

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE MOAT HOUSE HOTEL STRATFORD, ENGLAND

3-6 APRIL, 1997

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1. **Opening**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 09.00 hours.

2. **Welcome to guests**

Pleasure was expressed at the presence of guests from Regions 2 and 3, and the International Secretariat. This was the first occasion that a Region 1 Executive Committee Meeting, not associated with a General Conference, at which so many guests had attended and it was hoped that this would lead to yet further improvement in internal relations. The Chairman also extended greetings to PA0EZ (Chairman of the VHF Committee) and Alf Almedal, LA5QK (Chairman of the HF Committee). John Bazley, G3HCT (CLG Chairman) would be attending the meeting on Friday.

PA0LOU extended his thanks to the Directors of Region 3 for delegating ZL2AMJ to attend the Region 1 EC Meeting. This was the first time Region 3 had been represented.

3. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies were received, everyone being able to attend.

4. **Arrangements for the meeting**

These were accepted and PA0LOU extended thanks to John Bazley, G3HCT for his help in making the arrangements.

Before proceeding with the Agenda, the Chairman requested 1 minute's silence for those friends who had passed away since the Tel-Aviv Conference, i.e. Sergio Pesce, I1ZCT; Etienne Heritier, HB9DX; Ted Robinson, F8RU, Karl Taddey, DL1PE (former President of DARC) and Alfred Muller, DL1FL.

5. **Approval of the Agenda**

Alterations to the Agenda would be made as circumstances required, mainly due to the late arrival of SP5FM, who was attending an important CEPT meeting.

6. **Approval of the Minutes of the EC Meeting 6.10.1996 Tel-Aviv, Israel.**

ZS5AKV moved that these be accepted, as read, F5JFT seconded, these were duly signed by the Chairman.

7. **Matters arising from the above not included in the Agenda**

All matters were catered for under the specific Agenda items.

8. **Report of the Secretary**

PA0EZ queried the fax agreement mentioned. This was explained. It was noted that the existing agreement was due to expire on 1 May and the fax was to be purchased for a nominal sum.

Approval was given to the new Membership Form which had been produced by Hans Welens, ON6WQ, this would be updated by the Secretary.

ACTION G3FKM

Concern was expressed by everyone of incorrect address listing being published in Region 1 News. The Office Manager outlined a future plan, whereas all Committee Chairmen/WG Co-ordinators would be responsible for updating their mailing lists and informing the secretariat. Lists would only be published in Region 1 News occasionally - the space to be used by the publication of the WG Newsletters. This would avoid having to send all NL's to every Society. In future they would only be sent to members of WG's and interested persons. To keep address lists up-to-date good liaison was needed between WG chairmen and the secretariat.

ZS5AKV proposed that a list of addresses be published on the Region web site; I1RYS commented on the legal aspect of publishing "private" information on such a public medium, W4RA commented on the consequences of such publication and the amount of "junk" mail received.

It was agreed that ZS5AKV would make a study of the situation and in the meantime the secretariat would produce a list with e-mail addresses to be circulated after agreement of all persons concerned.

PAOLOU thanked G3FKM for his report and work done despite difficulties.

9. **To receive the reports of EC members concerning visits to other Regions and Member Societies.**

Very little action under this heading since the Tel-Aviv Conference.

10 **Member Societies**

(a) **"Voting/participation performance".**

PAOLOU discussed his report to the meeting and the financial problem facing Region 1 in view of the declining membership figures.

SARL: It was noted that the membership in South Africa had declined by 57% in the past year. They had not responded to a voting decision for the last 5 times. ZS5AKV explained that there had been changes in the administration. There was an evolution process going on in RSA and attitudes of administrations toward spectrum management. They could not understand the reason for IARU membership, considered the ITU looks after radio amateurs and explanations had to be given to them that the ITU only makes Recommendations. ZS5AKV will monitor the situation but hopefully said that the membership figures should improve during 1997.

ACTION ZS5AKV

Mozambique: LREM had asked to be put on the "active" list once more.

Uganda: 6W1KI will investigate why they do not respond to requests for voting.

NARS (Nigeria): A reduction of membership by 50%. Bill Musoko, 5H3GB will be asked to help clarify the situation.

ACTION ZS5AKV

MRSF (Mongolia): Concern was expressed by the Treasurer on the non-return of the advanced payment for the air ticket to Tel-Aviv, the delegate never arrived. DF5UG was willing to try and find out what may be happening. Should his efforts fail the assistance of M Young Soon Park, HL1FM, will be sought.

ZL2AMJ considered MRSF had more affiliation with Region 3. It was his intention invite them to the Region 3 Conference as observers after approval of Region 1. The Secretary of Region 3 was supposed to write to Region 1 about this in the near future.

