



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Europe, Middle East, Africa and Northern Asia

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Executive Committee Meeting 14-16 April 2007 Croatia Hotel, Cavtat

Present:	Ole Garpestad	LA2RR	President
	Don Beattie	G3BJ	Secretary
	Hans Blondeel Timmerman	PB2T	EC Member & ERC Chairman
	Panayot Danev	LZ1US	EC Member
	Tafa Diop *	6W1KI	Vice President
	Hans H Ehlers	DF5UG	EC Member
	Michael Kastellic *	OE1MCU	V/U/SHF Chairman
	Nikola Perčin	9A5W	EC Member
	Max Raicha	5Z4MR	EC Member
	Rod Stafford	W6ROD	President, IARU Region 2
	David Sumner	K1ZZ	International Secretary
	Colin Thomas	G3PSM	HF Chairman

* delayed arrival

1 Opening of meeting

The President opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to Cavtat.

The administrative arrangements for the meeting were confirmed.

A moment's silence was held for those amateurs who had died since the last meeting, especially remembering PA0QC, F9LT, ON5ME and SU1ER.

2 Apologies for Absence: 6W1KI (delayed in Brussels), HB9JOE (flight cancelled), OE1MCU (delayed in Vienna)

The President gave a summary of his expectations for the meeting.

3 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the EC meeting held in 2006 were confirmed as approved with one typographical error corrected in Appendix 4.

4 Action points from the 2006 Minutes

The following actions had not been completed, and are carried forward for continuing action, or were closed:

A possible STARS coordinator for Eastern Europe has been identified- DK1BT, Dr Manfred Gronak. At the time he was approached he was too busy with work issues. He will be approached again. Hans Welens to be involved.

Action: DF5UG

Hans H Ehlers, DF5UG had identified two web sites that set out the funding which might be available to part-fund projects in Region 1. This will be explored with ARDF WG to test the relevance to IARU

Action: DF5UG

A draft new member society welcome pack exists, which will make the initial bridge with new MS. This includes introduction of the new MS's EC link person and it is intended that personal contact should be established early in the new MS's membership of IARU. This will first be used when we next get a new member society

Action: G3BJ

The RRWG Chairman has suggested that a single CEPT-wide or Region 1-wide examination structure/syllabus/question pool should be an objective. This was agreed and PB2T/LA2RR will discuss with G3PJT

Action: LA2RR/G3PJT

Interference protection

The CEPT recommendations for an entry level licence as well as the TR 61-01 and 02 recommendations were prefaced with a comment that amateurs operating abroad are not entitled to interference protection. Whilst this appears to be contrary to the Radio Regulations the clause has been in place for some time, and it was felt that we need to wait until the next update or revision of the TR 61-01 and 02 text before we seek to get it removed. The RR WG chairman is aware of this. **Item closed**

Arab Programme Action Plan

The plan to hold an ARAC in Oman had not made progress and there was no prospect of any progress by ROARS at the moment. LA2RR to monitor. **Action: LA2RR**

The Arab database is still in preparation. Nothing has been passed to Paul Rinaldo yet. It was agreed that the existing data would be passed to PB2T immediately.

Action: DF5UG

Arab Coordinator: PB2T updated the meeting on latest developments, specially the "Regional Conference on Disaster Relief and Management" that is held in Cairo in April 2007. **Item closed**

Working Groups: ON4WF has been appointed interim Chairman of the ARSPEX WG and had been presented the ToR approved by the EC in 2006. **Item closed**

DV05_C2_Rec_03

That the EC should re-examine the handover process between successive Treasurers to ensure that there is full transparency of all decisions involving the finances of the Region.

Action: HB9JOE

DV05_C3_Rec_08

That the EC be asked to progress the work on the rationalisation of the Standing Recommendations, and to bring this work to a conclusion in early 2006.

