MINUTES OF THE FINAL PLENARY MEETING

Friday 17 April 1987

The Chairman, PAOLOU, opened the meeting at 8.45am. He expressed the hope that this meeting would go as well as the previous meetings held during the week. He then referred delegates to the agenda, set out on document NN/15.

REPORT OF THE OPENING PLENARY

Before taking the first item on the agenda, the Chairman asked if there were any comments on this report (document NN/61).

There were none.

1. TO ANNOUNCE THE ELECTION PROCEDURE

G3GVV explained the election procedure and said that all heads of delegations should now have received the necessary paperwork from the office.

No questions were raised from the floor.

2. TO RECOMMEND AND ADOPT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE A

(Document NN/8 and NN/10)

The Chairman emphasised that the purpose of this final plenary meeting was to approve or reject recommendations arising from Committees A and B, not to re-open discussions on the subjects already considered by those committees. He added that no new proposals may be considered at this meeting.
DJ6TJ then took the microphone for the recommendations contained in document NN/10.

REC 1/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 2a/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 2b/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 3/HF: Agreed unanimously. The wording was modified to read: "It is proposed to provide a lower margin on the information SIDE or the back of at least.....etc." Add at the end "DARC to liaison with JARL".
REC 4a/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 4b/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 5/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 6/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 7/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 8/HF: Carried, with 6 against and 14 abstentions
REC 9/HF: Carried, with 6 abstentions
REC 10/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 11/HF: Agreed unanimously
REC 12/HF: Carried with one against.
   It was noted that 10.45MHz was used by the Ireland International Air Traffic Controllers and amateurs should be asked to refrain from using this segment of the band.
   The following amendments were made to Annex 1 of document NN/10: 28.665 - 28.675MHz to be changed to 28.675 - 28.785MHz; 3.600 - 3.560MHz to be shown as contests phone.

PAILOU then resumed and the meeting considered document NN/8.

(For easy reference to recommendations contained in document NN/8, the first number given refers to the agenda item and the second number to the page on which the recommendation appears)

REC 6/3 - Carried with one abstention

The following amendment was made to item 7.1 on page 3 of NN/8: Delete "the" on second line, ie the deletion referred to the words "home entertainment".

The following was added to NN/8, as agenda item 7.2:

"7.2 SP92Z requested the Conference to adopt the following guidelines for the further activity of the EMC Working Group."
1. To continue and develop co-operation by the EMC WG with the international EMC community on a professional level.

2. To up-hold the good position of IARU Region 1 at European EMC symposia by participation at and contribution to these events.

3. To invite IARU Region 2 and Region 3 to co-operate with the EMC WG of Region 1.

4. To exchange information between societies and regions on EMC problems in the amateur radio service.

5. To endeavour to obtain immunity standards on national and international level for the electronic devices."

Item 8.1: The following amendment was agreed - 2nd paragraph, 2nd line - delete "Region 3 and..." insert "Region 1 Societies and..."

REC 8.2/4 This information was already contained in the band plan - no further action was necessary

REC 10.1/5 Agreed unanimously

RECs 11.2/6 The three recommendations were agreed unanimously. The word "telecommunication" was changed to "communication" in the 5th line of the third recommendation.

REC 15.2/7 The following recommendations, as set out in document NN/169 (Rev) were agreed unanimously:

a) To endorse and approve Resolution 641 (Rev. HFBC-87)

b) To ask IARU Region 1 Executive Committee and IARU Administrative Council to present and support adequately implementation of this Resolution at the ITU forum

c) To request member societies to bring Res. 641 (Rev HFBC-87) to the attention of their respective Telecommunication Administrations, asking them to take actions to conform

d) To request the IARU Monitoring Service to follow the situation in the 7000-7100kHz band and to inform the relevant bodies
REC 17.1/9 It was unanimously agreed to accept the following recommendation, as contained in document NN/143:

1. To urge all IARU member-societies that were not members of a regional organisation at the time the new Constitution was adopted, to become members of the appropriate regional organisation, and to adhere to its Constitution, Byelaws and rules, no later than 31 December 1986, and

2. After 1 January 1987, to review the status of any member society of the IARU that is not at that time a member of the appropriate regional organisation, and at that time to take whatever action it deems appropriate.

REC 17.2/10 (1) Agreed unanimously

The minutes were corrected to indicate that Region 3 had not, in fact, yet discussed this recommendation

REC 17.2/10 (2) Agreed that this should be referred back to the Administrative Council for re-drafting

REC 17.3/11 Agreed unanimously

REC 17.4/11 (A) Agreed unanimously

REC 17.4/11 (C) Agreed unanimously

REC 17.4/12 Agreed unanimously

The first sentence in paragraph 8 on page 12 of NN/8 (reference delegations from France and the Ivory Coast) to be deleted.

REC 18/13 Agreed unanimously

REC 20/13 Carried, with one abstention

(The meeting adjourned for half-an-hour)

The Chairman then referred delegates to document NN/29 (final draft) which was the result of hard work undertaken by an ad hoc group, specially convened to discuss the content of NN/29 from an editorial point of view. PA0L0U added that this final draft had yet to be formatted and several typing mistakes to be corrected.

