beattie	G3BJ		
		Hilary Claytonsmith	G4JKS		
		Hans Wellens	ON6WQ		Observer
Bahrain		Salah Shamsi			Observer
Tunisia		Achraf Chaabane	3V8SS		Observer
		Anis Chabchoub	3V8HQ		Observer
Kosovo	SHRAK	Vjollca Belegu-Caka	Z61VB		Observer
R1 President		Hans Blondeel Timmerman	PB2T		
R1 Secretary		Dennis Green	ZS4BS		
R1 Treasurer		Andreas Thiemann	HB9JOE		
EC		Anders Larsson	SM6CNN		
EC		Thilo Kootz	DL9KCE		
EC		Panayot Danev	LZ1US		
EC		Nikola Percin	9A5W		
EmComm		Greg Mossop	G0DUB		
ARSPEX		Gaston Bertels	ON4WF		
HST WG		Oliver Tabakovski	Z32TO		
EMC WG		Christian Verholt	OZ8CY		
IPHA		Rizkallah Azrak	OD5RI		
STARS WG		Jean-Jacques Niava	TU2OP		
Youth		Lisa Leenders	PA2LS		
ARDF WG		Jiri Marecek	OK2BWN		
Satellite		Graham Shirville	G3VZV		
C4		Ulrich Mueller	DK4VW		
C4 Secretary		Ian Greenshields	G4FSU		
C5		Michael Kastelic	OE1MCU		
C5 Secretary		Dave Court	EI3IO		
ITU		Attila Matas	OM1AM		
AC		Tim Ellam	VE6SH		
		Ole Garpestad	LA2RR		
		Rod Staford	W6ROD		
		Dave Sumner	K1ZZ		
Region 2		Reinaldo Leandro	YV5AM		
		Ramon Santoyo	XE1KK		

Country	Society	Delegates	Call Sign	HoD	Proxy
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Region 3		Gopal Madhavan	VU2GMN		
		Wisnu Widjaja	YB0AZ		

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The Second Plenary of the 24th IARU Region 1 General Conference was opened at 09:00 on Monday 22 September 2014 in the Grand Hall of the Flamingo Grand Hotel, Albena, Bulgaria.

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, welcomes the delegates to the Second Plenary.

1. Correction to the Election and Ballot Committee

a. An error was made in the selection of members for the Election and Ballots Committee during the First Plenary.

Rizkallah Azrak, OD5RI, is a Working Group coordinator and can thus not serve of the Election and Ballots Committee.

The meeting decides to appoint Abdul Aziz Al Emadi, A71GO to replace OD5RI.

b. Afif Benlagha, 7X2RO, has indicated that he would stand for nomination to the EC and is thus withdrawing as a member of the EBC.

7X2RO proposes that Florence Ntsiyep, TJ3NF, takes his place. The meeting unanimously accepts this.

2. Feedback from the Credentials Committee

a. Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW, presents the minutes of the Credentials Committee meeting held on Sunday 21 September.

b. The Committee determined that there are 95 Member Societies in IARU Region 1 and that 25 Member Societies had not paid their dues by 16:00 on Sunday 21 September 2014. Thus, there are 70 Member Societies eligible for voting.

c. The number of votes required to change the Constitution of Region 1 is 47 votes and to change the Bye-laws, votes are required.

d. The Committee determined that there are 43 Member Societies present at the Conference and that the Societies are paid up.

e. The Committee determined that there are 16 proxies from Member Societies and that these Member Societies are paid up.

f. Thus, there are 59 Member Societies represented at Conference.

g. The IRTS raises a question about the proxy they received from the Amateur Radio Association of Bahrain (ARAB). The meeting is adjourned while the Region 1 President and Treasurer and the IRTS delegate discuss the matter.

h. The meeting is re-adjourned and asked if the proxy from ARAB can be accepted. The meeting accepts the proxy, with OeVSV requesting that better liaison should take place before the Credential Committee meeting.

i. Mr Salah Shamsi from Bahrain expressed a concern regarding the legal status of our member society ARAB. The chairman responded that IARU Region 1 operates under its own constitution and that ARAB has been accepted as IARU member.

j. Therefore, the number of Member Societies represented at Conference is 60, made up of 43 MS present and 17 proxies.

3. Nomination for the Executive Committee

The Chairman reminds delegates that all nomination forms for the Executive Committee elections must be handed to the Region 1 Secretary by 18:00 on Tuesday 23 September 2014.

4. The Roy Stevens Panel

The Secretary requests the members of the Roy Stevens panel to meet him after the closure of the Plenary.