Action: It was agreed that the HF and VHF Committee should incorporate C4/C5 recommendations in the relevant handbooks, and they should be deleted from the main "Standing Recommendations" book. **Action: G3BJ/G3PSM/OE1MCU**

DV05_C3_Rec_33

- 1 *That IARU Region 1 announces a competition amongst Member Societies for best project concerning the amateur radio emergency communications structure, networks, equipment, training activities, etc. The Emergency communications coordinator in close cooperation with Member Societies should summarise the best features of the proposed projects in a pilot project.*
- 2 *That IARU Region 1 starts looking for partners able to support financially the project. IARU Region 1 is held in high esteem throughout the whole Region. Besides the traditionally good and useful relations with important institutions such as European Commission, IARU Region 1 should take steps in establishing contacts with other internationally recognised institutions concerned with the problem such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office for Project Services, etc. National governmental structures, such as Civil Defence or similar, should be reliable partners, too. Other possible team-mates could be found amongst producers and sellers of amateur radio equipment, producers of rescue equipment, etc.*
- 3 *That IARU Region 1 selects three to five Member Societies in countries situated in different areas, vulnerable to different natural hazard to start the pilot project. The results should be reported at the next IARU Region 1 Conference in 2008 in order for a strategy for common Region 1 Amateur Radio Emergency Network to be discussed and relevant decisions taken.*
- 4 *That the above three recommendations be forwarded to the IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator for attention*

This has been discussed with Seppo, OH1VR and it is not clear whether he is supporting the proposal.

The President to discuss with Seppo and agree what steps are then needed. This may include providing some people who are motivated to follow through this action, to work with Seppo

Action: LA2RR

5 Finance Matters

The finance report was reviewed. A number of changes to the format of the accounts were requested by the EC.

All these changes must be included before the 2007 books can be approved by the EC and sent for auditing.

LA2RR to discuss with Treasurer

Action: LA2RR

It was noted that the revised 2007 budget had been accepted by the MS as requested by the EC.

The President emphasised the role of the EC in preparing a proper budget for 2008.

It was agreed that, in seeking inputs from the EC, the draft budget would be sent which included the working group budget areas, plus an opportunity to comment on the general expense areas.

It was agreed that a little flexibility should be sought on reworking the yearly budgets after GC approval. Perhaps 5% of expenditure might be a sensible degree of flexibility. A paper to be drafted for EC consideration, and possible submission to the 2008 General Conference.

Action: G3BJ

It was noted that the budget needed to be completed by November, and therefore the WGs would be asked **in August** to prepare their budget input by **end September** each year

It was agreed to make a change to the expense policy to allow, at the discretion of the President, for EC members air travel to be in Premium Economy where the sector length exceeds some 12 hours. It was noted that such travel was exceptionally unusual in Region 1

6 EC Member responsibilities

It was agreed that liaison responsibility for Germany (DARC) would transfer to PB2T. The rest of the list of societies would remain allocated as at the last meeting.

Action: PB2T

Serbia & Montenegro would be changed to Serbia.

Action: G3BJ

7 Working Groups

The meeting reviewed the reports from working groups.

Key points raised were:

a) **HST Working Group** There may be some need for help to the WG to ensure that the next HST Championships in Italy are successful. We will write a letter to ARI and the organising committee to raise the issues concerned.

Action: LA2RR

The proposed rule changes were approved. It was noted that the requirement for societies who had representatives on the WG to fulfil their responsibilities to IARU was in the rules.

The venue for the 2007 world championship (Belgrade) was agreed.

A planning visit to Belgrade was approved, subject to this being within the HST WG budget.

b) ARDF Working Group

There was concern that the WG may not be moving fast enough in adjusting and updating rules for ARDF.

There was concern about the voting procedure in the meetings and whether the necessary degree of formality existed, in accordance with the Constitution. It was agreed that the ARDF Chairman should clarify the voting arrangements and clarify the list of voting members of the ARDF WG.

Action: LZ1US

It was noted that the requirement for the member societies of participants in ARDF championships to have paid their financial dues to IARU was included in the ARDF rules last year. Since Region 1 only can make such a decision for championships within Region 1, this practice should also preferably be introduced in the other two Regions. It was agreed to write to the other Regions on this matter.

Action: LZ1US

The change proposed to the wording concerning the process for making changes to ARDF Rules were approved.