I1RYS said that should DL5UG have no success with an explanation from Mongolia action should be taken by asking the AC to suspend their membership.

UARL (Ukraine): DARC was invited to the UARL AGM. I1RYS will send

information to DL5UG regarding fees owed so that he can follow up. It was noted that ON6WQ, through STARS, has contact with UARL.

ACTION IIRYS

SRR (Russia) and several former Soviet republics: Membership dues had been paid by an unknown person. Problem here is that many amateurs have disappeared being afraid that if the political tide changes again they will be punished. Many older amateurs want to return to the old QSL Box 88 and it will take sometime to establish stability at Club level.

The Chairman pointed out that although within Region 1 the number of Member Societies is growing, it does not mean the number of individual amateurs is growing, it is a negative figure.

Albania: IIRYS brought to the EC's attention a disturbing fact with regard to the travel costs of the two delegates from Albania attending the General Conference in Tel-Aviv. No receipts could be produced by them, although they claimed to have stayed overnight in Athens. It was confirmed that the action already taken by the Treasurer to freeze the account of AARA until the situation is more settled is agreed as the money left is due to the Society and not to two individuals. Care to be taken.

ACTION IIRYS

A letter had been received by the Secretary, G3FKM from MRASZ saying that they had received correspondence from Albania from an address differing from AARA. They asked how they should react. G3FKM would forward the letter to AARA seeking their opinion.

ACTION G3FKM

NRRL: LA5QK explained the present position in Norway saying that many of their members were not active.

The Chairman said that there had been a membership drive in the Netherlands which resulted in stabilising the VERON membership figures. Several countries were experiencing similar problems for one reason or another, which was partly due also to present economical conditions in their countries.

11. **Region 1 Permanent Working Bodies/Committees/Co-ordinators**

- 11.1 **HF:** LA5QK presented his report and said he had nothing further to add, but asked the meeting for approval and financial support for the attendance of the IBP co-ordinator to attend the next HFC Meeting due to be held in Vienna, February, 1998.

The EC agreed to this request, and IIRYS will make the budget adjustment.

ACTION IIRYS

PAOLOU queried if any progress had been made on the ITU zone band plan. John Forward, G3HTA, was dealing with this.

It was also agreed that the relevant HF papers from Tel-Aviv would be produced for the Region 3 Conference.

ACTION G3FKM

DL5UG suggested that the band plan be sent to the Mongolian Association again as the one published by them was the wrong one.

ACTION G3FKM

The meeting expressed its thanks to LA5QK for his report and all the work he is doing.

11.2 VHF/UHF/MICROWAVE:

PAOEZ went through his report and asked that the two missing pages from Annex 14 contained in the Conference Report sent to all Member Societies, with the request that they let their conference delegates have a copy.

The VHF Handbook was now available on diskette. Spare copies held at the Region 1 Office.

Technical Recommendations

PAOEZ reported that the VHF Committee had decided upon some technical recommendations which were meant to be of use in supporting the amateur radio experimenter. It was recommended that manufacturers should be approached setting out the following recommendations:

- 12F3 NBFM standard
- The NBFM Repeater standards
- The CTCSS and DTME standards
- The facsimile standard
- The S-meter standard

The secretary to write to Region 3 secretary and the IS asking for information on the Japanese industry and manufacturers and also for a list of interested people in Korea. The IS were asked to supply a list of US manufacturers and, if possible, in Spanish.

In the meantime PAOEZ and ZS5AKV to draft necessary letters to be sent to industry and magazines.

ACTION PA0EZ & ZS5AKV

PAOEZ confirmed that the next VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee meeting would be held at the same time as the HFC meeting, in Vienna, February 1998.

The Chairman thanked PAOEZ for his report and all the work he is doing.

11.3 **ARDF**

At the request of SP5HS it was agreed that the 1998 Championships will be classed as "World Championships" but the Treasurer pointed out that this would cause financial consequences (CHF 7,000) and was in contravention with the rules agreed at the Tel-Aviv Conference. Therefore, the concept of Championships every two years has to be adhered to for budget purposes.

The application from Hungary to hold the 1998 Championships was approved.

HRS - Croatian Amateur Radio Association had submitted four names for appointment as IARU International Class ARDF Referees, these were all approved by the Executive Committee:

- Zelko Belaj, 9A2QU
- Drazen Nofta, 9A3PF
- Zeljko Ulip, 9A2EY
- Branimir Vinko, 9A2UP

The meeting expressed appreciation of the work done by SP5HS.

