International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Executive Committee Meeting held 15-17 February 14, 2003

A4 Hotel, Schiphol Airport

Present:

Ole Garpestad    LA2RR    Chairman
Tafa Diop        6W1KI    Vice-Chairman
Don Beattie      G3BJ    Secretary
Andreas Thiemann HB9JOE    Treasurer
Abdi Razak A.Al-Shahwarzi A41JT
Hans Blondeel Timmerman PA7BT
Panayot Danev    LZ1US
Hans Ehlers       DF5UG
DR (Max) Raicha   5Z4MR
Tim Ellam         VE6SH    Region 2
Yoshiji Sekido   JJ1OEY    Region 3
Dave Sumner       K1ZZ     IS

Part-time:

Arie Dogterom    PA0EZ    C5 Chairman
Carine Ramon     ON7LX    C4 Chairman
Wojciech Nietyksza SP5FM

1 Opening of the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A moment of silence was held for amateurs who had passed away in the last year, including Lars R. Heyerdahl, LA6A (former NRRL president), the crew of space shuttle Columbia, Jim Maxwell, W6CF (ARRL Pacific Division Director) and DL2MDE (German coordinator for ARISS).

The meeting was confirmed as no-smoking. The administrative arrangements for lunch, dinner and hotel bills were explained. The Treasurer confirmed that accommodation costs and the food costs for the meeting will be paid for centrally by the Region. Incidental costs will be payable by each meeting delegate.

The Chairman encouraged everyone to participate in the meeting proceedings.

2 Apologies for absence

None

3 Approval of agenda

A slightly re-ordered version of the Agenda was tabled, to accommodate the attendance of SP5FM on the Sunday.
4 Approval of the minutes of the EC meeting held 16 November 2002

The following corrections were noted:

Fred Johnson’s callsign is ZL2AMJ

SP5FM and DF5UG to be added to the list of those present.

Apologies for absence had been received from a number of members of the new EC. Also DK9HU was not present, nor A41JT

Item 9 (consultation process for the President and Vice President) should refer to reporting to the AC before its first meeting in 2003.

SP5HS (Krzysztof Slomczynski) had been appointed to the ERC at the meeting

SP5FM had given his view of the member societies actions on WRC-03 preparation from the Wednesday WRC-meeting at the San Marino Conference. He was disappointed of the low participation to the two WRC-sessions held. He had then tabled the meeting plan for the PT4 meeting in December in Brussels, and it had been agreed that PA0LOU should attend. The PT4 January 2003 meeting and CPG February meeting were also discussed.

A lengthy discussion had taken place on the SARL issue, and it was referred to the new EC for further action.

5 Matters arising from the meeting of the EC April 2002 not included in the agenda

The EC noted that many previous members of the EC were not re-elected at San Marino. These were ZS6AKV, PA0LOU, SP5FM, G3GVV, F6DRV and DK9HU. The new EC recorded its sincere thanks to those people for their long and distinguished service to IARU, and also to Audrey Jefcoate, the previous office manager, who had informed the EC that she did not wish to extend her contract when it terminated at the end of 2002.

6 Hand-over of responsibilities from the previous EC

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer updated the meeting on the handover process from the previous officers of the Region.

Secretarial responsibilities have been transferred and the Region 1 office and Secretary roles merged. Computer and physical files have been transferred to G3BJ. It was suggested that the address of the new Region 1 office should be communicated again to member societies. The process of transferring the financial responsibility has been started but now urgently needs to be completed. Action: G3BJ/HB9JOE
A discussion took place on the badges/pins for EC members. It was noted that, although the former Region 1 chairman had requested this, none of the retired EC-members had sent in their “light blue EC-pin”.

7 The role of the EC and its working style

A discussion took place on the way the EC should work. It was noted that with the rate of change today, physical meetings cannot meet the requirements for rapid decision making, therefore effective use of e-mail will be critical to the EC.

Transparency of communication will be an important part of the way the EC works.

A discussion took place on e-mail disciplines. Proposals included:

- putting helpful descriptions in the “subject” line, including “EC info”, “EC urgent” etc.
- copying people for information, but those who need to comment or decide should be addresseees (i.e. not just copied)
- e-mails should be as short as possible, with clear English
- one week response time on EC decisions (excepting absence for vacation/business trips etc)
- telling each other of absence on vacation and away from e-mail for more than one week (three days for Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman)
- use of SMS to chase urgently-needed responses
- private web area for reference information
- page numbers on all documents
- putting summaries at the beginning of long documents

The Chairman and Secretary will develop these proposals into a working discipline.

Action: LA2RR/G3BJ

It was agreed that a presentation of the role of the IARU would be useful for the EC members. Any EC members who have suitable material should send this to the Secretary, who will collate and develop a suitable “Powerpoint” presentation.

Action: All

8 Responsibilities of EC members

A discussion followed on the task allocations to the EC members. It was noted that the ERC was not an internal committee, but a permanent standing committee. PA7BT is the Chairman.