The meeting closes at 09:30

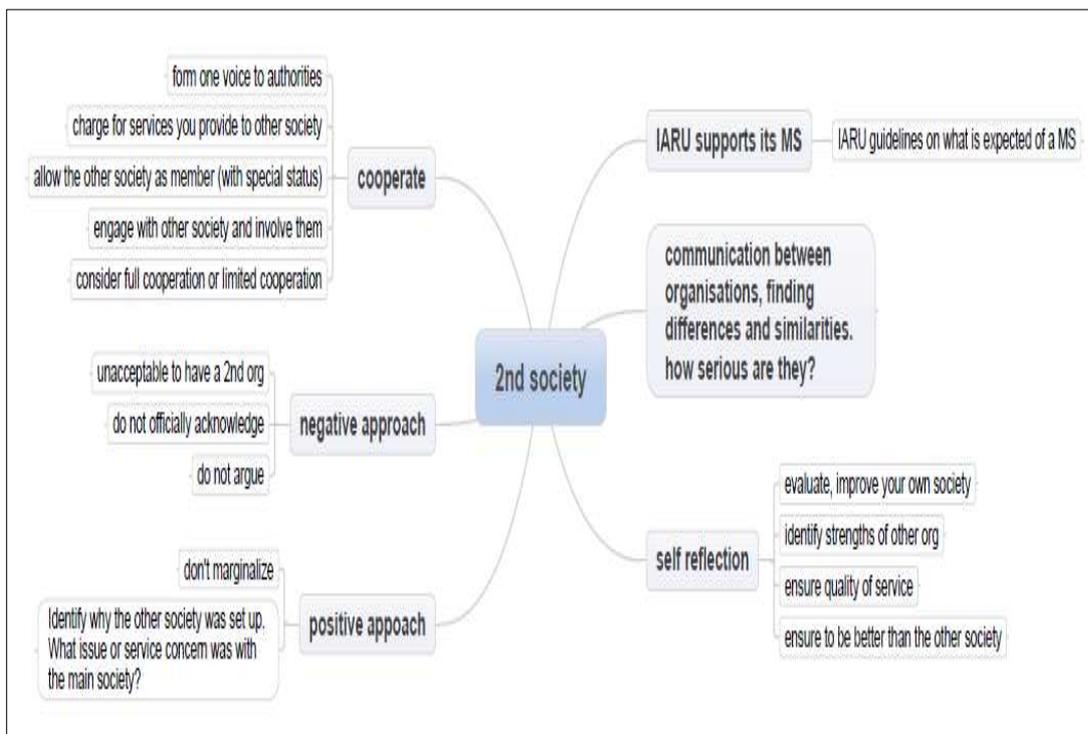
Subject	Member Society Workshop
Author:	Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T

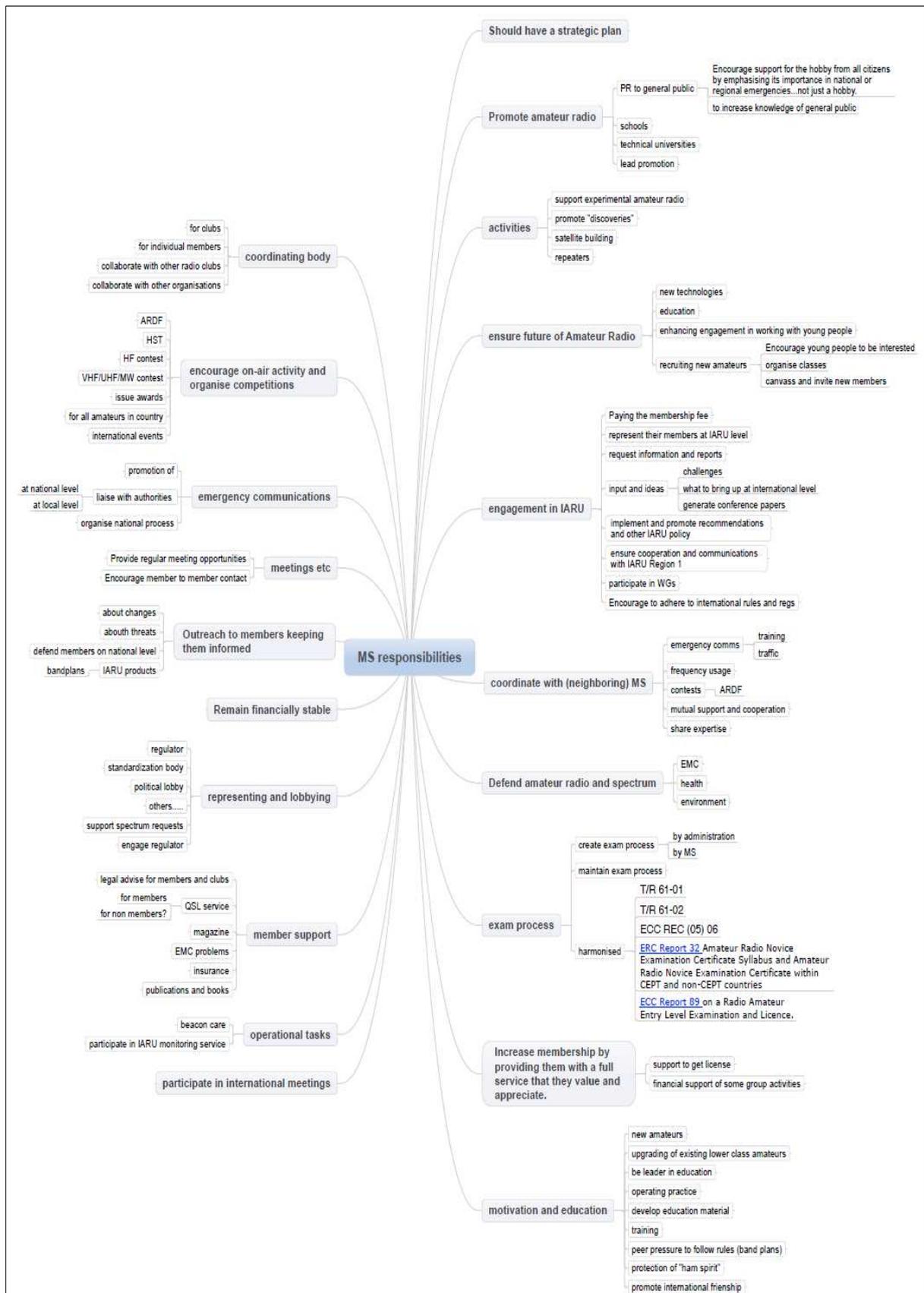
On 21 September, a workshop addressed two topics, (1) the responsibilities for an IARU member society and (2) how to deal with a second society. The results of the workshop were captured in two mind maps.

