

International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Executive Committee Meeting held 15-17 April 2005 Davos, Switzerland

Present:	Ole Garpestad	LA2RR	President and meeting chairman
	Tafa Diop	6W1KI	Vice-President
	Don Beattie	G3BJ	Secretary
	Andreas Thiemann	HB9JOE	Treasurer
	Hans Blondeel Timmerman	PB2T	
	Panayot Danev	LZ1US	
	Hans-Heinrich Ehlers	DF5UG	
	DR (Max) Raicha	5Z4MR	
	Tim Ellam	VE6SH	IARU VP
	Rod Stafford	W6ROD	President, R2
	“Selva” Selvadurai	9V1UV	Region 3

1 Opening

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from A41JT who had indicated that he would not seek re-election at the September Region 1 Conference due to work pressures.

A moment of silence was held for amateurs who had passed away in the last year, including Peter Naish, VK2BPN, Chairman of Directors of IARU Region 3.

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2 Matters arising from the April 2004 minutes – Paper EC05_001

It was noted that ADP effectiveness had been limited by the lack of follow-up with the “Ambassador Kit”. We need to consider how to complete the development of this kit. 6W1KI will work with PB2T and ON6WQ to finalise the production of the kit.

Status: The “Ambassador Kit” is in preparation, and is scheduled to be complete by the time of the Davos Conference in September 2005.

Action: 6W1KI & PB2T

Follow-up actions from the recent sub-regional workshop in Cairo are being pursued.

Action: PB2T

3 Finance Matters – Papers EC05_002, 003, 004 and 013

HB9JOE summarised the financial position. Overall the finances are in good shape, with a solid asset base.

It was agreed that, for the future, final accounts for each year should be circulated to the EC for brief review before submission for audit.

Action: HB9JOE

As at the date of the EC meeting, it was noted that 29 societies had not paid their dues for 2004, a total amounting to some CHF 3,300.

The Treasurer explained his projections of MS membership numbers to be assumed for budget purposes. This showed a continuing decline in numbers. Some uncertainty therefore exists over the future revenue levels, as the membership numbers of MS reduce. It is therefore sensible to budget on a cautious basis.

The proposed structure of Region 1 accounts for the future was reviewed and agreed. The expense claim form will be restructured to reflect these categories. This completes the action first proposed by the Lillehammer Conference in 1999, to move to a “Project Accounting” approach.

The budget projections for 2006-8 were agreed, with amendments. Detailed work is underway to finalise the figures. The following to be noted:

- Friedrichshafen costs to be included under “Exhibitions”
- It was noted that there was no EMC WG planned in Friedrichshafen for 2005 as this was a year of a General Conference.
- It was noted that there was some confusion over the status of Hans Zimmerman’s meeting in Friedrichshafen 2005. It needs to be clarified whether this is an IARU meeting or not. **Action: VE6SH**
- The notes to the accounts should explain that the HST and ARDF budgets for 2006+ have been structured to include proposals being made to the 2005 Davos Conference. **Action: HB9JOE**
- It was agreed that Fund 4 should no longer be “voluntary”. However, Fund 4 would be continued to be “ring-fenced” fund, with a fixed percentage of the membership subscription going to the Fund, and STARS projects being fully financed from the fund.
- It was agreed that we would split the existing R1 fund between WRC (10k) and General fund (10k). Subscription levels for 2006-7-8 should be set to reduce reserves modestly, but retaining a policy of having at least one year’s operating costs being held in free reserves.

Action: HB9JOE

The finance report to Committee C2 will be modified, to reflect changes made to the financial projections at the meeting. The report will consist of the Treasurer's Report, the Audited Accounts for 2002, 2003 and 2004, a note of explanation about the new accounts structure, the budget projections for 2006-7-8, a table of Member Society membership levels over the past years, and a table of those Member Societies which have not paid their dues. **Action: HB9JOE**

Detailed changes to the report were:

- Typographical errors to be corrected
- Explain that Fund 4 has been renamed in both Treasurer's report and MS subscription level paper
- Commas vs decimal points in spread sheets to be rationalised
- A note of explanation of the structure of the accounts to be included.

The meeting noted those societies that had not paid their fees for 2003 and 2004.