Names were agreed for the various roles. Details of the responsibilities are attached to these minutes together with a definition of “Eastern Europe and Northern Asia”, proposed by LZ1US.
EC and IARU Region 1 objectives for the next three years

A discussion took place on the objectives for Region 1 for the next three years. The ideas were then grouped, and the following key themes emerged:

- Defence of the amateur radio spectrum
- Strengthening the relationship between IARU Region 1 and its member societies. (Getting understanding, commitment and involvement of member societies in the objectives and activities of the IARU. Projecting IARU to MS. Growing the number of active member societies)
- Promoting amateur radio to administrations and other relevant bodies
- Growing the numbers of radio amateurs
- Internal issues concerning the Web and revision of the Constitution and Bylaws

The work to identify the way to succeed in these areas was started. This will be developed into a discussion document for the EC, proposing the ACTIONS that will be necessary, and how responsibility for these will be allocated.

Action: LA2RR/G3BJ

Financial report

The position on closing the 2002 accounts was discussed. HB9JOE and F6DRV will meet to finalise the handover of financial records, hopefully in early March

It was agreed that expense claims will be paid in home country currency, with HB9JOE instructing the Region’s bank to deposit the relevant funds in the bank account of the relevant EC member. Each EC member should provide bank details with sufficient information to allow international funds transfer to be made.

Action: All

A discussion took place on invoicing. The meeting noted that the recommendation of C2 in San Marino had been to generate invoices each year based on member society membership numbers 18 months previously, but that this had not been presented to the Final Plenary for ratification. It was agreed that this should be rectified through a postal vote of member societies in due course.

Action: G3BJ

It was agreed for 2003, that the same process should be used as for 2002, but with the clear statement that invoices will be based on 2001 numbers unless societies notify the Region by a defined date. Questionnaires will therefore be sent out with a reply date of 28 days after mailing. Invoices similarly will be sent with a 28 day return requirement. A suitable letter will be attached, explaining the process being used.

Action: HB9JOE

A discussion took place on the way in which Fund 4 should be invoiced. It was agreed that the communication with member societies should make clear that Fund 4 contribution is voluntary, at the same time encouraging societies to contribute to that Fund.

Action: HB9JOE/G3BJ
It was agreed that it was urgently necessary to establish with Elisee the list of outstanding subscriptions for 2002. This will govern any “write-offs” needed.

**Action: HB9JOE**

A discussion took place on the difficulty that some societies have in paying fees. It was noted that there was some lack of clarity about how societies not paying their full dues should be treated. A proposal to be developed as to how the Constitution should be interpreted on this topic.

**Action: HB9JOE**

Bank signatories need to be resolved

**Action: HB9JOE/LA2RR/G3BJ**

Budgets for working groups will be notified to them. For 2004, working groups will be asked to develop budgets “from the ground up” (zero base budgets).

**Action: HB9JOE**

Expense forms were tabled together with the expense claim policy. A document giving the internal expense policy (referred to as EC’s internal financial rules in the Region 1 Byelaws) was agreed. Both the expense document and the expense forms needed slight amendments, to ensure applicability to non-EC members. The documents and forms will then be distributed.

**Action: G3BJ/LA2RR**

Expenses incurred in all working groups that are within the approved budget, should be sent directly to the Treasurer. Above a certain amount (to be determined by the Treasurer and Chairman), the approval of the Chairman will also be obtained by the Treasurer.

**Action: LA2RR/HB9JOE**

It was noted that one society had asked whether it would be possible to pay membership dues by IRCs. It was agreed that the Treasurer should try to facilitate this, for very small societies.

**Action: HB9JOE**

### 11 Secretarial report (EC/03/008)

The Secretary presented his report.

As the contract with the former office manager Audrey Jefcoate ended at the end of 2002 and she had informed the EC that she was not available for a new contract except for providing help in a transition to a new secretary, the EC decided to use the opportunity to try out a new kind of office arrangement for Region 1 in order to save money without losing out on efficiency and response time. The EC agreed to combine the official Region 1 office and the role of the Region 1 Secretary at G3BJ’s address (details in the address list for the EC members - attached). Members of the EC and other Coordinators should advise the Secretary of any particular secretarial and administrative support they need in their work.

**Action: All**
An opportunity to use paid help for some office work in preparation for the next Region 1 Conference was held open and will be further evaluated closer to the 2005 date.

It was agreed that it was necessary to restate the information about the new office arrangement to all member societies as well as to all WG chairmen and co-ordinators.

**Action: G3BJ/LA2RR**

The EC formally recorded its appreciation for the long service of Miss Audrey Jefcoate over many years as office manager. The Secretary to draft a letter to go to Audrey.

**Action: G3BJ**

The question of the headed notepaper was discussed, in respect of the description of the Region. It was agreed that the definition of the Region should include “Northern Asia” not “Western Asia”

**Action: G3BJ**

The Secretary was asked to consider whether the IARU diamond should be on the right hand side of the letterhead.

**Action: G3BJ**

It was agreed to review the e-mail address which the secretary uses for the official Region 1 office – perhaps an “IARU” e-mail address would be better.

**Action: G3BJ**

The address list of coordinators on the web needs further updating

**Action: G3BJ**

The Secretary will ask Region 2 and Region 3 for all members of the EC to be put on the distribution list for regional newsletters.