11.4 **CLG**

G3HCT presented his report and discussion took place under Agenda item 12 in relation to this subject.

11.5 **EMC**

A long discussion on this Report. ZS5AKV felt that a much fuller explanation on major issues was needed for the majority to understand fully the specialised aspects of this complex subject. It was suggested by LA5QK that Hilary Clayton-Smith, G4JKS, might be able to assist by giving a fuller explanation which would be easier to understand.

Agreed that the Chairman would write to OZ8CY setting out the feelings of the committee.

In principle it was agreed that the EMC Symposium in Wroclaw be supported and the additional budget asked for by the chairman of the EMC WG was approved.

The work of OZ8CY in the field of EMC was very much respected and everyone thanked him for a job well done.

11.6 **HST**

The report from the HST Co-ordinator was accepted and thanks were extended to him for the ways the HST was now running - he had done a good job since the Tel-Aviv conference in bringing HST to the forefront.

11.7 **IARUMS**

The report from Ron Roden, G4GKO was received and discussion took place on the contents.

It was noted that he had requested to receive 3 ITU publications. Decisions regarding these were made as follows:

- IARU "Fascicle" - a copied version of the present version would be sent by the IS.
- ITU Convention (not presently available)
- Global Directory (G4GKO to order himself)

The meeting thanked G4GKO for his report and his requested budget was approved.

11.8 **IBP**

The report from Martin Harrison, G3OUF, was accepted with thanks. Regarding Point 3 of the Report it was felt that, at this stage, it was too early for the EC to express an opinion and they requested the co-ordinator to monitor the situation and report further to the EC when they hoped to be in a position to discuss any financial assistance. ZL2AMJ said that the ZL beacon equipment had arrived and was working well.

11.9 **IPHA**

The report from PA3ADR was well received and the Executive Committee thanked her for her continuous efforts and noted that the subject is becoming very evident in Regions 2 and 3.

11.10 **STARS**

The entire meeting thanked ON6WQ for his report. A very long discussion took place on the different annexes and the limits between ADP and STARS, and how to combine both (referring to the Workshop proposed). The Budget (Annex 2) was approved without the workshop costs and the WTDC in Malta. The latter to be decided by the AC. A reduced budget of CHF 12,000 for the STARS WG meeting only was approved.

A letter had been received from Algeria requesting financial support for 4 persons to attend a USTTI course. PA0LOU queried whether we as IARU Region 1 should sponsor people to attend US Telecommunication Training Institute Seminars. W4RA said this could be useful. ZS5AKV said this was not a course for radio amateurs but for administrators. 6W1KI pointed out that it could be difficult to follow in the future. There is a need to be selective: applicants must hold a key position in licensing or radio regulatory in his own country. One person per year for scholarship for an amount not exceeding CHF 5,000 was agreed. The funds to come from Fund 3.

PA0LOU undertook to write to ON6WQ explaining the differences between ADP and STARS.

Annex 3 approved with the exception of the STARS Workshop.

The Chairman thanked ON6WQ for his report and all the work he is doing.

11.11 **AFRI-COM**

Discussion took place on whether to continue with this WG. 6W1WI suggested Bill Musoke to replace 5N0OBA. ZS5AKV considered the terms of reference needed changing. There was a purpose for this WG and the situation should be evaluated. This matter to be considered in relation to PATU.

11.12 **EURO-COM**

The report from the chairman was received and the meeting thanked Gaston for his work. No immediate action is required by the EC.

11.13 **OTHER MATTERS (e.g. Satellites)**

PAOLOU stressed that we had addressed IARUMS co-ordinators's concern and this was a matter for the Brazilian authorities as to what third party traffic is allowed. Although the concern of Koreans and IARUMS regarding the traffic content is understandable the Region 1 EC is unable to solve the problem.

The terms of reference of the IARUMS were referred to by ZS5AKV and VE3CDM, according to them IARUMS should not get involved in that matter.

12.0 **ERC**

SP5FM gave a summary of his written report to the meeting and his circular regarding IARUMS. The objective of IARUMS is spectrum-defence, therefore its activities logically fit the ERC Spectrum-section. Accordingly the objective and activities of the EURO-COM WG which looks after amateur related developments in the important intergovernmental body - the European Commission - also fit the ERC frame. Therefore SP5FM suggested putting IARUMS and EUROCOM on the ERC circulation list. AFRICOM activities are temporarily a question mark (see 11.11) but otherwise comparable to EUROCOM.

The EC received SP5FM's circular concerning a possibility of participation of IARUMS in the intergovernmental CEPT-monitoring, established as a sub-body PT22 of the CEPT-FM WG, an unprecedented challenge and a chance. SP5FM invited the IARUMS Coordinator G4GKO to draft a concise presentation of IARUMS to the CEPT. At this early stage there is no necessity to go far beyond the existing resources e.g. those needed to monitor the amateur bands. Further steps will be coordinated by the Region 1 ERC.