Action: LZ1US/G3BJ

It was noted that the 2008 ARDF World Championship will be held in Korea, and that this may have an impact on the ARDF budget. The ARDF WG chairman to be asked to include this in the revision for his 2008 budget. As a matter of principle the EC would allow one ARDF Committee Members to represent Region 1 at the championship

Action: LZ1US

The question of Chairman of the jury for the forthcoming championships (Youth Championships and the Region 1 Championship) had not been addressed in the ARDF report. LZ1US will ask DL5NBZ to find out what is planned. If DL5NBZ is available, his nomination would be supported by the EC.

Action: LZ1US

Kazakhstan is not yet a member of IARU. The EC decided last year that any non-member society within Region 1 should be given the possibility to fully participate in an International ARDF championship in the same way as an MS for one year in order to encourage the society to start a process towards membership in IARU. The ARDF WG Chairman has asked for some flexibility to allow Kazakhstan to participate in future ARDF championships. A letter to the same effect had also been received from SP5FM. The position of Kazakhstan was reviewed by the EC also based on information from LZ1US who had discussed IARU membership with the Kazakhstan ARDF team leader at a number of occasions over several years without achieving any progress. It was noted that the rules as agreed by the EC in 2006 allowed participation in contests, but not to be listed in the results. It was felt that there was sufficient flexibility, which allowed countries like Kazakhstan:

- a) To participate in the ARDF competition but not to be listed
- b) To join IARU and participate as a fully accredited team

c) Emergency Communications

The EmCom report was considered. The EC was pleased with the success of the first EmCom party on the air, and noted the plans for similar events for 2007.

The proposal for creation of a new Working Group to seek sponsorship for Region 1, was considered. It was agreed to invite Seppo to draft a paper for consideration by the EC, including Terms of Reference, to provide greater clarity on what is actually proposed. Subject to the EC being satisfied with what is produced, the paper could be submitted to Committee C2 at the 2008 Conference. Paper to be available by 31st July 2007.

Action: LA2RR

d) RRWG

The question of international roaming was discussed and it was noted that there was still a need to liberalise roaming on a global basis (rather than simply an RTO basis). It was noted that the AC was setting up a committee to review international roaming and was looking for someone from each RTO area in each Region. G3PJT would be proposed as the CEPT member of this team.

As indicated in "future work programme" in the WGRR report, the EC encourages the WGRR Chairman to take actions and/or initiatives within CEPT to administrations and member societies to increase the number of countries that have adopted T/R 61-01, T/R 61-02 and ECC/REC 05-06 and to stimulate countries from outside CEPT to renew and/or join T/R 61-01, T/R 61-02 and ECC/REC 05-06.

It was noted that Rudolph Reider of the Swiss Administration had retired. It was agreed that the Region 1 Medal should be awarded to him to recognise his contribution to support of, and working relationships with, the Amateur Service. A suitable occasion would be identified to make the presentation.

Action: LA2RR

e) BEACONS

The Beacon Coordinator's report was noted. It was recognised that, following the Vienna meeting, there may be a proposal at the 2008 Conference to change the policy on beacons below 14MHz. It was not felt appropriate to involve other Regions until a clear proposal had been discussed.

Concern was also noted about the use of 14.100 MHz during contests, and the resulting impact on beacon availability.

f) EMC

The Secretary summarised the report from the EMC WG Chairman. It was noted that there may be a continuing role for IARU participation in ETSI in the PLT standards question. This will be kept under review.

The EC considered the question of RadHaz and agreed to relay some issues to OZ8CY

Action: G3BJ

g) EUROCOM

It was noted that EUROCOM had been active in a number of areas.

The EU Exhibition in March 2007 had been a significant effort and cost for one or two societies and IARU Region 1. It was not clear what assessment had been made of the effectiveness of the exhibition. It was agreed that a full report on the effectiveness and learning points from the exhibition should be sought.

Action: LA2RR

Apparently it had been claimed that there was copyright on the panels, despite the funding from DARC, RSGB and IARU Region 1. This matter of copyright on the display panels had not yet been resolved.