It is proposed that committee C3 improves the two mind maps and that the results for member societies will be used by existing member societies for self reflection. New member societies will be advised to use the same mind map as a guideline/handbook for their future organization

a. Member Society Responsibilities

b. 2nd Society Mind Map





Subject	Minutes of the Final Plenary, 23rd Region 1 General Conference
Author:	Dennis Green, ZS4BS

The Final Plenary was opened at 09:00 on Thursday 25 September 2014.

Present:

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, President IARU Region 1 (Chairman)

Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)

Delegates from:

Albania, AARA; Algeria, ARA; Austria, OeVSV; Belgium, UBA; Bosnia and Herzegovina, ARABIH; Bulgaria, BFRA; Burkina Faso, ARBF; Cameroon, ARTJ; Croatia, HRS; Czech Rep, CRC; Denmark, EDR; Egypt, ERASD; Estonia, ERAU; Finland, SRAL; France, REF; Germany, DARC; Greece, RAAG; Hungary, MRASZ; Iceland, IRA; Ireland, IRTS; Israel, IARC; Italy, ARI; Kazakhstan, KFRR; Kuwait, KARS; Mali, CRAM; Monaco, ARM; Montenegro, MARP; the Netherlands, VERON; Norway, NRRL; Oman, ROARS; Poland, PZK; Qatar, QARS; Romania, FRR; Russia, SRR; Senegal, ARAS; Serbia, SRS; Slovakia, SZR; Slovenia, ZRS; Spain, URE; South Africa, SARL; Sweden, SSA; Switzerland, USKA and the United Kingdom, RSGB

By Proxy:

Andorra, URA; Bahrain, ARAB; Cote d'Ivoire, ARAI; Cyprus, CARS; DR Congo, ARAC; Faroe Islands, FRA; Jordan, RJARS; Liechtenstein, AFVL; Lithuania, LRMD; Luxembourg, RL; FYRO Macedonia, RSM; Malta, MARL; Mongolia, MRSF; Namibia, NARL; Portugal, REP; Turkey, TRAC; and the United Arab Emirates, EARS

Observers:

ON6WQ; Bahrain – Mr Salah Shamsi; Tunisia – Mr Anis Chabchoub and Mr Ashraf Chaabane; Kosovo – Mrs Vjollca Belegu-Caka, Z61VB

IARU Region 1 Executive Committee Members, IARU Region 1 Working Group Chairmen, IARU Officers, IARU Region 2 Officers and IARU Region 3 Officers.

The chairman welcomed delegates and observers to the Final Plenary of the 23rd General Conference of IARU Region 1.

The agenda for the meeting is approved.

The Election and Ballot Committee collected the voting papers for the Executive Committee elections and the 2017 venue.

Recommendations of Committee C2 – Credentials and Finance Committee

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_01

That the following budget lines are added to the IARU Region 1 accounts and that the relevant amounts are budgeted;

- a. Youth Projects - CHF 25 000 for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017**
- b. Youth Working Group – CHF 2 000 for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017**

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_02

That CHF 5 000 is budgeted for the Future of Amateur Radio in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: ROARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_03

That the Region 1 audited financial statements for 2011, 2012 and 2013 be accepted.

Proposed by: CRAM
Seconded by: VERON
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_04

That the outline budget, VA14_C2_07 Outline Budget 2015_2017 V2, for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 be accepted.

Proposed by: SARL
Seconded by: UBA
The motion was carried

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C2

Recommendations of Committee C3 – Administrative and Organisational

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_01

It is proposed that the two Byelaws be changed to read as follows:

Byelaw B.1.4.1. Such documents should reach the Secretariat not later than 5 months prior to the scheduled date of the General Conference. They may be submitted by electronic means, telefax, electronic mail or similar services, as indicated by the Secretariat.

Byelaw B.1.8. The Secretariat shall distribute the conference documents to all Member Societies, the Executive Committee and Chairmen or Coordinators of Specialised Bodies at least 4 months before the scheduled date of the General Conference.

Proposed by: MRASZ
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_03

To approve the changes to the ARDF Rules as reflected in Paper VA14_C3_REC_10 d

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: ARABiH
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_06

That previous conference recommendation CT08_C3_34 be suppressed and removed.

Proposed by: MARP
Seconded by: AARA
The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_08

That the HST Working Group report and the changes to the rules will be accepted.

Proposed by: KARS
Seconded by: MRASZ
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_10

Responsible QSLing

For all operators

- **State your QSL policy clearly on the air, and on webpages, common online databases, etc.**
- **Consider offering OQRS (On-line QSL Request System) and electronic confirmation systems (e.g. LoTW) if you work a large number of stations**
- **Accept requests for Bureau QSL cards by e-mail**
- **IARU Member Societies should promote “Responsible QSLing.”**

Cutting QSL card waste

- **Do ask contacts if they want a QSL card and only send to those that request one either by email, OQRS or after you have received their QSL card;**
- **Do not be afraid to tell contacts if you do not want a QSL card;**
- **Avoid sending unwanted QSL cards**

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: REF
The motion was carried with two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_11

It is recommended to task the Executive Committee with evaluating if a digital coding system for QSL cards as mentioned in VA14_C3_31 exists up to now in practice, including Regions 2 and 3.