SP5FM proposed close involvement in the work of the CEPT Spectrum-Engineering (SE) WG which deals with compatibility issues, and to attend its meetings on an in-case-of-a-need basis. He suggested that Julian Gannaway, G3YGF be invited to assume responsibility for this task acting in cooperation with Spectrum and EMC Sections.

The EC agreed to SP5FM's suggestions and proposals, SP5FM and G3HCT will discuss this matter further with G3YGF.

- 2.2.1. a. SP5FM gave an extensive presentation illustrated on blackboard and related to the process of the formation of the CEPT European Table of Frequency Allocations and Utilisations (ECA). He enlightened, inter alia, the complex situation concerning the 430-440 MHz band, its interrelation with other bands in the DSI-2 range, compatibility with SRD/LPDs and the progress achieved, progress achieved regarding the status and visibility of the Amateur Satellite Service, the actual sharing with civil and military Radiolocation and Fixed services, the potential sharing issues with acceptable applications such as Wind-Profiler Radars (WPRs), Earth-Exploration Satellite (EESS) and Short-Range Business Radio (SRBR). He exposed the issue of keeping the 430-440 MHz as a basic worldwide harmonised band but also regretted inadequate defence of VHF/UHF spectrum in some areas of Regions 2 and 3

ZL2AMJ, W4RA and K1ZZ amplified the views presented by SP5FM and added valuable information concerning the situation in their geographical areas.

In relation to the presented issues the EC agreed that there is definite incompatibility with SRD/LPD and efforts should continue to reduce and finally remove this problem. If this is the inevitable price for maintaining the band in its present boundaries the Amateur service can accept compatible sharing with EESS, WPRs and SRBRs providing that the satellite subband 435-438 MHz is protected.

- 12.2.1.b. **7 MHz strategy**, AC "Action Plan" for 7MHz.

ZL2AMJ explained this subject and a meeting of the AC Ad-Hoc Committee, with observers from Region 1 EC attending was held to discuss the matter (see K1ZZ minutes of 27 March).

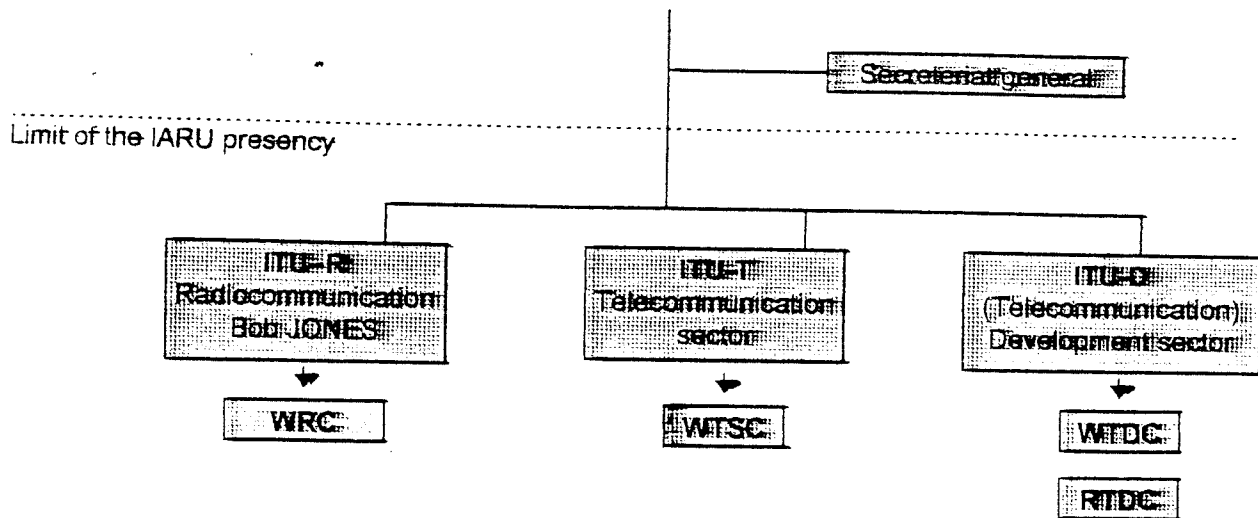
- 12.2.1.c. **ITU MATTERS**

SP5FM made a short overview of the ITU situation. Overloaded WRC-97 and WRC-99 agendas could cause that the amateur radio provisions (Article S25) may be deferred for the WRC-2001. This could coincide with revision of allocated spectrum as WRC-2001 is envisaged as an allocation conference dealing with Article S5. SP5FM invited W4RA to give further explanations.