Action: LA2RR

h) IPHA

Hans Ehlers, DF5UG, reported that Riri, OD5RI, at the moment cannot do a lot because of the recent problems in Lebanon. Hans will continue to work with Riri to provide support. The EC will suggest to Riri that a questionnaire should go to member societies before the Cavtat Conference with a reminder/follow-up during the Conference, to help to obtain the status of work on handicapped access to amateur radio in MS.

G3PSM will assist with the RAIBC e-mail address.

Hans Ehlers will be the focal point for ensuring that Riri get the information that the EC-members would get from their own societies.

Action: DF5UG

i) ARSPEX – Space Exploration

Hans Ehlers reported that following Davos, a Working group had been set up chaired (on an interim basis) by Gaston Bertels, ON4WF. Gaston has asked for a budget, which had included attending an ARISS seminar in Moscow. The budget has been approved. The WG is very active.

Regarding Columbus, the President reported that Gaston and later also UBA had also been asking for contributions from MS for funding for an antenna on the Columbus spacecraft. As far as the EC was concerned, this funding requirement had not been discussed with IARU Region 1 Executive Committee. Although no approach from the ARSPEX Chairman had been made to the EC, there was a consensus that IARU should, in principle support the project, with a possible support level of € 2000. The President would discuss with ON4WF.

Action: LA2RR

j) IARUMS

Hans Ehlers reported that the Monitoring Service was working well. However, no progress had been made with the intrusions from Chinese Radar. In other areas some good progress had been made.

The WG had an increased budget for 2007.

The WG will hold a meeting in Friedrichshafen – hopefully in English.

Member societies were urged to appoint national MS coordinators where they had not already done so.

k) STARS

Tafa Diop reported on progress with STARS and the report was noted. All STARS projects are financed from the Development Fund (previous fund 4), but the yearly budget needs the same approval as the rest of the Region 1 budget. There may be variations in the use of the budget because some of the STARS projects are moved to the following year. The ADP in Kinshasa had been successful, and a range of other initiatives were covered in the report. The question of the club station licence in Kinshasa was raised, and Tafa Diop confirmed he was aware of the issue and it was being resolved.

The President noted that a lot of good work was being done by the Working Groups, and the EC expressed its thanks for all the time and effort being expended by the WG Chairmen, Coordinators and their teams.

7.1 WG Terms of Reference

Changes to the Region 1 Constitution were made at the Davos conference, which affected the principle of eligibility to vote on constitutionally changes. In effect, only those societies who had fulfilled their financial obligations to Region 1 could now vote on Constitutional issues. The EC considered whether the same principle should be applied to Working Group voting, and whether the constitutional change already made did in fact apply to working group voting.

The EC determined to prepare a paper for the 2008 Conference to clarify the voting rules in Working Groups.

Action: G3BJ

It was also noted that Bye-Law B4.4 defined that proxies could **ONLY** be used at General Conferences. It was not therefore proper to use proxies at meetings of Working Groups, and the general Terms of Reference of the Working Groups needed to be modified to emphasise this

Action: G3BJ

It was also noted that a degree, of formality was needed when conducting e-mail votes in Working Groups. Bye-Law B 3.23.1 required that WG Chairmen maintain an up-to-date list of WG members, and that a two-thirds majority **of that list** need to vote in favour in any vote for it to be carried. This needed to be brought to the attention of the Chairmen.

Action: G3BJ

8 EC Member Reports

President: LA2RR reported that he had had a very busy year. The activities he had undertaken were covered in his report, and in separate reports on some of his separate trip reports.

Vice-President: Tafa Diop reminded the meeting that the new Secretary General of IARU was Mr Touré, who is a highly competent person in ITU and also a friend of the Amateur Service. Good relationships also continued with ATU and Mr Akossi. It had sadly not been possible for IARU to be present at the ATU Preparatory meeting for WRC. An ARAC took place in Dakar, Senegal, and an ADP in Kinshasa. There is also the possibility of an ARAC in Congo (PDR), which would be raised at the forthcoming Administrative Council meeting.