**Action: G3BJ**

It was agreed to keep correspondence between EC members as “confidential to the EC” unless agreed otherwise. The web site should be the prime vehicle of communication to societies etc.

**Action: All**

It was agreed that badges for EC members should be based on the large laminated style, as tabled at the meeting. Design and costs to be obtained, and badges to be produced.

**Action: G3BJ**

12 **Member society issues.**

New members – **Cameroun** and Macau have joined IARU. Three other applications, from **Georgia, Armenia** and Vietnam, are out for voting at the present time. Applications from Libya, Madagascar and Kazakstan are still in preparation. These should be followed-up.

**Action: G3BJ**
13 Calendar of events

Attendance at key Regional/IARU events was discussed;

The following responsibilities were agreed:

- HST Championships (Minsk, 4-8 May) LZ1US
- WRC-03 (Geneva 7 June-4 July) LA2RR, PA0EZ, 6W1KI
- Friedrichshafen (27-29 June)
  (Information stand needed – presentation to be prepared)
- Attendees o/b/o EC: LA2RR, PA7BT, DF5UG, HB9JOE
- Region 3 Taipei + AC LA2RR, G3BJ
- ARDF European (6-11 September, Poland) LZ1US
- ARDF European youth (7-11 June) DF5UG
- Region 2 EC (October 2003 Costa Rica) to be determined after
  WRC-03 in the light of financial position at that time.
- Africom (3-7 May 2004) - to be discussed by e-mail

14 Next Regional Conference

A discussion took place on the date for the next Regional Conference in
2005. Of the proposed dates, it was suggested that September 11-17th was
most sensible and this was agree. It was agreed to inform the Davos
Conference Centre and USKA. Action: LA2RR

It was agreed that there could be the opportunity to shorten the conference,
and that the Region should try to get some flexibility on the length of the
Conference (a day or so), so as to save costs for member societies.

A possible approach to a “five day event” to be prepared and discussed by e-
mail. Action: G3BJ/All

15 Web Site

It was noted that Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV, had been managing
the Region 1 web site for some time, and his work was much appreciated by
the EC. The future way of managing the Region’s web-site were discussed.
After an in-depth review it was agreed to ask G4KIU to manage the site,
based on a proposal he had submitted. The Committee saw significant
advantages in the approach being proposed. It was agreed that an approach
should be made to Hans van de Groenendaal to agree the transfer of the
domain name and current site content. The proposal from Hans Berg, DJ6TJ,
was also much appreciated and it was hoped that DJ6TJ might be able to
play a part in the supply of material for the Web site.  

Action: G3BJ

It was agreed that a private area should be set up within the web site for
hosting reference documents.  

Action: G3BJ
Responsibility for coordination with the new webmaster was allocated to G3BJ  
**Action: G3BJ**

Proper linking to other related R1 web sites will be established.  
**Action: G3BJ**

A discussion was held to identify the required functionality of the Region 1 Web site.

Key themes were:

- Information on IARU
- Comprehensive links
- Band plans
- Reference material
- Events
- Education
- Who’s who
- News

Other issues included:

- ITU/CEPT information
- Downloads
- Member society statistics
- No pages shown as “under construction”
- Reply e-mail facility
- Provision of e-mail aliases
- Private area for EC for confidential documents
- Stories about successful projects (e.g. in STARS etc)
- Featured member society (on a rotating basis
- IARU role in disaster management
- Subject of the month/year
- Society pages ?
- Silent keys

16  **ERC Report**

The Chairman welcomed SP5FM to the meeting. SP5FM had agreed to continue to support the efforts of IARU Region 1 in the run-up to WRC-03 and attend relevant meetings. He is also attending WRC-03 as a technical expert for the AC.

PA7BT, the new ERC Chairman, gave an overview of the ERC role and activities.

SP5FM commented that the background to the specialists on the ERC had been explained in his reports to past conferences. He outlined the background to the skills and rationale for each of the specialists.

The 4 candidates (SP5FM, PA0LOU, G3HCT and G3PJТ) appointed by EC-decision 2003/001 were confirmed.
SP5FM suggested that, to avoid individuals being compromised, some of the experts should be kept “covert” and not shown on distribution lists, web site etc.  

**Action: PA7BT**

PA7BT summarised the forums in ITU and CEPT/ECC where IARU was particularly active.

PA7BT tabled a list of upcoming meetings of interest to the ERC.

It was agreed to defer the issue of distribution of documents to later in the meeting, under the WRC agenda item.

### 17 Working Group Reports

The Secretary had previously asked Working Group co-ordinators for updates to their reports presented at San Marino. The EC welcomed the input which had been received from many Chairmen and Co-ordinators

Both the HF chairman, ON7LX, and the VHF/UHF/microwave chairman, PA0EZ now joined the meeting for agenda item 17 through to 20.

ON7LX reported that several of the internal HF WGs appointed in San Marino, had started their work. Because of some confusion in bandplan presentations in various magazines, she gave the background to the work done on band-planning at San Marino. The work developed a new concept, but should not be positioned as a “new band plan”. ON7LX planned to have an “interim” meeting, including the band planning working group, at Friedrichshafen in 2004.