W4RA explained that the new Secretary-General will be elected in 1998, with the possible and forecastable changes. There are serious controversies between some administrations regarding the two-year rhythm of WRCs. Only WRC is entitled to change/postpone any once established agenda item. Regarding Article S25 actual chances seem to be 50-50 based on two opposite attitudes: "amateur radio is not so important let us do it immediately in order to save time". It could affect possible goals of IARU. To track these issues W4RA mentioned the importance of closer monitoring of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

W4RA further illustrated his explanations by means of graphs:

PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
PP'98
 probably: MINNEAPOLIS, MN, USA



PA0LOU summarised a long discussion by saying that the EC must follow up the training of IARU Liaison Officers. Input of the three Regions, action towards the IARU liaison officers and member societies have to manage with their national authorities to make sure that they will know what the requirements for the Amateur Service and the Amateur Satellite Service are. The ERC should provide a paper explaining the purpose and history of the AC document on frequency requirements which was updated in October 1996 and mailed to member societies in 1996, ZS5AKV undertook to write a draft of such a paper to be circulated to member societies.

ACTION ZS5AKV (completed)

The EC accepted SP5FM's report and proposals. The Chairman thanked SP5FM for his work and his presentation which was of interest to all present

12.2.1.c. WRC's '97 AND '99.

PA0LOU said that if the IS will not arrange any reception at WRCs - it will be taken by Region 1. W4RA answered that the IS will arrange the reception at WRC97.

ZS5AKV thought that the Development Sector was in disarray and said we should play a far more active role, be more involved and not just be "pure observers".

12.2.1.d. ITU Regional Development Conference for the Arab States, Beirut 11-15 November, 1996.

The reports of A41JT and ON6WQ on this Conference were acknowledged. A41JT said he was still awaiting approval to go to Yemen, he hoped his application would be successful.

W4RA said that almost every TELECOM consists of two events, a trade show plus a Forum. Both are sponsored by TELECOM and he said whenever there was a chance maximum effort should be made to attend in order to make an impression. IARU has to be exposed at every opportunity.

12.2.1.e 6th CEPT Radio Conference, Paris 13-15 November, 1996

This was attended by both G3HCT and F5JFT. Both gave a resume of the meeting. It was made clear that when filling in registration forms the words "IARU" should be written in full. SP5FM agreed with this, and said the same comments should apply to ITU. The question of a badge for each EC member was discussed. There is a need

for a badge which is uniform in the way they are presenting themselves when they are attending meetings. IIRYS will investigate the cost of these.

The Chairman thanked G3HCT and F5JFT for attending the Conference. It was felt their attendance was well worth while. In principal it was agreed to budget for two persons to attend in 1998.

ACTION IIRYS

12.2.1.f. The letter of co-operation between IARU and PATU had been signed after the Tel-Aviv Conference. The question of liaison with PATU and the IARU was discussed. The higher the level you deal with in African countries the better. SP5FM said that on this subject we can express satisfaction to the persons involved that IARU has reached this level of recognition with PATU. The letter of understanding has to be ratified and should be sent to PATU. A letter from the EC to the Secretary-General of PATU will be written and signed by the Chairman and Secretary. ITU, CEPT and CITELE to be informed about the MOU with PATU.