The meeting then discussed paper EC05_015 from DF5UG on Regional cost reduction.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to explain to MS what the IARU global (IS/AC) budget is spent on (general areas) **Action: G3BJ/LA2RR**

A proposal in the paper to hold the General Conference every four years had significant implications for the rest of IARU. Any thoughts of a change in this direction should be an input to the discussions on the future way of operating in IARU. **Action: LA2RR**

The possibility of holding the EC meetings (two years out of three) at Friedrichshafen was reviewed. It was felt that a closer review of the cost and workload implications of this proposal was necessary. **Action: DF5UG**

DF5UG proposed that the mid-term meetings of HF and VHF Committees (Friedrichshafen and Vienna) should cease and that an e-mail reflector should take their place. There was some concern about this proposal, but the views from the Chairmen of VHF and HF Committees, and national spectrum managers should be sought. It was agreed that DF5UG and PB2T should review this matter with the respective Chairmen. **Action: DF5UG / PB2T**

It was agreed that the proposals in paper EC05_015 should be properly costed, with options, so that the full financial impact can be assessed. **Action: DF5UG**

A discussion took place on the possibility of changing the registered location of the Region 1 from Geneva to Zug.

The impact of change in Communal, Cantonal and Federal taxes was noted. The impact on the first two would be a reduction of 6000 – 7000 per annum based on 2004 financial figures. There would be an additional saving arising out of a change in lawyer fees. The overall saving from the move would be in the order of CHF 8,000 p.a. (depending on the financial performance of the Region in the year in question).

The one-off costs to make the change will be in the order of CHF 1,500. It was therefore felt worthwhile, on financial arguments, to consider the possibility of moving the office registration location.

Discussion then turned to any possible political issues arising from the change. The President had consulted PA0LOU and SP5FM on the background to the current Geneva registration. VE6SH commented that he had ascertained that many NGOs based in Switzerland were registered outside the Geneva canton.

It was agreed that the President should write to SP5FM outlining the EC strategy, and asking for any final comments before the change was made. Unless there was any further information from SP5FM which changed matters, then the change would be initiated by end-May.

Action: LA2RR and HB9JOE

4 Outstanding issues from San Marino Conference – Paper EC05_005

The outstanding issues from San Marino were reviewed. The following actions were agreed:

- DF5UG to prepare a fuller proposal on **sponsorship** including the basic approach to be adopted, drawing on the experiences from others who have been successful in obtaining sponsorship for amateur radio activities. The target is to prepare the paper by late-June so that it has been considered by the EC members prior to the General Conference. It was noted that this is the one outstanding action from the Lillehammer Conference. **Action: DF5UG**
- **IPHA co-ordinator** to be identified – **Mustapha Landoulsi was suggested by DF5UG**. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to all MS asking for other nominations (enclosing the ToR for the coordinator) and prepare a set of proposals for Committee C3 at the Davos Conference. **Action: G3BJ**
- The work to re-present the Standing Recommendations work is not yet complete. LA2RR to discuss with Gunnar how best to progress it. **Action: LA2RR**
- Cost sharing – it was felt that this action should simply be a “look for opportunities” as they arise. **Action: All**
- Terms of Reference – WGs etc. This is covered by a separate paper.

5 IARU Presentation Material – Paper EC05_006

The paper suggested that a modest investment be made in preparing a professional set of presentation material for public events for region 1. It was agreed that the issues outlined in the paper should be addressed. It was agreed that 5Z4MR should take the lead in working through the approach outlined in the paper parts (a) (b) and (c). A basic approach should be checked with the EC, before the detail content is worked on. The material needs to be ready for the Region 1 Conference in September. **Action: 5Z4MR**

The Region 1 logo will be re-engineered by Panayot. All to send current logos to LZ1US for information **Action: All and LZ1US**

6 President's Report – Paper EC05_007

LA2RR presented his report which covered a wide range of activities during the year.

It was noted that he was much more than a “visitor” to the Cairo workshop (which is how he is listed in the notes from the workshop).

7 Vice-President's Report – Paper EC05_008

6W1KI presented his report together with 5Z4MR (covering East Africa).