G3WKL to be asked to include ON7LX in the distribution list on the 480 kHz working group.  

**Action: G3BJ**

PA0EZ reported that he had updated the VHF/UHF Handbook reflecting the San Marino decisions. He expressed concerns in two areas:

- revised band planning for 435 MHz – there are some sensitivities about the changes in a few countries
- the 24 GHz changes have not been well publicised as it appears many VHF managers are not aware of the need to publicise them. RSGB and DARC (who contributed to the new plan) are amongst those societies who appear not to have publicised the changes sufficiently.

PA0EZ plans a mid-term meeting of the VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee in Vienna in 2004.

A discussion took place on the approach to such interim meetings. There was a lot of support for these meetings. A discussion took place on the need for the HF and VHF/UHF/Microwave meetings to be held together at the same time and place. It was felt, however, that this was not essential.
ARDF

The report was discussed. The request for a web page link from IARU-R1 to the ARDF site will be incorporated in the new Website.

The naming of the ARDF championships was reviewed. “European” or “Region1” had been presented as the options. It was agreed that the title should include both “Region 1” and “European”, perhaps “Region 1 (Europe, Middle East, Africa and Northern Asia)” could be appropriate - this to be reviewed with DL5NBZ

Action: LZ1US

Requests 1.1 – 1.5 in the ARDF Report had already been agreed by the EC at the November 16th meeting in San Marino.

RRWG

G3PJT has been asked to suggest how to redraft TR61-02 to anticipate the decisions at WRC-03. It was proposed by PA7BT that this redraft should simply combine the VHF and HF elements of the licence into a single licence structure. At the same time, it was agreed that work should be initiated with a view to bringing some commonality to the Novice licence structure.

Action: PA7BT

In his work in CEPT RRWG, G3PJT should use the ERC Chairman to coordinate and communicate with the EC.

Action: G3PJT/PA7BT

It was agreed to send a letter to all member societies and ask their view and input to the work on a CEPT-like novice license. The answers must should be forwarded to G3PJT.

Action: PA7BT

EMC

It was noted that the focus for PLT issues may move to CISPR. The decision to join ETSI may need to be reconsidered should happen. Christian Verholt to advise.

Action: G3BJ

HST

The request for clarification of the funding support for the HST Championships was discussed. It was agreed that the travel and associated costs of the Chairman of the International Jury should be funded by IARU Region 1, but since the co-ordinator had decided to be a competitor, his travel could not be covered.

In response to a further request, it was decided that there should not be a visit from IARU Region 1 coordinator or EC member a month prior to the event. The EC believed that the organising society has the responsibility for arranging the event. It was recognised that the HST coordinator or the chairman of the Jury, may need to travel one day in advance of the event.
IARUMS

The report was reviewed. The Committee was very encouraged at the initial progress made by OD5TE.

STARS

Added to the full set of reports with priorities and expenditure plan given to the San Marino Conference, ON6WQ had sent information about a project in Lebanon where one second-hand station was purchased and were ROARS (Oman) had donated a transceiver. As for the priority area, he suggested to focus on Northern Africa.

It was agreed that a full review of STARS should take place at the next EC.  
**Action: G3BJ**

EUROCOM

The report from ON4WF was noted. Good work is being done in this area, and those involved in EMC work appear to be working well together.

Copy of the original terms of reference for Africom to be provided to members of the EC.  
**Action: LA2RR**

18 Actions from San Marino

The actions in Committees C4 and C5 were reviewed.

For C4, most actions had been taken, but a clearer guidance to HF managers should be included in the next HF Newsletter.  
**Action: ON7LX**

The HF Handbook as well as the VHF/UHF/microwave handbook should be prepared to go on the Region 1 Web page.  
**Action: PA0EZ/ON7LX**

Guidance needed for Coordinators on the best format to allow easy transfer to the Web  
**Action: G3BJ**

Actions were allocated for C2 and C3 decisions made at San Marino. Details are attached.  
**Action: All**

As a general point, it was felt that specific guidance should be provided to member societies on each action they need to take as a result of San Marino decisions. This was far preferable to a general “Newsletter” approach.  
**Action: Those actioned on the attached schedule**
The status of preparation for WRC-03 was reviewed.

SP5FM gave an update on the various WRC-03 agenda items since the 2003 Region 1 Conference in San Marino covering CPM, PT4 as well as the CPG just completed.

There are four agenda items of direct concern to the amateur community and some lesser issues. The most significant is agenda item 1.23 concerning realignment of the 7MHz band.

After much work at WRC 2000, the subject was put on the agenda for WRC-03. The Plenipotentiary Meeting has now ruled that if there is no progress on this item at WRC-03, then it can not be put on the agenda of a future WRC for some considerable time.

CEPT, CITEL, APT, ATU and the Arab grouping have studied the problem.

WP 8A has handled the detailed work in ITU.

From the three original proposals for how to handle this issue, the CPM developed a further three options, including a “No change – NOC” option.