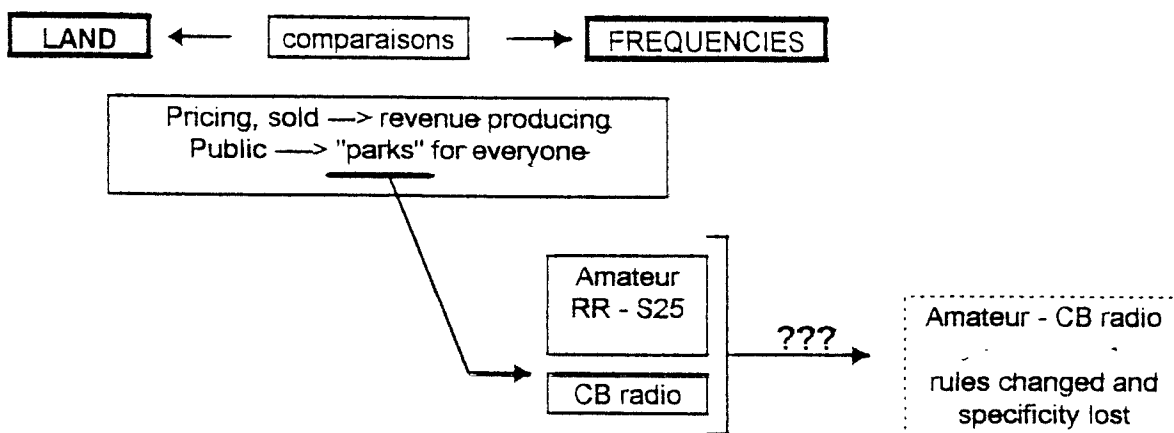
ACTION G3FKM & PAOLOU

12.2.2. Regulatory/Licensing

G3HCT informed the meeting that at CEPT RR he had learned that David Court is resigning from the ERO to take up a new appointment at the end of June. There was no information at the moment as to his successor.

Referring to TR/61 - progress is made with one exception. He reported that he had been asked to attend a forthcoming RR8 meeting where the licence fee structure as far as amateurs are concerned will be discussed. PAOLOU recalled the rules for the attendance decided on a case by case basis, the information has to be submitted to IIRYS for the budget purposes.

In this context W4RA gave an explanation with graphs on the attitude of national administrations regarding the Amateur Service and CB.



G3HCT outlined his concern relating to the two levels of novice licences with or without morse code examination. The Chairman asked G3HCT to investigate further on this matter and to see what has been undertaken by national societies.

ACTION G3HCT

IIRYS referred to Standing Recommendation 1.16.5.2 and proposed the EC prepare a document to monitor the relationship between amateur radio and CB.

PA0LOU summarised the concern of the EC and it was decided to request the ERC and CLG to come up with ideas and produce documents to address the situation.

IIRYS agreed to work out a draft letter with ERC and CLG involvement, exposing the problem arising from the Standing Recommendation 1.16.5.2. Letter to be circulated to the Member Societies then after comments the EC will adopt it as a Region 1 EC paper. The final Region 1 EC document to be signed by the Chairman. Two months to be allowed for replies from Member Societies.

ACTION IIRYS

2.2.2.b FASC matters

G3HCT reported no new developments since Tel-Aviv, apart from Denmark and Poland where the morse code requirement has been reduced to 5 w.p.m for the lowest class. Region 2 had translated the FASC paper into Spanish but had received no replies.

12.2.3. Standardisation and EMC

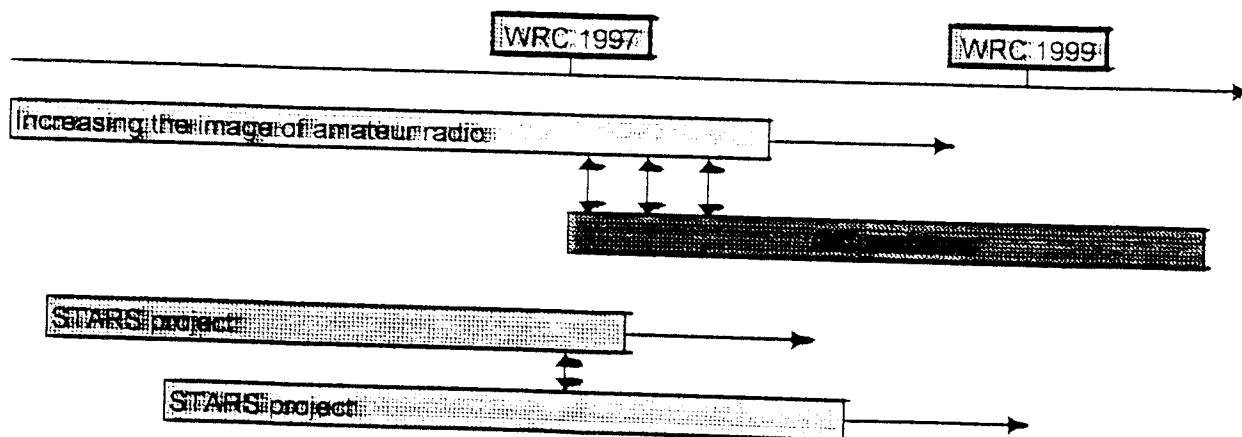
No new element to discuss other than those considered under previous agenda items 11.5 and 12.0.

12.2.4 Development Section (ZS5AKV)

a. African Development Programme

ZS5AKV gave a blackboard demonstration.

IIRYS pointed out the situation and missions of ADP and STARS, as well as the functional liaisons between both and they must work together:



The EC received and discussed 2 reports, one from ZS5AKV and one from 6W1KI, which reported in detail about the meeting in March 1997 and the second Durban ADP seminar as well as some of the conclusions mentioned in these reports.