The question of IARU Region 1 relationship with ATU was discussed. It was agreed that PB2T should work with 6W1KI to reactivate the MOU with ATU. **Action: 6W1KI & PB2T**

It was noted that one way to show the influence and activity of IARU might be to organise an ARAC in an appropriate part of Africa. **Action: 6W1KI to discuss with W4RI**

It was agreed to consider whether WSIS in November 2005 presented an opportunity to get closer to the position on the ground. This is covered later in the meeting.

5Z4MR commented that he had established contact with the Namibian ARS. Contact is established with Madagascar and an application to join IARU is expected.

5Z4MR has been in discussions with LZ1US and DL5NBZ to see what opportunities exist for introducing ARDF in Africa.

The licences in Kenya now include 10 MHz and 1.8 MHz privileges with 400 w pep.

5Z4MR will investigate whether there is any activity in Mozambique (via C91CE)

The position on South Africa (SARL) involvement in the Davos Conference needs to be checked. **Action: 5Z4MR**

8 Secretary's Report – Paper EC05_009

G3BJ covered the activities over the last year. The office was generally operating satisfactorily, at a significant saving to the Region compared to pre-2002.

The position on the web was discussed. G3BJ has agreed an Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the webmaster, defining the maximum time to be taken in updating the web. Facilities for downloading the Conference documents are being established on the website (via password)

9 Chairman ERC Report – Paper EC05_010

PB2T presented his report covering the work of the ERC over the year.

It was agreed that once DF5UG's paper on Vice-Chairmen had been agreed, PB2T would speak with ON4WF about a Vice-Chairman for EUROCOM. **Action: PB2T**

On Emergency Communications, it appeared that G3LEQ needed some help in accessing relevant people in Member Societies. The meeting felt that using the Region 1 website was not appropriate – response would be minimal. Direct mailing was needed (the Secretary can help distribute documents to MS).

The meeting agreed that G3LEQ's efforts should focus on Region 1 and not worry too much about what is happening on other Regions.

Outstanding issues raised by G3LEQ were:

- an update is needed of Chapter 8 of the Region 1 HF Handbook (Hans Zimmerman is undertaking some work which will provide much of the input to this)
- the proposal to set up a small network of people to support G3LEQ's work (this is up to G3LEQ to arrange – working virtually)
- his need to obtain a copy of the booklet of the ITT document concerning the role of the Amateur Service in disaster communications. New version due out shortly. LA2RR to check when this will be available for G3LEQ. **Action: LA2RR**
- proposals for changes to the bandplans. These need to be discussed with the relevant HF manager **Action: G3LEQ**

10 DF5UG Report – Paper EC05_011

DF5UG reported on his portfolio.

ON7LX had resigned as HF Chairman during the year. Colin Thomas, G3PSM, has been appointed Interim HF Chairman.

The Bandplan Working Group has been working energetically and a number of papers have been submitted to discussion at the Davos Conference.

The Interim HF Chairman's report was noted. As it had not been circulated to the EC prior to the meeting, the Secretary will circulate it after the meeting. **Action: G3BJ**

G3BJ commented on the worrying developments in the UK concerning possible deregulation of amateur radio frequencies. He explained that if this situation gathers momentum, it has major implications for the Amateur Radio Service and for the future of IARU.

11 LZ1US Report – Paper EC05_012

LZ1US outlined his report. He reported that generally things were going well in the European societies for which he was responsible. However, there had been no effective contacts with Asian societies.

To help with contact, G3BJ will circulate to EC members regularly the updated list of MS contacts in an Excel spread sheet. **Action: G3BJ**

Progress with ARDF Championships was going well, thanks to the efforts of many enthusiastic volunteers. The Moldova event had been very successful – the first event in ex-USSR countries for many years.

Proposals for three new International Class Referees were approved: LZ1ZF, LZ3NN and YT1ZB. LA2RR will sign the certificates at Friedrichshafen. **Action: LA2RR and LZ1US**

It was agreed that for the 6th Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships, DL5NBZ would be Chairman of The Jury, with OK2BWN as back-up.

It was further agreed that DL5NBZ would be Chairman of the Jury for the 15th Region 1 ARDF Championships, with LZ1US as back-up.