Tafa Diop's report also included the trip report to the ATU Plenipotentiary meeting in Tripoli.

Secretary: The Secretary reported that he did not currently anticipate that he would stand for re-election at the next Conference. The EC should begin thinking about a replacement candidate soon.

The Web was functioning, but the Secretary's view was that it perhaps needed "refreshment". Also, new material was scarce – little was received from Working groups or other EC members. There was also a problem with a number of Working Groups that maintained separate websites with a different "look and feel".

The EC considered the ways in which the web might be upgraded and agreed to investigate:

- a) The ways in which the webmaster role might be split from the Secretary role
- b) The ways in which the current web site might be refreshed
- c) The ways in which working group web sites might be transferred to the main IARU Region 1 Website
- d) The suitability of various content management systems

The EC asked 9A5W to chair this role. OE1MCU, G3BJ and PB2T will be members of the group. Initial report by Friedrichshafen.

Action: 9A5W

Chairman ERC: PB2T commented that, at the request of PB2T, SU1HN had been able to be present as Region 1 observer at the Arab Spectrum Management Group meeting in Cairo in January 2007.

PB2T was able to attend WGFM meetings, but was looking for support to attend SE24 and SRD meetings. One candidate had offered to help, but on the basis of being paid to do this. There were concerns about this proposal.

PB2T said his main problem was manpower, and perhaps it might be possible to involve some EC members in CEPT meetings. G3PSM and LA2RR had also helped out, but perhaps LZ1US and 9A5W could also help. PB2T was authorised to approach any people on the EC he feels are suitable.

Action: PB2T

The next Arab Spectrum Management meeting will be in Syria

PB2T will identify the Region 1 participant

Action: PB2T

IARU has an invitation to attend the ITU Disaster Relief management Conference in Alexandria in April 2007. OH1VR will attend, and the Egyptian Society will support with an amateur radio station at the conference.

DF5UG: Hans Ehlers presented his report, commenting on the issues raised therein. In Region 3 there are issues in some countries with emergence of second societies.

He commented that his international role in DARC was ending, and the IARU liaison officer role to DARC would pass to another DARC nominee.

LZ1US: Panayot Danev summarised his report. He commented on the proposed South-East Europe activity contest.

He commented that contacts with North-Asian countries were very difficult to establish – no response to e-mails etc. However, Kazakhstan apparently plans to apply to join IARU. He noted that the new Montenegrin society, SRCG, would hopefully apply for IARU membership shortly (see later Agenda item).

5Z4MR: Contact had been temporarily lost with Tanzania club, but is now re-established with the new secretary.

Uganda hopes to re-form its club before long

Madagascar needs support to work with its administration and to re-establish itself.

It was agreed to review whether to support Max Raicha's travel to Tanzania in June for the AGM.

Action: 6W1KI

9A5W: There were issues still with BiH and this was covered elsewhere in the Agenda (item 11)

9A5W confirmed that HRS was committed to a successful outcome of the 2008 Conference.

The sub-regional meeting had been held in October 2006. At that meeting, a number of issues were covered, which were outlined in his report.

For the future it is likely to use Friedrichshafen as the venue for the sub-regional meeting.

AC Matters: K1ZZ outlined the background of the AC decision to establish an exploratory committee to look at global international roaming (A commonly accepted international licence). The committee was expected to include IARU members representing each RTO. **Action: LA2RR**

Region 2: W6ROD commented that in Region 2, the next Triennial Conference would take place in Brasilia September 10-14. Also, much effort had been expended with CITEL in the run-up to WRC-07 to try to ensure that the interests of the Amateur Service were properly reflected by CITEL delegations at the Conference.

In response to a question, W6ROD confirmed that Mark Weiss, K6FG, has been tasked to reinvigorate the Region 2 HF Committee. A report had been submitted to the Region 2 Executive Committee.

9 HF Issues

Colin Thomas, G3PSM, presented his report including items from the recent Region 1 HF Interim meeting in Vienna in late February 2007. He commented on the proposal that IARU should consider taking further action to address the poor operating practices on HF. The ON4WW site (www.on4www.be) was cited as an excellent source of guidance. It was agreed to incorporate this recommendation into the Region 1 Report to the AC. The matter will also be raised at the International meeting at Friedrichshafen.