SP5FM expressed the view that members societies should be made aware how the CPM options were developed and what the general level of support was for each option. SP5HS has made an excellent graphical drawing to visualise the different alternatives.

After the CPG, CEPT administrations will be asked to express a view on the ECP by 1st April. It is essential that member societies be encouraged to ask their administrations to support the ECP.

Amateurs should be included in the national delegations wherever possible.

In terms of actions to support the IARU push towards a successful outcome of WRC-03 the following were discussed:

Tafa Diop reported that the Senegal position according to the Tafa Diop recommendation, is method B. Senegal is also the Rapporteur for ATU on Agenda item 1.23 The ATU Preparatory Conference is scheduled in Libreville, Gabon, at the end of March.
Member societies need to take action well in advance of 1st April by:

- asking their administrations to actively support the concept of realignment (i.e. to exclude “no change”)
- asking for an allocation of 300 kHz on a harmonised basis worldwide, with some of this possibly being on a shared basis in some areas of the world
- explaining that shifting the broadcasting allocation does not result in loss of spectrum by broadcasting, and propagation conditions would be somewhat improved for them
- fixed and mobile service who may lose some exclusive spectrum may be compensated partly by having mobile service upgraded from secondary to primary status, partly by use of adaptive techniques and moving from land mobile to generic
- perhaps pointing out that fixed and mobile services are already experiencing out-of-band broadcasting operation
- mentioning our position on 1.38 and 1.7
- (in the case of societies in CEPT) asking their administrations to support the ECP where they have not already expressed their support

A letter to member societies will be drafted. Action PA7BT and LA2RR

K1ZZ summarised the arrangements for WRC-03 in terms of amateur representation. Larry Price will head the IARU team, supported by K1ZZ, SP5FM, Ken Pulfer (VE3PU) and Michael Owen (VK3KI). Some national delegations will include other amateurs.

K1ZZ emphasised that this was a one-time opportunity to resolve the 7MHz issue, and that expense should be seen as a one-time non-recurring expense. There would be no further opportunity to address the 7 MHz problem with the foreseeable future.

JJ1OEY explained the actions taken in Region 3 to influence administrations and broadcasters. Japan has yet to disclose its position on 7MHz. A team will represent Region 3 at the APT preparatory meeting the following week. It is hoped that A41JT will represent the Region at the Arab group meeting in March. Guidance and further information to be provided by SP5FM. Aref Mansour may be at the Abu Dhabi meeting. Action: A41JT and SP5FM

In terms of budget for WRC-03 attendance, PA0EZ will be part funded by VERON, the balance by Region 1/IS. G3PSM is expected to be funded by RSGB. K1ZZ expressed the view that 6W1KI could be of great help at WRC-03, and IS would work with the Region 1 team to make this financially possible. LA2RR may be attending, and may be part funded by NRRL. Action: Funding to be finalised: K1ZZ and LA2RR

It is important to identify administrations where particular focus is needed. SP5FM will advise. Action: SP5FM
19 Communications with member societies

A discussion took place on the way the EC communicates with member societies.

G3BJ explained the need for a specific distribution strategy for publications, including a standard set of distribution lists. All members of the EC can use the secretariat to circulate documents to member societies or defined groups, provided a clear instruction is given about who it is to be sent to.

There was some discussion on the role of Region 1 News. So far, producing content-rich editions has been a struggle, with little input coming from member societies. Region 1 News could have as its objectives:

- News items
- Helping member societies understand the value of IARU
- Recognising the efforts of member societies in promoting IARU/amateur radio
- IARU events, contests, etc etc

VE6SH summarised the approach to Region 2 News. Physical publication had been suspended, and an e-mail publication was now the practice. Content provision was again a problem.

LA2RR questioned whether Region 1 News could be anything more than a “for information” document. It was felt that it could not be.

Given the earlier discussion on the Web pages, there was some doubt about what information would be in Region 1 News, which was not on the Web. Some members of the EC expressed the view that some member societies did not have good web access, and that an e-mailed newsletter was of value. Others would easily find the same information on the website.

It was felt that a combination of content-rich web site, backed up by e-mailing or postal mailing of core website content, when it is put on the website, would be a sensible way ahead.

It was agreed that the Secretary should draft a strategy for communication with member societies based on the above. One or two further copies of Region 1 News may be necessary, prior to adopting this strategy.

Action: G3BJ

22 AC Matters

The Chairman explained the background to the election process for Vice-President for IARU. Candidates are needed by 9th July 2003 for both President and Vice-President, although President Price has said he is able to stand again for election.
The role of the Vice President was discussed. It was recognised that the VP has no specific responsibilities on the AC other than to serve as a member of the AC. However, should the President no longer be able to serve, the VP must be in a position to assume the Presidential role. In practice however, the President delegates tasks to the VP, in the case of David Wardlaw (VK3ADW), he has been taking specific IARU roles within the Region 3 geography.