It was noted that DL5NBZ had asked that the EC to consider making the ARDF WG a permanent Committee to improve its ability to respond quickly. The EC did not feel inclined to support this proposal: The only permanent Committees in Region 1 cover topics that are all-pervasive to every country in the Region (HF, VHF and ERC). It was not clear to the EC that such a change in title was necessary to address the issues raised in DL5NBZ's report. It was felt that a more convincing set of arguments were necessary before the EC could consider the matter further. In the meantime LZ1US would ask DL5NBZ to identify specifically what issues were slowing down the work of the WG, directly because of its status as a Working Group. The EC agreed that appointing international category referees and jury chairmen (within the ARDF WG budget) would be delegated to the ARDF WG. **Action: LZ1US**

It was also agreed that the EC needed a clearer understanding of what criteria were necessary to create a "Sports Federation" and what implications there would be for IARU more generally.

Action: LZ1US

The EC would also like to see the ARDF WG attracting more countries into ARDF.

It was noted that the ARDF WG had introduced a protocol whereby in voting, a "nil response" counted as a vote in favour. This would be considered further later in the meeting when Terms of Reference for WGs are considered.

LZ1US outlined the progress on HST matters.

On HST, LZ1US proposed that Z32TO should be the Chairmen of the international jury in for the championships in June 2006. Members of the EC expressed concern to LZ1US that there was a potential conflict of interest that might arise because of Oliver's role as both Organiser and Jury Chairman. After consultation with Z32TO, the EC asked Panayot Danev, LZ1US, to be Chairman of the Jury for this particular championship, because of this unusual situation of having the organiser, HST WG Chairmen and Chairman of the Jury as one person.

12 Region 2 Report – Paper EC05_036

Rod Stafford presented his report.

It was noted that Region 2 was considering setting up a Regional level coordinating activity at Regional level to raise the profile of activity of the fight against the threat of interference from BPL.

In response to a question from 5Z4MR, Rod explained the way in which Areas for responsibility were assigned to Directors in Region 2.

13 Region 3 Report – Paper EC05_038

Selva Selvadurai updated the meeting on events since his report.

Work has been done on the fact sheet concerning 7 MHz frequency allocations, based on inputs from the Member Societies. The position on 7MHz would be discussed further later in the agenda.

14 AC Report – Paper EC05_014

Tim Ellam, IARU Vice President, summarised the work that had been done so far to scope the issues facing IARU for the future. A consultative document will be sent to AC members later in the year.

It was agreed to consider how, and in what format, the concepts contained in the current thinking should be outlined briefly at the September Davos Conference.

Action: VE6SH

15 Member society issues – Papers EC05_016 and 017

Bosnia & Herzegovina: the Secretary has investigated the complaint received that ARABiH is not legally entitled to represent amateurs in BiH. A full report has been prepared, and the Secretary has written to the complainant setting out the facts as IARU understands them, and asking for any comments. No reply has been received. The Secretary will now write saying that unless they make further comments IARU will regard the matter as closed.
Action: G3BJ

Serbia & Montenegro: Region 1 has received a request to allow a separate society to represent Montenegro in IARU (Separately from Serbia). Currently there is a state of union between Serbia and Montenegro, with a referendum on the union planned for 2006. Region 1 will await the outcome of the upcoming referendum before considering the question of appropriate member society representation in IARU.
Action: G3BJ

It was agreed that help needed to be given to a number of societies to help them play their full part as a national society.

16 Davos Conference – Paper EC05_018

The Secretary had prepared a paper covering the administrative and logistical aspects of the Conference. The programme and the administrative paperwork was reviewed and approved.

A discussion took place on the working group/coordinators meetings. The Secretary will include details of the Sunday afternoon meetings in the circulation of papers.
Action: G3BJ

The IARU Liaison Workshop will be coordinated by PB2T. Structure to be developed, to include a presentation from VE6SH on IARU in the future.
Action: PB2T

The secretary needs to add “acceptance of any late papers” at the beginning of C3/4/5 Agendas.
Action G3BJ

It was agreed that papers received in time for the second mailing of papers (July) will be included as valid for the Conference.
Action: G3BJ

The initial details of the Davos Conference sent to MS should include a strong recommendation to support the WG/Coordinator meetings on the Sunday afternoon.
Action: G3BJ

Papers for the Conference

EC05_020 (term of Office for EC members) – a clause will be added saying when the new procedure begins (from the beginning of the next election)

EC05_021 (Voting Rights of Member Societies) – Agreed

EC05_023 (Report to Conference to Executive Committee) – a clause will be added reporting on actions from San Marino.