Discuss and recommend a suitable digital coding to be printed on printed QSL labels to ease automatic sorting and handling in the shack. The use of the digital code is to be encouraged via all suitable media.

DARC offers support on technical issues according digital coding on QSL cards.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: HRS
The motion was carried with six abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_15

To approve the Chairman's report and that the work and activities of the STARS Working Group continues for a further three year period in accordance with the IARU Region 1 Constitution and Byelaws, the Working Group Terms of Reference and its action plan as outlined

Proposed by: REF
Seconded by: CRAM
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_17

- 1. To set up a Youth Working Group and appoint the Youth Coordinator as chairman of the Youth Working Group**
- 2. To make the following additions to the Terms of Reference:**
 - a. To organise and coordinate YOTA activities, including an annual special event**
 - b. The Working Group Chairman supports and advises the Youngster on the Air special event host organisation in the required manner.**
- 3. To allocate an annual budget as for the other Region 1 Working Groups.**

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_19

To approve the Chairman's report and the work and activities of the ARSPEX Working Group

Proposed by: PZK

Seconded by: UBA

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_21

1. Considering the established practise in use by the majority of amateur radio operators, IARU Region 1 recommends that well established CW procedures can still be used, in addition to the alternative procedures introduced in the book "Ethics and Procedures for the Radio Amateur" by ON4UN and ON4WW. The IARU Administrative Council endorsed the principles set out in the booklet.

2. The recommended CW (and digital mode) operating procedure involves the following:

- a) "K" is an invitation to transmit at the end of transmission.
- b) A station ending the transmission with "AR" alone is not inviting callers.
- c) "K" is also the most common ending of a general "CQ" call.

3. That maximum publicity should be given, via member societies and other available channels, to this recommendation.

4. That the Region 1 Executive Committee is instructed to bring this result to the IARU Administrative Council at the first possible opportunity.

Proposed by: IRA

Seconded by: RSM

The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_22

1. To strengthen the efficiency of the IARU R1 EMC Working Group and allow detail work on standardisation issues in a reasonable timeline, we recommend to enhance the status of the EMC Working Group to a permanent Working Group or committee and taking part in the agenda of interim meetings (in Vienna) at the same time and location as the permanent committees C4 and C5.

2. To adopt the changes of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the EMC Working Group described in Annex 1 (without change in 3.).

3. To change the ToR of the EMC Committee as described in Annex 1 and the Byelaws as described in Annex 2.

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: URE
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_24

To change the Terms of Reference of the Political Relations Committee

1. The PRC deals with issues related to political, governmental and other entities, with the following Terms of Reference:

i. The Region 1 Political Relations Committee, hereinafter referred to as "PRC," is an advisory body to the Executive Committee, formed according to Art. A.5 of the Constitution and Section B.3 of the Byelaws. It is a permanent body in the sense of B.3.10.

ii. PRC shall advise the Executive Committee on matters relevant to the monitoring of, or involvement in, works of political entities affecting the interests of the Amateur Radio Services in any matter.

iii. The PRC shall process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the Executive Committee, to which it is responsible.

iv. The PRC shall consist of volunteers and persons with special knowledge from Region 1 Member Societies.

v. The PRC shall work with other permanent bodies (ERC, EMC Working Group, C4 and C5 Committees) to identify potential threats to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services from legislative, political or commercial pressures and agree with the ERC and other relevant permanent bodies, strategy and implementation to ensure that these threats are managed in a way that limits adverse impact on the Amateur Services.

2. It is recommended that Member Societies of IARU Region 1 will inform the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the names and addresses of qualified persons in their Society who could participate in this committee (PRC).

3. The PRC Chairman should be a member of the Executive Committee.

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: ERASD
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_26

The IARU Region 1 should update its internal communication by using cloud services instead of the use of mail services. This should be implemented by June 2015.

The Region 1 Secretary is tasked to research and implement cloud services

Proposed by: UBA
Seconded by: KARS
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_27

To organize a yearly meeting about emergency communications in IARU Region 1, not as an alternative for GAREC, but as an addition to improve Emcom in Europe. The annual Ham Radio should be utilised as a venue.

Proposed by: FRR
Seconded by: ARABiH
The motion was carried with two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_28

- 1. IARU Region 1 Societies should follow accepted copyright law and practice. The definition of copyright is that found in Article II of the European Union Copyright Directive (2001/29/EC). For greater certainty, the kind of works covered by copyright include: literary works such as novels, poems, plays, reference works, newspapers and computer programs; databases; films, musical compositions and choreography; artistic works such as paintings, drawings, photographs and sculpture; architecture; and advertisements, maps and technical drawings.**
- 2. Members Societies are strongly encouraged to acquire the copyright for all published material.**
- 3. Other Member Societies may on written approval from a publishing Society, reproduce material published in paper or digital form, for which the publishing Member Society holds the copyright. Such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.**
- 4. Material taken from other Member Societies publications in this way shall have a source and originator acknowledgement included on publication.**
- 5. IARU Region 1 Societies should publish their policies.**

Proposed by: EARU
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_29

- 1. Online Archive: Region 1 puts in place a project to create an online archive of its General Conference proceedings and other key documents, in an easily accessible suitable digital format.**

2. Current Recommendations: Committees C3, C4, C5 and C7 should each maintain a Proceedings/Handbook that lists all standing Recommendations for prominent download on the IARU R1 website.