The meeting discussed the criteria for the Vice-President, where there was a strong case for candidates coming from Region 1. These included:

- strong diplomatic skills
- well experienced in IARU processes
- seen as being someone who has served IARU well
- energetic
- strategic vision
- able to devote the time
- willing to serve
- politically aware
- good communicator
- no professional conflict
- not holding an elected position in Region 1 when they take up the VP role

It was agreed that one-to-one discussions should take place with LA2RR, who will then determine suitable names to propose for EC endorsement.

The proceedings of the AC from November 2002 were reviewed. A discussion took place on World Amateur Radio Day (WARD). It was noted that activity took place on WARD only in a few countries.

It was agreed that the objectives of WARD should be reviewed with the AC in September. **Action: LA2RR**

The Chairman invited the representatives from Region 2 and Region 3 to comment on developments in their Region.

JJ1OEY commented, on behalf of Region 3. He explained that he was very pleased to be at the first meeting of the new Region 1 team. He noted that the work being done for WRC-03 was of critical importance for amateur radio. Region 3 was very active in supporting the IARU initiatives for WRC-03. He explained that the next Region 3 Conference was being held in Taipei in September 2003, and that region 3 looked forward to welcoming representatives from Region 1

VE6SH commented on developments in Region 2. He explained that the next Region 2 EC will take place 3-5 October, most likely in Costa Rica. Region 2 has most notably had some success in CITEL on resolutions to support the key IARU strategies for WRC-03.

K1ZZ said how pleased he was to have been at the meeting, and thanked the EC for the opportunity to participate.
23 Development issues

6W1KI tabled a full report covering all development matters during the past years. These issues are so important that the EC agreed to discuss them further by e-mail to further progress these initiatives. **Action: G3BJ/6W1KI**

It was noted with great appreciation that Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, on behalf of the IARU, held a highly successful Amateur Radio Administration Course in Nairobi, Kenya, 9-13 December 2002. Support for the course was provided by the ITU Development Bureau (ITU-D), the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) and the Communication Commission of Kenya (CCK).

24 Date of next meeting

LZ1US suggested that the EC could be held at Sofia at Easter 2004. Dates were proposed for 16th –18th April 2004. His invitation was welcomed by the EC.

Attachments:

- **Appendix 1:** Content of “Post-it” notes on Region 1 objectives
- **Appendix 2:** Responsibilities of EC members and proposed definition of “Eastern Europe and North Asia”
- **Appendix 3:** Content of “Post-it” notes on Web site content
- **Appendix 4:** Address list of EC members and Chairmen/Coordinators
- **Appendix 5:** Agreed actions from San Marino
Appendix 1 - Themes from the discussion on Region 1 objectives

Defence of the amateur radio spectrum

More frequencies for amateurs
Defend our frequencies and rights (ITU RR)
Protect our bands by usage of frequencies
Protection of our amateur bands
Defend amateur radio interests in ITU and other bodies
Build up our influence outside Europe
Taking all actions possible to secure and safeguard amateur radio and our priveliges (7MHz, VHF/UHF etc)
Protecting amateur radio spectrum
Continuing defence of our bands
Liaison in the world or WRC
ITU matters for bands and amateurs and the laws

Strengthening the relationship between IARU Region 1 and its member societies.

Inform and educate Region 1 member societies about what Region 1 is doing and what they can do
Increasing the number of member societies
Getting more member societies in Region 1 who are not members now
Improve our communication with member societies
Creating greater understanding, support and involvement of member societies in IARU work and objectives
Improve relationships with member societies
Selling benefits and role of IARU to radio societies
More member societies
Increase participation in Davos conference to over 50%
Achieve perception by member societies that IARU is effective and will help solve their problems
Provide historical data on developments of ARS

Promoting amateur radio to administrations and other relevant bodies

Educating administrations on amateur radio
Involve authorities and administrations to participate
Promoting amateur radio through exhibitions e.g. important telecomms exhibitions
Promote amateur radio
Create a PR committee producing booklets and PR material
Improve advocacy by member societies in their countries
Growing the numbers of radio amateurs

Inspire to increase amateur radio activities
Create new initiatives to stimulate amateur radio by sharing best practice in each country
Motivate member societies for membership growth
Increase amateur radio numbers
Promoting amateur radio activity
Supporting member societies in developing amateur radio
Support member societies with PR material and starter packs
Educational matters for amateur radio

Internal issues

Update and expand web site
Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws
Appendix 2

I. A. R. U. REGION 1, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Specific tasks and responsibilities.

Chairman : Ole Garpestad, LA2RR
General supervision and responsibility for all Region 1 affairs. (Constitution Art. A.4.4);

Vice-Chairman: M."Tafa" Diop, 6W1KI
Presides at meetings in the absence of the Chairman.  (Constitution Art. A.4.5);

Secretary:: Don Beattie, G3BJ
General responsibility for provision of the office services, all routine business of the region and Editor, Region 1 News.  (Constitution Art.A.4.6);

Treasurer: Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE
General responsibility for maintaining proper accounts of all IARU Region 1 funds and for collecting the financial contributions from Member Societies. (Constitution A.4.7);

Members: A.R. Al. Shahwarzi, A41JT
Hans-Heinrich Ehlers, DF5UG
Panayot Danev, LZ1US
Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PA7BT
D R Raicha, 5Z4MR

In accordance with B.2.1 of the Region 1 Bye-Laws, all members of the Executive Committee shall assume specific tasks and responsibilities. To achieve this the EC has a number of internal working committees. Each committee is assigned specific tasks for specific purposes. For each internal committee the person named acts as "rapporteur" for that committee to the E.C.