EC05_024 (The Position of the ERC Chairman) - the majority of the EC felt that there were strong reasons for the ERC Chairman to be a member of the EC. However, the objectives in paper 024 were felt to be better achieved by adding the ERC Chairman to the list of nominated posts voted for in the first ballot in the General Conference. The EC would nominate a name for the ballot for ERC Chairman and seek support from a Member Society to propose that person. The paper would be amended and provision for a postal ballot added. **Action: G3BJ**

EC05_037 (Terms of Reference for Working Groups) It was agreed that the paper should include the Terms of Reference for ALL WGs and Committees. STARS, IPHA and Beacons to be added to achieve this.

The principle of a Vice Chairman for each WG to be added.

Voting procedures to be consistent with B.23.1

Style to be made consistent – PB2T will do a first draft. PB2T and G3BJ will then finalise the document. **Action: G3BJ & PB2T**

EC05_022 (MS Subscription levels) This paper was discussed, and it was felt that although there might be some issues on the practical details, it should go forward to the General Conference. The meeting voted 6 to 1 with 1 abstention to submit the paper to the Conference. It was agreed that a clause needs to be added to allow very small societies to pay with IRCs. It was also noted that the paper requires a constitutional change and a comment is to be added to this effect. **Action: G3BJ**

17 Support to member societies to attend Davos Conference – Paper EC05_025

The EC reviewed the list of countries which had applied for sponsorship. The EC agreed that support would be provided to certain societies and the Secretary was authorised to inform them.

18 Region 1 Awards – Paper EC05_027

The guidelines on the R F Stevens Trophy will be sent to all Member Societies. Decision will be made at Conference, and the outcome announced at the Final Plenary. The engraved plaque will be sent or presented to the winner at a later date.

Action: G3BJ

19 Calendar of Events

Friedrichshafen – project manager. It was agreed that PB2T would project manage the presentation for the stand, stand layout and staffing. Those supporting would be G3BJ, LA2RR. DF5UG will prepare the material for the stand once designed by PB2T. Existing material to be sent to PB2T.

AC 2005 at Zurich – LA2RR and G3BJ

HST World Championship, 13-17 June 2005 – LZ1US to attend.

Region 1 Youth ARDF Championship June 2005 – LZ1US to attend.

ARDF Region 1 Championships September 2005 – LZ1US to attend

Region 3 Directors' meeting – Oct 5/6/7 (Wed/Thur/Fri) – DF5UG to attend

GAREC – 13/14 June – Tampere – G3LEQ will attend. Two will be sponsored on the STARS budget (Turkey and Morocco). It was also agreed that PB2T should attend to keep close to what will be an important meeting. **Action: PB2T**

Region 2 EC – Mexico City – September – LA2RR to attend.

VERON Day of the Amateur – 22 October – HB9JOE to attend.

20 Strategic Issues

Cairo Workshop – Paper EC05_028

PB2T outlined the progress made at the Cairo workshop. Overall the event was felt to have been a success.

Follow-up actions are in hand.

WRC07 – Paper EC05_032

A discussion was held on WRC07 Agenda. As at the last update, it was still a little early to bring the detailed IARU strategy into focus. Work was continuing to assess the best strategy to achieve IARU objectives at the Conference.

A Foresight Project – Paper EC05_035

Paper EC05_035 was reviewed. The paper covered the important issue of the future of amateur radio, and proposed forming a small multi-national working group to catalyse thinking on the way ahead for amateur radio. The project would both develop its own ideas, and encourage MS to do the same.

It was agreed that the project should have unequivocal EC support, and that it should be put to the General Conference.

It was recognised that there were budgetary implications which would need to be built into the 2006+ budget.

PB2T to discuss with Bob Whelan whether the paper should be input to the Conference as an EC paper **Action: PB2T**

Action Plan for Development of Support for Amateur Frequency Allocations – Paper EC05_029

The status on the actions in this programme was reviewed. Outstanding actions were noted. The programme is being driven forward by PB2T.