Various suggestions were made and noted by I1RYS.

The document, as amended, was then unanimously agreed and PA0L0U thanked all who had spent so much time on this, mentioning particularly the outstanding contributions made by DJ7ZY, G3GVV, I1RYS, OH5NZ and SP5FM.
REC 22/14 Agreed unanimously

REC 24/14 Although not set out in NN/8 as a formal Recommendation, the following was accepted unanimously:

THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO RECORDS ACHIEVED IN HIGH SPEED RADIOTELEGRAPHY COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLICATION IN REGION 1 NEWS

The Chairman then invited general comments on document NN/8, and the following corrections were subsequently noted:

Item 5.2 and 5.3, page 2 - Delete "Documents 151, 152 and 162 were approved unanimously". Insert "Documents 151 (revision 2) and 152 (revision 1) were approved unanimously. Proposals contained in document 162 had been included where appropriate in 151 (revision 2)."

Item 25, page 15: Amend final paragraph to read "Following a short discussion, NRRL invited member societies which did not yet have the activities of the kind proposed by RSF, to consider the possibility of introducing them. It was suggested by NRRL that document NN/165..." etc.

Include in item 16, page 8 of NN/8 the statement that "IRA proposed that Region 1 societies should encourage meteor scatter experimentation and organise contest sessions devoted to meteor scatter on a stipulated frequency of the 5OMHZ band."
PAOQC, Chairman of Committee B, then took the microphone during the meeting's deliberations of documents NN/12 and NN/12a.

REC A Agreed unanimously

REC B Agreed unanimously

REC C Agreed unanimously

REC D Delete "ie the bandwidth of an fm channel with 25kHz spacing" and delete "The final specification of an fm channel with 25kHz spacing is in the VHF Manager's Handbook, section VIb."

The recommendation was then carried with one against.

REC E It was noted that this had already been dealt with under the Committee A recommendations.

REC F Agreed unanimously

REC G Carried, with one abstention

REC H PAOQC emphasised that the bandplans were provisional only. UBA voiced some concern arising from statements on page 2 of Annex 7, NN/12A. PAOQC assured the meeting that this would be rectified in a future issue of the VHF Managers' Handbook.

The reference to "SHF" was amended to "Microwave".

The recommendation was then carried with one abstention.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.37 until 2.03pm

PAOQC continued with the recommendations arising from Committee B.

REC I Agreed unanimously

REC J Agreed unanimously

REC K Agreed unanimously
REC L  Agreed unanimously

REC M  UBA reported that action had already been taken on this (see Annex to Contests Working Group Report).

The recommendation was agreed unanimously.

REC N  Agreed unanimously

REC O  The frequency was amended to 3.4GHz. The contest title was changed to "October UHF/Microwaves Contest".

The recommendation was then agreed unanimously

REC P  The reference to NN/100 referred to the revised version of that document. "SHF" was amended to "microwaves".

The recommendation was then agreed unanimously

REC Q  Agreed unanimously

REC R  Agreed unanimously

The following Recommendation was added to document NN/12:

REC S  TO DETERMINE THE OVERALL WINNERS OF THE IARU REGION 1 UHF/MICROWAVE OCTOBER CONTESTS, THE ADAPTIVE MULTIPLIER SYSTEM AS SET OUT IN PAPER NN/113 (REVISED) SHALL BE USED AS FROM OCTOBER 1988

Agreed with one abstention.

PAQQC thanked all delegates of Committee B for their constructive contributions. He also expressed his gratitude to the sub-committees and secretarial staff, especially GM4ANB, minutes secretary.
4. TO RECOMMEND AND ADOPT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CMTE C.

At the request of LX1JW, document NN/14 was read out by SP5FM. One amendment was noted in the antepenultimate paragraph on page 2 - "PAOLOU" should read "LA4ND".

In response to a comment from USKA, LX1JW confirmed that enough funds were held in reserve in the event of a WARC taking place in the 1990's.

SLARS enquired the reasoning behind the proposed reduction in IARU Region 1 fees. PAOLOU explained that the present reserves were considered to be too high and it had been decided that they should be kept more in line with expenditure. The decision to lower the fees had been taken after calculations based on an average expenditure over three years. He added that the situation was being closely monitored by the Executive Committee.

SP5FM said that another reason for the drop in fees was so as to assist the countries with low currency. He commented that another WARC was not expected prior to 1992.

REC A Carried with two against and two abstentions

REC B Carried with 3 abstentions

LX1JM thanked all participants of Committee C.

PAOLOU expressed his appreciation to LX1JW for his work.

5. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Election Committee, G3GVV, UW3AX and PA0AD collected the votes from heads of all all delations present.

They then retired to count the votes and the meeting adjourned from 3.25 - 4.05pm.