Proposed by: FRR
Seconded by: RJARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_30

The Working Group recommends that Member Societies raise awareness of EMC issues amongst their members and report major EMC developments regularly by means of their membership magazine and/or electronic media.

The Working Group recommends Member Societies try to recruit members, who are willing to be active and willing to work within the forum of EMC Working Group on behalf of their society. Ideally, they should have expertise in EMC/standardisation work. All names of the members of EMC

The Working Group is/will be displayed on the IARU Region 1 website. Member's names will form the basis of a new IARU R1 EMC reflector.

Proposed by: AARA
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_31

Member Societies shall report the EMC situation in their country and any major issues to the EMC Working Group Chairman on a regular basis or on request.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C3

Recommendations of Committee C4 – HF Committee

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_01

That the 'downlink only' restriction be removed from the 28 MHz amateur satellite service band plan.

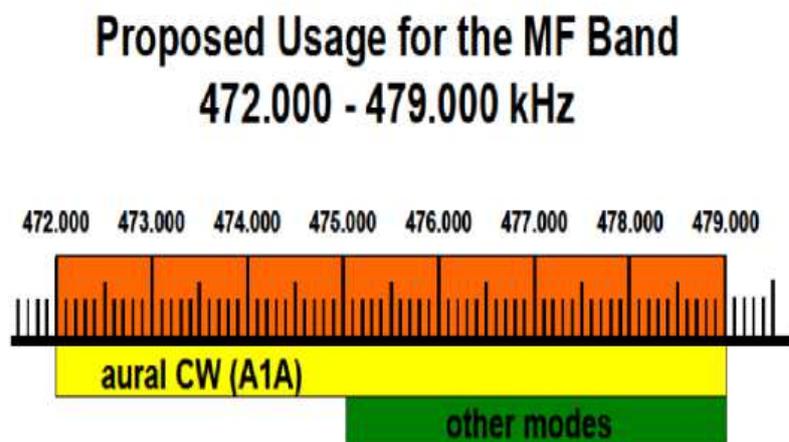
Proposed by: RSGB

Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_02

That the plan on the proposed usage of the 472 – 479 kHz band (630 m) be accepted:

**472 - 475 kHz CW only – maximum bandwidth 200 Hz
475 – 479 kHz CW + digimodes**



Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: VERON
The motion was carried with two votes against

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_03:

That member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions.

Proposed by: MARP
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_04:

That the following text be published in the VHF and HF Managers Handbook:

Remote Controlled Operation

Remote controlled operation is defined to mean operation where a licensed operator controls an amateur radio station from a remote control terminal.

Where a station is operated remotely, the following conditions shall apply:

- 1. Remote operation must be permitted, or not objected to, by the Regulatory Authority of the country where the station is located.**

2. The call sign to be used should be the call sign issued by the Regulatory Authority of the country in which the station is located. This applies irrespective of the location of the operator.

3. It should be noted that Recommendation SC11_C4_07 states that member societies bring to their members attention that the T/R 61-01 agreement only applies to people using their own call sign, with the appropriate country prefix, when the operator is actually visiting that country, not for remote operation.

4. Any further requirements regarding the participation of remotely controlled stations in contests or award programmes are a matter for the various contest or award programme organisers.

Proposed by: CRC

Seconded by: HRS

The motion was carried with one vote against and two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_05:

That a Region 1 Amateur Radio Observation Service (AROS) Coordinator is appointed to:

- a. Coordinate the establishment of independent AROS operations in around six member societies**
- b. Commence the monitoring of DXpeditions for malicious QRM**
- c. Coordinate operation with the aim of identifying any patterns and possible sources of jamming, and**
- d. Report back by the next Interim Meeting**

Proposed by: ROARS

Seconded by: SZR

The motion was carried with three votes against and four abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_06:

Member Societies are reminded of the recommendation in the IARU Region 1 HF Band Plan 'that any unmanned transmitting stations on HF shall only be activated under operator control, except for beacons agreed with the IARU Region 1 Beacon Coordinator'. This recommendation does not apply to ARDF transmitters.

Unmanned transmitting stations, and operation involving unmanned transmitting stations, must adhere to the frequency and bandwidth limits of the band plan.

The operator connecting to an automatically controlled unmanned transmitting station is responsible for not causing interference. This is particularly im-

portant in the 30 metre band where the amateur service only has secondary status.

Amateur radio operators may transmit messages via unmanned transmitting stations during coordinated emergency, and disaster preparedness exercises, limited to the duration of such exercises, using a bandwidth not exceeding 2 700 Hz.

Such communication should be announced regularly on the frequency, and radio amateurs not participating in the communication should cooperate by not transmitting on the frequency.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_07:

**That the 28 MHz band plan be amended in Region 1 to add to the table:
29 000 – 29 100 6 000 Hz All modes**

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: SZR
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_08:

That C4 recognises the use of different HQ call signs per band mode in the IARU World Championship is required in some countries and requests the Executive Committee to ask the Administrative Council to investigate if this is possible within the scoring software.

Proposed by: URE
Seconded by: REF
The motion was carried with one vote against and five abstentions

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C4.

The meeting adjourns for tea.

The meeting resumes at 11:00 and the Election and Ballot Committee collects the voting papers for the election of the Executive Committee members and the second vote for the 2017 venue.