DF5UG will respond directly to Paul Rinaldo by e-mail on his outstanding action on an Arab database. DF5UG will send the current state of the database to Paul Rinaldo. **Action: DF5UG**

The position on proposed ARACs needs to be progressed. LA2RR will discuss with Paul Rinaldo, to ensure he accepts that it is for him to initiate action to set up further ARACs. LA2RR will also update W4RI on the overall programme. **Action: LA2RR**

STARS Report – Paper EC05_030

It was noted that there was not a STARS coordinator for Eastern Europe, but DF5UG is hoping that he will be able to help resolve this difficulty. **Action: DF5UG**

STARS budget amendments will be discussed between ON6WQ and LA2RR **Action: LA2RR**

DF5UG commented that funding was available from the EU for certain forms of international meeting. He will forward a copy of the relevant criteria as defined by the EC. **Action: DF5UG**

21 Regional Objectives – Paper EC05_031

Discussion deferred for one year.

22 Licensing – Paper EC05_033

The paper from Bob Whelan was reviewed. Good progress was being made on Novice Licence harmonisation in RA6.

There are concerns amongst CEPT that some societies may not be ready to take on the necessary work to progress the concepts in the report. A further paper will go to WG RA shortly.

A document from Germany on roaming of entry level licencees had generated some support.

Implementation of the new TR61-01 and TR 61-02: Work is being done to encourage countries to complete the implementation task

The meeting noted the position of Ofcom in the UK, where proposals had been suggested to de-regulate amateur radio. The meeting viewed this with grave concern, and was pleased to note that, for the least at present, the proposals had been withdrawn.

On the matter of harmonisation of licences, it was agreed that PB2T and G3PJT will develop a proposal to establish a common question pool for internationally harmonised examinations. **Action: G3PJT and PB2T**

23 WSIS 2005

Tunisia (ASTRA) is planning to mount a demonstration station and stand at WSIS. A discussion took place as to whether there would be value for Region 1 to be present and play an active part.

It was agreed that 6W1KI would investigate exactly what will be happening at WSIS, and what opportunities exist to meet appropriate members of relevant administrations. Based on the outcome of this research, a decision will be taken on whether or not to attend.

6W1KI will keep the EC informed of progress, and the cost implications should attendance be felt appropriate.

Action: 6W1KI

24 Vice-Chairmen of Working Groups

DF5UG had tabled a paper the previous day, which the EC now considered.

DF5UG proposed that there should always be a back-up (Vice Chairman or deputy co-ordinator) to Working group Chairmen or Coordinators respectively. This would safeguard the interests of the Region, should the Chairman/Coordinator suddenly resign or cease to be able to operate. There were no financial implications arising from this suggestion.

It was agreed that the concept was sound and that the EC position should be that it "strongly recommends" that such people should be identified from amongst the working group by that group. In the case of co-ordinators, the deputy should be identified by the existing co-ordinator. In all cases, the role should be understood as someone who was **fully able to take over** should the Chairman/Coordinator be unable to continue.

It was agreed that this proposal should be prepared as a paper for the Davos Conference. **Action: DF5UG**

25 Any Other Business

A request from OeVSV for financial support for their fight against PLC was noted. It was felt inappropriate to support a national society with such spend after the event. The EC was also concerned that there would be knock-on implications for other societies. The matter would be referred back to OeVSV. **Action: G3BJ**

It was confirmed that surplus equipment from 4U1ITU would be passed over to STARS for subsequent use. **Action: DF5UG**

The next EC meeting will be Saturday 10th September just prior to the Davos Conference, in the Conference Centre. A second short EC will take place on Thursday 15th September in the Conference centre, at which meeting the date and venue for the 2006 meeting of the EC will be set.

The President emphasised that deadlines for papers for the EC must be respected, to allow for proper preparation of the Agenda.

The President also confirmed that papers for the EC were confidential to members of the EC, and under no circumstances should be discussed with any other person outside the EC. EC members confirmed that this was their understanding.

26 Close of meeting

The President closed the meeting at 13.00 Sunday 17th April, thanking all present for their contributions.