The results of the election were then read by G3GVV, as follows:

Chairman       - PAOLOU       Elected unopposed
Vice-Chairman  - SP5FM        "    "
Secretary      - G3FKM        "    "
Treasurer      - IIIRS         "    "

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Members:

LA5QK  
- 17 votes  Elected

7X4MD  
- 30 votes  Elected

EL2BA  
- 15 votes

YT7MM  
- 26 votes  Elected

DJ1XK  
- 13 votes

PAOLOU thanked those present for their confidence in re-electing him as Chairman.

He then voiced his regret at losing two members of the Executive Committee - LA4ND and EL2BA, both of whom had been members of the EC for many years and had contributed a great deal to Region 1.

The Chairman welcomed the two new Committee members - LA5QK and 7X4MD, saying that he looked forward to their presence at Saturday's EC meeting.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN OF SPECIALISED BODIES AND COORDINATORS

The following appointments were made by unanimous decisions:

a) Chairman of VHF Working Group  
   PAOQC

b) Sporadic E Studies Coordinator  
   F8SH

c) Auroral Studies Coordinator  
   G2FKZ

d) Secretary of Propagation Studies Information Exchange Programme  
   G3BYW

e) Tropospheric Studies Coordinator  
   G3LTP

f) Satellite Coordinator  
   HA5WH

g) VHF/UHF/Microwaves records keeper  
   SM5AGM

h) VHF/UHF/Microwave Beacons Coordinator (NB change of name)  
   RSGB

i) Frequency Allocation Survey Convenor  
   PAQEZ
j) Chairman, HF Working Group      DJ6TJ
k) Chairman, ARDF Working Group    SP5HS
l) Chairman, EMC Working Group     SP9ZD
m) International Beacon Project Convenor G3DME
n) Chairman, PADC Working Group    OE3REB
c) Coordinator, High-Speed Telegraphy Group .RZ3CSU

7. TO ESTABLISH THE VENUE FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE

Offers had been made by OVSV (Austria), IARC (Israel), URE (Spain) and SSA (Sweden).
Each delegation spoke of the facilities they could offer in hosting a Region 1 Conference. A secret ballot was then taken, the results of which were as follows:

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1 abstention was recorded.

It was therefore decided that the 1990 IARU Region 1 Conference would be held in Spain.

8. TO ANNOUNCE THE RECIPIENT OF THE G2BVN MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Secretary introduced this item by explaining that, although the rules stated that the winner of this award would be announced by the Chairman of a special panel, since this was the first time it had ever been presented, the winners were to be announced by Miss Audrey Jefcoate.

Miss Jefcoate said that it was her pleasure to announce the names of the recipients, both of whom had been highly respected by "Steve", G2BVN. The winners were Messrs Tom Clarkson, ZL2AZ, and Alfred Muller, DL1FL.

Mr Clarkson's award was collected by Mr Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, who undertook to arrange a special presentation.
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) The Chairman announced arrangements for the gala dinner.

b) OE3REB announced his intention to extend for the next three years the Project Goodwill QSL Service for those societies which were not able to operate their own qsl service.

10. COURTESIES

The President of IARU, Mr Richard Baldwin, W1RU, paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Conference.

He then read part of a letter from LA7OF, who was an important spokesman for amateur radio at ITU level. LA7OF had written about the role played by IARU at the recent HF Broadcasting meeting, which had been attended by W0BWJ, G3FKM, SP5FM, I1IRS, YT7MM and JM1UXU, to whom he expressed his compliments and requested that these be relayed at this Conference.

Mr Baldwin presented a plaque to VERON to mark the appreciation of IARU for the hosting of this year's Region 1 Conference.

Mr Baldwin then reported that an award was today being made in California to JA1BK; this was CQ's Hall of Fame Award. He announced that a second recipient of this prestigious award was Dr Allaway, G3FKM, Secretary of Region 1, who had been on the dx honour roll for many years.

The Chairman of Region 1 then announced the unanimous decision of the Executive Committee to award the IARU medal to Mr Jean Wolff, LX1JW.

Mr Wolff expressed his appreciation for this honour and spoke of the necessity to encourage youngsters to participate in amateur radio.

W1RA, on behalf of ARRL, then made several awards to societies who were to celebrate significant anniversaries during this year.

A presentation was made to VERON by Region 3.

Representing Region 2, YV5BPG thanked the Executive Committee for its invitation to attend this Conference. He had been most impressed by the constructive work undertaken by the well-attended Conference. He thanked VERON for its hospitality.
Many presentations were then made by delegations to VERON and IARU officials.

11. CLOSING THE CONFERENCE

In closing the Conference, PAOLOU said that he could not recall a Conference which had been conducted with such a cooperative spirit, for which he thanked all delegates.

He referred to the many important decisions made during the week, including the production of a new, improved Constitution and Byelaws. He recorded his appreciation for the excellent discussions on matters of significance for the future of amateur radio.

Finally, he expressed his thanks to the secretarial staff and to VERON's Organising Committee, under the leadership of PA0YZ, whose efforts had gone towards making this a very successful conference.

The meeting closed at 5.27pm.