Recommendations of Committee C5 – VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_01

That the current Region 1 proposal in CEPT for future WRC-18 agenda item for harmonised allocations at 1,8, 50 and 3 400 MHz be strongly supported by

Member Societies and the IARU Administrative Council. It is further recommended that the changes to the WRC preparation process and pressures on spectrum that led to this proposal be noted and that we adapt the IARU approach to both WRC and Spectrum Strategy at both Regional and Administrative Council level.

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_02

The IARU Region 1 web site should include a compilation of information on various areas of amateur activity through hypertext links to relevant web pages identified by member societies. One such activity should be the provision of repeater information on the IARU Region 1 web site. National Societies should provide their information to SM6EAN.

Proposed by: EDR
Seconded by: IARC
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_03

The IARU Region 1 web site should include a hypertext link (to be inserted by the Chairman of C5) to a stable page on the South African Radio League web site, which describes the RaDAR concept.

Proposed by: SARL
Seconded by: ERAU
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_04

Add a footnote concerning WSPR transmissions in chapter 2.1 of the VHF Handbook and in the band plans. The frequencies in the band plan are the centre of the transmitted frequency (not the suppressed carrier frequency or necessarily the VFO dial setting). This may also be applicable to HF WSPR usage.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_05

To promote more flexible 'centres of activity' for data transmission amend band plans as follows:

6 m - 50,600 MHz – no change proposed – but review in future

4 m – 70,300 MHz – Delete RTTY – leave channel free for usage that is more flexible

2 m – 144,600 MHz - Change to ‘Data centre of activity (MGM, RTTY, etc.,)’ and remove footnote (n)

2 m – 145,300 MHz (RTTY Local) - Delete - leave channel free for more general usage

70 cm – 432,600 RTTY (ASK/PSK) - Delete

70 cm – 433,600 RTTY (AFSK/FM) - Delete

Proposed by: RSGB

Seconded by: SARL

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_06

In order to facilitate inter-Regional sharing amend band plan as follows:

Main Table: 144,000 – 144,025 MHz, 2,7 kHz Max Bandwidth, Satellite space-to-Earth (downlink) x

Footnote x: No transmission shall be made below 144,0025 MHz

Further, recommend provision of an update to IARU Regions 2 and 3, regarding the Region 1 implementation

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: HRS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_07

– To take account of redundant spectrum usage:

For 144 MHz band

o **Delete 144,700 MHz FAX calling**

o **Change 144,500 MHz from ‘SSTV calling’ to ‘Image Modes centre (SSTV, Fax etc.,)’**

For 430 MHz band

o **Delete 432,700 MHz FAX (ASK)**

o **Delete 433,700 MHz FAX channel (FM/AFSK)**

Proposed by: MRASZ

Seconded by: KARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_08

To promote centres of activity and amend redundant usage:

144,300 MHz (SSB Calling) - update to SSB Centre of Activity

144,525 MHz (ATV SSB talk back) - Delete
144,660 MHz – Delete (Editorial correction) – National footnote h to be retained.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_09. The recommendation was withdrawn.

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_10

Continue to focus all 24 GHz activity in that segment of the band having primary status, and:

Utilize 24,025 GHz as the new wideband centre of activity
Delete the ‘preferred’ status of 24,125 GHz for wideband usage

Proposed by: URA
Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_11

National and sub-regional activity contest rules should be complementary and activity contests should be open to all (National and International contesters) to encourage and promote activity on the VHF, UHF and SHF bands.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: FRR
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_12

In order to avoid confusion and improve efficiency, the submission of contest entries shall be no later than the second Monday after the contest, which is in accordance with the rules approved by IARU Region 1. This requirement shall be implemented by all member societies without further delay.

Proposed by: HRS
Seconded by: EDR
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_13

- 1. That member societies encourage the use of the 70 MHz frequency band.**
- 2. That every year an IARU Region 1 70 MHz contest shall be held on the same weekend as the 50 MHz contest.**
- 3. The contest will be a 70 MHz all mode contest.**
- 4. The contest shall run for 24 hours from 14:00 to 14:00 UTC.**

5. Stations must exchange a signal report, serial contest number and a 6-character locator.

Procedure and scoring are the same as the other IARU Region 1 contests.

6. There will be two sections. One including MGM and the other excluding MGM.

7. The rules, with the exception of the two sections mentioned above, will follow the 50 MHz IARU Region 1 contest rules

8. The rules for this contest shall be placed in the VHF Managers Handbook.

9. The chairman of the VHF/UHF and Microwaves committee shall update the VHF Managers Handbook.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: USKA

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_14

1. It is recommended that the text “Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance of another person during the contest” should be changed to “Stations operated by a single operator, with no operational assistance of another person during the contest.”

2. It is recommended that the Rover category should be removed from the contest rules.

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: ZRS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_15

It is recommended that the text in the VHF/UHF and Microwave managers handbook, chapter 5.2 will be amended to read, “All QSOs including unique QSOs shall count for points even if they only appear in the log of one contest entrant. The number of unique QSOs for every contest entrant should be included in the published contest results.”

A disclaimer shall also be introduced into the submission process that the contester accepts that all data in the log will be published.

Proposed by: NRRL

Seconded by: ERAU

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_16

Recognising that the numbers of contest entries are dropping and in order *in-ter alia* to encourage members of national societies to enter contests, a 6-hour

operating category for single and multi operator classes to be introduced in IARU Region 1 144 MHz and 435 MHz contests.