Action: LA2RR

It was agreed to establish with ON4WW whether the content of his website on operating practice could be used and suitably adapted for IARU use. **Action: G3BJ**

The UK and a few other countries had obtained experimental permits for frequencies around 500 kHz

The HF Managers' reflector is steadily growing in membership, including many smaller societies. The HF chairman assured the meeting that all official Region 1 events and issues will be announced direct to the MS and on the Region 1 web in addition to presentation on the reflector.

The revised HF manager's handbook is on the Region 1 website

Good work has been done to handle the potential threat of "Euroloop" technology

He closed by commenting on the relatively few number of societies who are actively involved with their administrations on amateur allocations

10 VHF Issues

The V/U/SHF-manager brought forward a number of papers from the Region 1 Interim VHF-meeting in Vienna in February 2007 for approval by the EC.

The proposal to amend the scoring of VHF contests in terms of the way that errors are handled, was approved by the EC. It should be also presented to the 2008 Conference **Action: OE1MCU**

The proposal for EDI in ATV contests did not have the necessary support of 2/3 of the member societies resent at Vienna, and therefore would need to be submitted to the next general Conference before it could be implemented, unless a new vote could produce a 2/3 majority according to the ToR. **Action: OE1MCU**

The proposed changes to beacon data and specifications were approved

The proposals for minimum requirements for a valid digital QSO were approved

The paper on Amateur Satellite Service spectrum did not appear to have the necessary majority in favour, and would need to be resubmitted to the 2008 Conference, unless a new vote could produce a 2/3 majority.

Action: OE1MCU

11 MS Issues

Bosnia & Herzegovina: EC members were updated on the latest position on the question of the legal position of ARABiH. A summary of the meeting held on 13 April was given to the EC. As a result of the meeting, the President had written to the Presidents of the three societies in BiH (ARABiH, SRRS and ZRHB) explaining that either ARABiH should produce a letter from the Ministry of Justice confirming ARABiH's right to represent amateurs throughout BiH internationally, or ARABiH should join in a Union of Societies in BiH which would be acceptable to the Ministry of Justice to represent internationally the interests of amateur radio throughout BiH. The EC noted and endorsed the actions taken. A paper will be produced for the Administrative Council meeting

Action: LA2RR/G3BJ

Montenegro: Following the split of Montenegro and Serbia, work was underway to formally apply to IARU for membership of the Montenegrin national society. There now appear to be some internal disagreements which are hindering progress of the application.

SERBIA: A copy of the Constitution of the new society is required. The Secretary will ask again. In the meantime, SRS will be acknowledged as a member of IARU Region 1, but the matter of a constitution needs to be resolved, and should be followed up by the Secretary.

Action: G3BJ

ASTRA/CAST: Following the change of name of ASTRA to CAST, repeated requests to produce a constitution have resulted in no progress. The matter is now two years old. The EC expressed great concerns about the status of CAST, and agreed that one further attempt should be made to obtain a copy of the constitution. Should nothing be provided, the Secretary should write to the CAST IARU liaison officer, Mustapha Landoulsi, asking to comment on whether there was any reason why IARU should not proceed to ask the AC to place the membership of CAST into suspension.

Action: G3BJ

LIBYA: A request for application form to join IARU had been received, and replied to. Nothing had happened since.

Mongolia: The position of the new MARS is unsatisfactory. MRSF remains the IARU society, and the secretary has written to MARS and MRSF explaining what needs to be done to change this position. He will write again.

Action: G3BJ

Albania: Little appears to be happening in Albania. There are two societies (one of which is recognised as the IARU society). At present there seems no interest from Albania in developing amateur radio. The EC will await further initiatives from AARA before this is given higher priority.

Others

Enquiries about membership have been received from Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan.