The EC agreed that this ADP programme should be "managed" by two people, one for the English speaking part of Africa (ZS5AKV) and one for the French speaking part (6W1KI). The EC approved the budget for a ADP seminar to be held in the French speaking part of Africa, possibly in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, to be organised by 6W1KI (with the support of ZS5AKV and W1RU). 6W1KI and W1RU to be the "tutors" of this seminar. The EC also agreed that it would be important for the enhancement of the ADP programme with the STARS WG that the Chairman of STARS, ON6WQ, would be asked to attend this ADP seminar for two reasons, to assist with the translation into French of W1RU's teaching and documents as well as to arrange better co-ordination between already trained and would-be ADP Ambassadors and STARS goals.

The EC also discussed at length the Recommendations of the report from ZS5AKV and agreed that an "Ambassador's kit" should be developed on a short term basis, and that the VIDEO, on which work in the meantime had started, possibly would be completed by the end of May 1997.

ACTION IIRYS

The Chairman suggested that Eric Ludwig, F9LT, would be asked to help with the necessary French translations for the Ambassador's kit.

ACTION F5JFT

It was also suggested that we should try to have these documents also translated into Arabic.

The Chairman wished that an evaluation be made of the effectiveness of the ADP seminars, specifically the August 1996 seminar in order to learn what work had been done so far by the "Ambassadors" trained at that time. Follow-up on these persons ought to be an important requirement of the ADP.

ACTION ZS5AKV, 6W1KI, W1RU

The Chairman thanked the ERC Development section and the persons involved.

13. Internal Working Committees of Region 1:

13.1 Exhibitions Committee

A lengthy discussion took place as to the value of a stand at Friedrichshafen. It was agreed that A41JT would make the necessary arrangements for a stand and consult with Hans Berg, DJ6TJ, regarding reserving the same space and size as last year. The stand will be manned by A41JT, ON6WQ, DL5UG and F5JFT. A41JT and ON6WQ will be there on Region 1 funds, DL5UG and F5JFT will be in Friedrichshafen anyway as representatives of their own Member Society and will spend part of their time at the IARU stand.

By the end of May A41JT requires a list (possibly A3 size) of Member Societies and how to join IARU.

ACTION G3FKM

(completed)

The budget figure is to be the same as last year.

b. TELECOM 98, Johannesburg
ZS5AKV pointed out some uncertainty for this event. He suggested a possible budget figure of CHF 10,000 . IIRYS drew the attention of the EC to a systematic decision of participation to regional TELECOM exhibitions which could lead to the necessity of an increase of the income of Region 1. We need to decide on priorities and how to proceed before a decision is made.

c. Arabian TELECOM 96, Oman

PA0LOU thanked A41JT for arranging this very successful stand.

13.2. This agenda item was moved to 19.5

13.3 **PR Committee**

The Report from ZS5AKV was accepted.

IIRYS suggested to create a corporate account with CompuServe wherein all E-mail addresses will be paid by the Treasurer. ZS5AKV supported this idea and it was agreed by everyone.

ACTION IIRYS

13.4 **STARS Training Committee**

It was suggested in Tel-Aviv that ICARE and STARS be interlinked but nothing further has happened. ZS5AKV said we are dealing with our own EC internal WG members of STARS. If something is decided at a General Conference EC members of that group should follow up.

PA0LOU said that if there is no follow up then we waste money.

14. **Operational matters**

14.1 World Amateur Radio Day 1997.

This year will take place on 20 September. There will be a feature celebrating 35 years of the Amateur Satellite Service. Action required from national AMSATS.

15.1 **IARU Administrative Council Matters - Summary Record**

IIRYS asked about TELECOM Geneva, was it a wise decision or not, to decide not to have an IARU stand at this particular TELECOM. W4RA explained the decision.

PA0EZ queried why the VHF Beacon co-ordinator was excluded from attending the VHF Meeting - as is the HF Beacon co-ordinator. LA5QK said there was a different situation created by the 50 MHz where co-ordination is becoming inter-regional in the beacon project.

The Chairman said that the Beacon co-ordinator would be invited for a special reason and for this occasion only.

15.1.1 **AC Recommendations/Resolutions**

None.

15.1.2 Regional Data Base

K1ZZ said that this is continuing moving target, but that the study has not advanced a lot since the last discussion. Standardisation will most probably be Microsoft Office '97.

- 15.2 Region 1 proposals to be placed before next AC Meeting.
SP5FM proposed that the AC, as a matter of procedure, in any publication intended for ITU should include information about the IARU, composed with all 3 Regions - this is to include addresses, officers (and their location nationally) to show that IARU is a world wide organisation. This was agreed.