Proposed by: URA

Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried with one vote against and one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_17

It is recommended that the text in the VHF/UHF and Microwave managers handbook, chapter 5.2 will be amended to read, “Any error in the exchanged information logged by a station is liable to result in the loss of all points for that contact for both correspondents (receiving and transmitting station); subject to review and confirmation by the contest organizer.” should be changed to “Any error in the exchanged information logged by a station is liable to result in the loss of all points for that contact; subject to review and confirmation by the contest organizer.

Proposed by: ARI

Seconded by: CRC

The motion was carried with two votes against

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_18

The 144,500 – 144,700 MHz segment which to date could also be used for some contest QSOs should not be extended after 31 December 2014,

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_19

To add a footnote in chapter 11.1.5 saying that the picture of the transmitted sequences is an example, but the timing should be adapted to suit the MGM mode deployed.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_20

Noting that the migration of Region 1 50 MHz beacons is progressing (with good propagation reports):

The deadline for migration the remainder shall now be 31 December 2015, noting that the default for QSY is usually + 400 kHz unless a specific request is sent to the IARU Region 1 beacon coordinator.

The coordination of new beacons below 50,4 MHz shall no longer be possible, except for the members of the Synchronised Beacon Project (SBP)

For the SBP - That both VA14_C5_14 and VA14_C5_15 papers be adopted in C5

As per VA14_C5_15, the Synchronised beacons will now use – ‘once every 5 minute’ slots, instead of ‘once every 4 minutes’

Member Societies are invited to participate in the pilot programme as outlined in VA14_C5_14 and to consider the best locations for SBP (e.g. an existing site or new strategic site)

Opportunities for a 50 MHz space-borne receiver should be sought for monitoring both standard beacons and the SBP. This will enable assessments of propagation, band usage; support for further research; and support potential future frequency allocation requests.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried with one vote against and two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_21

C5 recommends that in order to underpin an exciting future for amateur data communications that the IARU Administrative Council considers the draft paper from Region 1 and provides support for obtaining an IPv6 allocation for global amateur radio

Proposed by: ZRS

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_22

Addition of a footnote to Chapter 4.5.2 of VHF Managers Handbook concerning the 430 – 440 MHz Band Plan. In countries without access to the full 70 cm band, the following 12,5 kHz repeater channels with a 1,6 MHz separation between uplink and downlink can be implemented:

Input Frequencies (uplink) 431,225 – 431,600 MHz

Output Frequencies (downlink) 432,825 – 433,200 MHz

It is further recommended that if such usage is likely to cause harmful interference in neighbouring countries, co-ordination shall be initiated between affected national societies.

Proposed by: AFVL

Seconded by: KARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_23 - The recommendation was withdrawn.

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_24

Chapters 5.2 and 5.3 of the VHF Manager's Handbook require revision (see Annex 1). As extensive modifications have been made under time pressure, the C5 Chairman should check and review before making the necessary changes.

Proposed by: ZRS
Seconded by: ARI
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_25

The rules for the IARU Region 1 ATV contest should be amended as proposed in Document VA14_C5_19.

Proposed by: VERON
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_26

It is recommended that the detailed recommendations provided in Annex 3 to the C5 minutes be implemented in respect of DATV issues and shall be integrated into the VHF Managers Handbook.

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: CRC
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_27

The text of Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_03 shall also be included in the VHF Managers Handbook.

That member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions.

Proposed by: ERAU
Seconded by: FRR
The motion was carried with one vote against

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C5.

Appointment of Committee and Working Group Chairmen and Coordinators

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_02

That Colin Thomas, G3PSM, be appointed as the ERC Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: VERON
Seconded by: DARC
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_04

That Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN, be appointed as the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: SZR
Seconded by: ARA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_05

That Greg Mossup G0DUB, be appointed as IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: REF
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_07

That Martin Harrison, G3USF, be appointed HF Beacon Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: PZK
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_09

That Ivan Ivanov, LZ1PJ, be appointed as chairman of the HST Working Group for the next three-year period

Proposed by: RSM
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_12

That Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM, be appointed chairman of the IARU MS Working Group for the next three-year period

Proposed by: REF
Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_13

That Rizkallah Azrak, OD5RI, be appointed IPHA Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: ARA

Seconded by: ROARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_14

That Peter W. Frey, HB9MQM, be appointed as Regulatory Affairs co-ordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: ARTJ

Seconded by: EARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_16

That Jean-Jacques Niava, TU2OP, be appointed as chairman of the STARS Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: ARA

Seconded by: ARBF

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_18

That Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, be appointed as chairman of the Youth Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: VERON

Seconded by: NRRL

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_20

That Stefan Dombrowski, ON6TI, be appointed as chairman of the ARSPEX Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: UBA

Seconded by: MRSF

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_23

That Christian Verholt, OZ8CY, be appointed as EMC Committee Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: KARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_25

That Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE, be appointed as chairman of the Political Relations Committee for the next three-year period

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_09:

That Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW, is elected as Chairman of the HF Committee

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: FRR
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_28

That Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ, be appointed Chairman of the VHF/UHF and Microwave Committee

Proposed by: IRTS
Seconded by: ZRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_18:

That Mark Jones, G0MGX, be appointed as AROS coordinator

Proposed by:RSGB
Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried with one abstention

This concludes the appointments as agreed at Conference

Election and Ballot Committee

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the 2017 Conference Venue

Munich, Germany – 20 votes
Dublin, Ireland – 14 votes

Novi Sad, Serbia – 23 votes

Total votes: 60

Valid votes: 57

Invalid votes: 3

Since there is no clear winner, Dublin, Ireland is removed from the list and a new voting sheet is produced.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the Region 1 President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

IARU Region 1 President

Don Beattie, G3BJ – 41 votes

Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU – 19 votes

IARU Region 1 Vice President

Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR – 58 votes and two invalid votes

IARU Region 1 Secretary

Dennis Green, ZS4BS - 60

IARU Region 1 Treasurer

Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM / OK3QE - 60

Thus, Don Beattie, G3BJ, Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR, Dennis Green, ZS4BS, and Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM are duly elected to the Executive Committee.