External Relations Committee : Chairman and rapporteur: PA7BT
Public Relations and Exhibitions Committee: EC
STARS/Training Committee: 6W1KI in liaison with STARS

Furthermore the following "tasks" (assistance to/supervision of/co-operation with Chairmen/Co-ordinators of Region 1 specialised bodies) have been delegated:

Liaison with the IARU IS........... LA2RR, G3BJ
Liaison with IARU, Region 2....... LA2RR, G3BJ
Liaison with IARU, Region 3....... LA2RR, G3BJ, DF5UG
Liaison IARC & CERN (4U1ITU). DF5UG
Liaison with CEPT................. PA7BT
Liaison with ATU................. 6W1KI
Liaison with African M.S....... 6W1KI, 5Z4MR
Liaison with Middle East M.S..... A41JT
Liaison with other Eastern Eur and Asian M.S..... LZ1US
Liaison with W, S & Central European M.S..... DF5UG
A.R.D.F........................................... LZ1US
E.M.C.............................................. G3BJ
Emergency Communications....... G3BJ
General HF matters (incl IBP).... DF5UG
General VHF/UHF/Microw. (incl satellite) PA7BT
High Speed Telegraphy............ LZ1US
IARU-MS............................................ DF5UG, A41JT
R.R.-WG........................................... PA7BT
STARS-matters.............................. 6W1KI, 5Z4MR, A41JT
Web.............................................. G3BJ
IPHA.............................................. Vacant

CHAIRMEN & CO-ORDINATORS of permanent bodies etc.:

E.R.C., External Relations Committee Chairman........ PA7BT
H.F.C. (Committee C.4)....... Chairman........ ON7LX
(HF-Contest Sub Group........ Chairman........ S50A
reporting to HFC-Committee)
VHF/UHF/MICROWAVES Comm.(C.5). Chairman... PA0EZ
(Chairman reporting to Comm. C.5:
Satellites................. Co-ordinator G3VZV
VHF-records keeper....... SM7NZB
VHF-Beacons................. Co-ordinator... G0RDI
VHF-Frequency-allocations... Co-ordinator... DK2NH
Africom Sub-Regional W.G.... Chairman....... vacant
A.R.D.F.............. Chairman........ DL5NBZ
R.R.-WG.................. Chairman....... G3PJT
Eurocom Sub-Regional W.G.... Chairman...... ON4WF
E.M.C.......................... Chairman....... OZ8CY
S.T.A.R.S..................... Chairman....... ON6WQ
I.A.R.U.-M.S............. Co-ordinator... OD5TE
I.B.P...................... Co-ordinator... G3USF
High Speed Telegraphy.... Co-ordinator... Z32TO
I.P.H.A....................... Co-ordinator... vacant
## Division of member countries – Eastern Europe and Northern Asia

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Appendix 3 - Themes from the discussion session on web site content

News:
- News from the EC
- Latest news
- News
- IARU news
- PLT Latest news
- News from member societies
- News from working groups

Information on IARU:
- Constitution & bylaws (3)
- Powerpoint presentation on the IARU
- Terms of reference
- Benefits to member societies
- What is Region 1
- Region 1 objectives
- What IARU is and what it does
- Organigram
- IARU and Region 1 organisation

Comprehensive links:
- R2 and R3 web sites
- CEPT/ITU sites
- Links
- Member society sites
- Links to working groups and Committee sites
- Other IARU sites
- Link list
- Links to more information

Band plans:
- VHF/UHF/Microwave band plans
- Band plans (4)
- HF Bandplans

Reference material:
- Historical data and stories
- Pages per specialist working group
- Extract from HF/VHF manager handbooks
- Material from the IS
- International radio regulations (via link to 4U1ITU site)
- Conference information and documents
- Minutes – EC, working groups etc
- Updates on conferences and meetings
- Internal database – minutes, forums, historical data
- Open reference database
- Documents
Events:
- Calendar of events (with links)
- Contest information and results
- Contest results
- IARU Contest results
- Events timetable (HST/ARDF etc)
- Schedule/venue of events
- Events (championships etc)
- Events

Education:
- How to become a radio amateur
- What is amateur radio
- Educational material

Who’s who:
- All relevant addresses
- Picture library
- Thumbnail photos of EC members
- Member society information
- Key offices/coordinators
- More photos
- Information on EC members
- Map showing location of member societies – click to links
- Contact information
- Society information