He also suggested, if it was at the cost of Region 1, that 6W1KI and A41JT should attend as observers the forthcoming ITU Conference in Geneva for a week but both being in Geneva for the Reception.

15.3 AC Representatives

Agreed these should be:

PA0LOU and G3FKM. Alternatives SP5FM and DF5UG.

Delegates to the forthcoming AC Meeting will be:

PA0LOU and SP5FM with DL5UG as observer/trainee.

16. Tel-Aviv Conference

- 16.1 PA0EZ requested a correction of the booklet "Standing Recommendations" on a decision taken in Tel-Aviv and concerning the IARU-MS. The Executive Committee agreed and the rectification will be made by I1RYS.

ACTION I1RYS

The Chairman thanked I1RYS for her work in producing this booklet in time for this meeting.

- 16.2 The final result of the postal vote for the 1999 Conference was:

Returned votes by last date - 20 November 1996:

3 invalid

25 Lillehammer

12 San Marino

LA5QK presented a proposed time table for the 1999 Conference:

Beginning of Conference - Sunday 19 September, 1999

Final Plenary - Friday 24 September, 1999

The Executive Committee meeting prior to the Conference will be held in Lillehammer in the Spring of 1999.

Late Ad Hoc African Development Committee Paper

It was considered that this paper was too complex to be discussed at this meeting and

the matter was deferred for discussion by E-mail (completed).

17 **To consider and update the list of special responsibilities of the EC members**

Several matters were discussed but no changes made.

Review of incoming mail, distributing and follow up procedure was discussed.

It was felt that all mail should be known by the other members of the EC, and more should be done to circulate incoming mail.

18. **Calender of events**

May 17 - REF-Union AGM

6W1KI, PA0EZ, ON6WQ

May 24-25 DARC AGM

PA0LOU (if invited)

May 30-31 UBA AAGM

PA0LOU

June 14-15 Region 2 EC meeting Honduras PA0LOU

June 27-29 Friedrichshafen

PA0LOU, A41JT, ON6WQ, LA5QK
(F5JFT, DF5UG, I1RYS) [SP5FM, if
required]

August 1 - Radio Africa, Nairobi

ZS5AKV

August STARS Nairobi Meeting

ON6WQ

September 5-15 Region 3 Conference & AC Meeting -
Beijing

PA0LOU, SP5FM, DJ5UG

September 2-7 ARDF Championships

F5JFT

October 6-10 HST Championships

DF5UG

October WRC 97

SP5FM, (and part-time around
IARU reception 6W1KI, A41JT)

19 **Financial Matters**

The report of the Treasurer was accepted. She asked members of the EC to be more diligent in returning details of their expenses.

19.2 The budget for 1997 was revised in accordance with decisions taken during the meeting.

19.3.1 Due to the decrease in the figures of licensed members of Member Societies, as well as the decision of the Tel Aviv Conference concerning STARS WG meetings between General Conferences, the Treasurer proposed an increase of 0,10 CHF thereby increasing the fee from 1.40 CHF to 1.50 CHF beginning 1998. This proposal was accepted by the Executive Committee.

A letter to be sent to Member Societies telling them the reasons for the increase in the membership fees.

It was noted that the Swedish Association (SSA) had doubled its donation to Fund 4 from 5 to 10 cents, and the thanks of the EC were expressed to SSA.

The Treasurer proposed changes to the banking arrangements in the UK for the secretarial work:

1. Accounts 7205521 and 329209 held at Lloyds Bank Birmingham to be closed.
 2. The credit balances shall be transferred to the credit of a new (cheque) account under the name of IARU Region 1.
 3. A new account to be opened at Lloyds Bank, Exeter, under the signatories of the Treasurer and Office Manager, the latter for a sum not in excess of £1,000.
 4. To open a new account in GBP at Credit Suisse, Bern under the signatory powers of the Chairman and the Treasurer.
- 19.4 The 1998 Budget was discussed and decisions taken.
- 19.5 It was agreed that the Region 1 Office computer should be updated. An estimate had been provided and the sum of £160.00 was agreed.
20. **Venue for the next EC meeting**
6W1KI invited the EC to meet in Dakar, Senegal. Provisional weekend agreed was the first after the Easter break. This was accepted but a final decision to be made at the end of January, 1998.
- 21 **Any other business**
There were no items to discuss under this heading.
22. **Courtesies**
All visitors expressed their individual pleasure at being able to attend the Region 1 meeting. Views were expressed on how each Region has similar problems, but the interchange of views between Regions at joint meetings was vital and much to be learned from these joint exchanges. It was hoped that this could continue in the future.
23. PAOLOU thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 12.25 p.m. on Sunday 6 April 1997.

Signed.....

Date