The Election and Ballot Committee issues voting papers for the election of the Executive Committee members and the second vote for the 2017 venue.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the second voting for the 2017 Conference Venue

Munich, Germany – 35 votes

Novi Sad, Serbia – 24 votes

Total votes: 60

Valid votes: 59

Invalid votes: 1

The 2017 IARU Region 1 General Conference will be held in September 2017 at Wildbad Kreuth, near Munich Germany, hosted by the DARC.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the members of the Region 1 Executive Committee:

Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE – 50 votes

David Court, EI3IO – 39 votes

Ranko Boca, 4O3A – 37 votes

Salvador Domenech Fernandez, EA5DY – 17 votes
Manos Darkadakis, SV1IW – 13 votes
Mitrut Marius, YO3CZW – 7 votes
Jiri Sanda, OK1RI – 27 votes
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO – 28 votes
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS – 33 votes
Afif Benlagha, 7X2RO – 22 votes
Total: 60 votes
Valid: 59 votes
Invalid: 1 vote

The Executive Committee for the next three years will therefore comprise

Don Beattie, G3BJ
Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR
Dennis Green, ZS4BS
Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM
Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE
David Court, EI3IO
Ranko Boca, 4O3A
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO

Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Award

The Roy Stevens panel, after consideration of the nomination by UBA and VERON, award the Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Award to Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, for his meritorious service to amateur radio in Region 1.

The meeting closes at 12:50

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE IARU REGION 1 ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) WORKING GROUP

- 1. The EMC Working Group is a specialised body of IARU, Region 1 and is set up by the General Conference. It acts under the provisions of the IARU Region 1 Constitution and Byelaws.**
- 2. Its aims are:**
 - a. to exchange information related to all aspects of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)**
 - b. to provide advice on EMC questions to IARU Region 1 Member Societies (MS)**
 - c. to prepare papers on EMC, presenting the interests of radio amateurs with respect to EMC**
 - d. to influence EMC related standards for the benefit of radio amateurs**
 - e. to bring potential EMC threats to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services, from emerging technologies, to the attention of the ERC and PRC, tasking the latter through the Executive Committee to influence relevant legislative changes and implementation, internationally and nationally**
 - f. to work in close and regular contact with specialists in Member Societies. Its strategies will be in the main, because of proper consultation with MS**
- 3. The EMC Working Group Chairman shall be appointed at each triennial General Conference and shall act in accordance with the procedures described in the Region 1 ByeLaws. It is a permanent body in the sense of B.3.10.**
- 4. The EMC Working Group Chairman Coordinates the work of the EMC Working Group and may – after approval of the budget – participate in meetings / symposia either himself or by an appointed representative.**
- 5. The EMC Working Group Chairman shall report annually to the Executive Committee and to the General Conference. He shall attend the Region 1 General Conference.**
- 6. The EMC Working Group Chairman's expenses will be reimbursed according to the appropriate parts of the Region 1 ByeLaws.**
- 7. A member of the EMC Working Group shall be nominated to provide EMC expertise on the PRC.**
- 8. The work of the EMC Working Group shall be carried out mainly by correspondence. If it is deemed necessary by the Chairman or by the Executive Committee. A meeting of the EMC Working Group may be convened after approval of and in consultation with the Executive Committee**

B.3.13.1 There are five permanent committees, which are acting in an advisory capacity with the aim of considering policies and coordinating activities in the relevant parts of the radio frequency spectrum. They may set up sub-committees if necessary. The Chairman or Convenor of such a sub-committee, elected out of the participants on the main committee, reports to the Chairman of his main Committee and is entitled to claim reasonable out-of-pocket expenses only as per paragraph B.3.28.

The permanent HF Committee (C4) deals with matters relating to frequencies below 30 MHz;

The permanent VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee (C5) deals with matters relating to frequencies above 30 MHz.

The permanent EMC Committee (C7) deals with matters relating to electromagnetic compatibility issues.

B.1.13 The General Conference comprises the following Committees:

B.1.13.1 - the Steering Committee (C.1)

B.1.13.2 - the Credentials and Finance Committee (C.2)

B.1.13.3 - the General Administrative and Organisational Committee (C.3)

B.1.13.4 - the permanent HF Committee (C.4)

B.1.13.5 - the permanent VHF/UHF/MICROWAVES Committee (C.5)

B.1.13.6 - the Election and Ballot Committee (C.6)

B.1.13.7 – the permanent EMC Committee (C.7)

B.1.13.8 - other Committees or Working Groups set up for the duration of the General Conference only.

Insert a new section B 1.20 in the Byelaws as follows and adjust any following numbering.

B.1.20 The permanent EMC Committee meetings may be attended by each conference participant; participants' rights shall depend upon their status at the General Conference.

B. 1.20.1 The Committee is chaired by its Chairman elected by the Final Plenary of the previous General Conference. His term of office shall be the same as for the members of the Executive Committee.

B. 1.20.2 The Committee shall discuss all relevant information relating to aspects of electromagnetic compatibility.

Proposed by: DARC

Seconded by: NRRL

The motion was carried with one abstention