Overall, the web to be a LIVE transmission belt between IARU and ALL amateurs, to make them aware of the IARU role in defending their rights.
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<td>Accept financial reports for 1999, 2000 &amp; 2001</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>To be considered when the budget is prepared. Costs of operating the Region to be kept low. Study the fee structure of the other Regions</td>
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<td>EC to consider issues raised in paper C 2.3 regarding financial pressures societies are under</td>
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<td>Withdraw Lillehammer C 2.5 - allows higher than CHF 1500 funding for supporting societies to attend</td>
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<td>EC - take into account at next conference</td>
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<td>2.4</td>
<td>Withdraw Lillehammer C 2.11 - allows attendance at ECs of other regions</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>EC - determine when/where attendance is appropriate</td>
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<td>C2</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>Withdraw Lillehammer C 2.12 - confirms that permanent Chairmen C4/C5 can attend EC meetings and, if necessary, office manager can attend ECs</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Nothing further needed. C4/C5 Chairmen have been invited to 2003 EC. No office manager needed at EC</td>
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<td>ARDF funding proposals in SM C 2.5 approved</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Done</td>
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<td>FAG report be accepted</td>
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<td>C2</td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>Three year budget be accepted</td>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Revenue to be monitored by EC. Debtors to be monitored carefully</td>
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<td>Membership dues to remain unchanged</td>
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<td>Better explanation of the reasons for contributing to Fund 4 is needed</td>
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<td>&quot;Guidelines on evaluation of amateur radio stations with respect to conformity with RF exposure limits&quot; be adopted as IARU Guidelines.</td>
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<td>Member societies to become involved in national standards organisations. Close cooperation between national societies and national administrations to defend amateur radio interests.</td>
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<td>National Societies to promote HF communication.</td>
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<td>IARU Region 1 to join ETSI.</td>
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<td>EMC Chairman to advise on actions needed - paper to be put to member societies. Notification/encouragement to national societies - EMCC to action.</td>
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<td>EC to consider candidate for IPHA Coordinator.</td>
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<td>3.10</td>
<td>EC to ask for candidates from member societies as part of a more general communication on other issues. Need to check distribution of IPHA booklet. E-mail Agnes for electronic copy.</td>
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<td>All nominations to EC shall be made, wherever possible, in writing, 3 months prior to the Conference Y</td>
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<td>EC to consider maximum length of tenure for EC members Y</td>
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<td>Appointment of Vice-Chairmen to C4/C5 to be consider by Committee Chairmen Y</td>
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<td>EC to consider arrangement for postal voting that are &quot;fail-safe&quot; Y</td>
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<td>Conference Recommendation Working Group to be created (SM0SMK Chairman) Y</td>
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<td>Changes to elect rules for EC, allowing candidate to stand for more than one post Y</td>
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<td>How secretarial support is provided to the Region is a matter for the EC. However, majority of Societies to approve any proposal to use a member society to do this. N</td>
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Secretary to draft for EC approval in time for next Conference G3BJ

Secretary to draft proposed amendment to Bylaws G3BJ

Secretary to draft and if needed propose amendment to next Conference EC/G3BJ

C4/C5 Chairmen to be asked to consider LA2RR

Proposal to be prepared by Chairman & Secretary later in 2003 G3BJ/ LA2RR

Chairman to establish link with SM0SMK LA2RR

Changes to Bylaws to be drafted by Secretary and put in place before next Conference G3BJ

Draft amendment to A 4.9 of Articles in time for next conference G3BJ

Draft changes to Constitution & Bylaws before next Conference G3BJ

Draft changes to Bylaws for next Conference G3BJ

Secretarial support will not be necessary in the immediate future.
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<td>Cost sharing to be adopted for certain regional activities</td>
<td>Y  EC to discuss and agree approach - probably just look for opporuntities all the time</td>
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<td>IARU Supports the removal of mandatory Morse code testing</td>
<td>Y  Notification to national societies - include in early communication as part of letter on WRC</td>
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<td>3.26</td>
<td>EC to urge National Societies to keep the principles of TR 61-02</td>
<td>Y  Explain what this is and notify/encourage national societies as part of communication on Novice licence harmonisation</td>
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<td>Region 1 Societies to keep each other informed of any proposal to introduce new licensing systems</td>
<td>Y  Notification/encouragement to national societies - link with 3.26</td>
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<td>C3</td>
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<td>Region 1 endorses AC resolution of October 2001 in respect of Morse code</td>
<td>Y  Notification to national societies (link with C3.25) - see above</td>
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<td>AC Resolution 99-3 be accepted</td>
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<td>AC Resolution 99-4 be accepted</td>
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<td>Rules for ARDF Championship C 3.21 rev 1 be accepted</td>
<td>N  Done</td>
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<td>STARS WG be continued</td>
<td>N  Done</td>
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<td>Amend the rules for HST as in C 3.10 addendum 1</td>
<td>Y  Ask HST Coordinator to publicise. HST Terms of reference needed (LZ1US)</td>
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<td>Terms of reference to be obtained for all WG and Committee Chairmen</td>
<td>Y  Put on Web</td>
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<td>New band planning approach be adopted</td>
<td>N  Adhoc working group chaired by DL1VDL</td>
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<td>Split frequency disciplines</td>
<td>Y  Encourage societies to inform their members</td>
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<td>Eliminate band change stipulation in IARU HF Contest</td>
<td>Y  Will be published in the HF Managers handbook - being updated</td>
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