12 WRC 07

WRC takes place 22 October – 16 November 2007. Issues of concern to the Amateur service:

- Footnotes
- Broadcasters' search for additional spectrum in the 4-10 MHz range. As part of this, IARU will seek to further its requirement for a further 100 kHz in the 7 MHz band (7.2-7.3 MHz). There is little support for this in CEPT
- There is some support for a 5 MHz allocation
- There is good support for the 135.7 – 137.8 kHz.

- Allocation for 50-54 MHz in Region 1 and spectrum above 275 GHz are items included for consideration as future agenda items. There is also the question of an allocation around 500 kHz

The IARU WRC team will be sourced from the US and Canada. There are other ways in which amateurs can participate in WRC and these were identified in the paper by PB2T.

PB2T and LA2RR will attend in their national delegations, but paid for by IARU Region 1. It was agreed the G3PSM should establish whether he might attend as part of the UK delegation on the same basis for part of the WRC.

Action: G3PSM

Region 1 will ask to be informed should any other Region 1 MS happen to have a representative in their national delegation for WRC-07.

Action: LA2RR/PB2T

Tafa Diop will try to be part of the ATU delegation.

13 Cavtat Conference 2008

The arrangements for the conference were presented by the president of the Croatian society HRS, Petar 9A6A.

Good progress had been made. It was agreed that HRS could seek sponsorship for the conference subject to this not interrupting the flow of the Conference. It was also agreed that it was not possible to accept the kind HRS proposal for a trip to Dubrovnik one evening during the Conference because of the already tight conference time schedule. It was agreed that it should be considered whether Dubrovnik could be included in the Friday day-out schedule.

Action: HRS

Late papers will be considered by the EC in accordance with the procedure in the Region 1 Bye-laws, but everything will be done to encourage the production of papers by the due date of April 1st 2008.

Action: G3BJ

It was suggested that sponsorship for member societies should in general cover only the hotel costs and travel would be the responsibility of delegates. This would be included in early information about the Conference, making clear that 100% cost cover was available only in exceptional cases. The principle of partial sponsorship will be the norm. The EC will discuss and decide upon these sponsorships after the announced deadline has expired.

Action: G3BJ

14 Other strategic issues

14.1 IARU Organisation

The secretary outlined progress over the last year in developing the thinking on a possible future direction for IARU. A number of questions were being submitted for consideration by the AC in May, after which the direction may be clearer.

14.2 Spectrum Defence Fund

Terms of reference had been developed for the SDF at the previous EC meeting (2006). An action had been placed with OE1MCU to develop a marketing case, to encourage the member societies to contribute to the fund. This is still required. It needs to address the following questions in a motivational way:

- Why is the SDF important ?
- What is the benefit to amateur radio of the SDF ?
- Why should Member Societies contribute ?
- How do Member Societies contribute ?

Terms of Reference have already been developed, together with the way in which the fund will be managed (see minutes of the 2006 EC meeting)

OE1MCU agreed to prepare the marketing case by end-May for a draft marketing case.

Action:OE1MCU

15 Development Issues

15.1 Action Plan for the Development of Support for Amateur Radio Frequency Allocations

The latest draft of the AC document was reviewed by the EC and a number of changes and suggestions were made. The changes will be carried forward to the May 2007 AC.

Action: LA2RR

15.2 ADP Kinshasa

6W1KI reported on the successful ADP held in Kinshasa.

15.3 YASME

PB2T reported on the status with Yasme. The initial paper had been converted into a project proposal, and is with the STARS WG chairman, Hans Welens, for consideration and then for forwarding to the YASME Board

16 Region 1 Display and Publicity Material

The Secretary presented the paper on the above. A discussion ensued on the need for promotional material to present the Amateur Radio Services to various audiences.

It was recognised that different messages were needed for different audiences. But they needed to be based on a core set of messages.

It was agreed that we should:

- a) Define the need
- b) Identify the various needs for publicity material – audiences and messages
- c) Produce a resource pack which can provide the basic set of messages and graphic material for use in various media – printed, display, video, radio (sound), TV, face-to-face presentations etc etc.
- d) Consider the need for “free handouts”

Action: K1ZZ & G3BJ to progress

A discussion took place about the note from OeVSV concerning IARU and whether it was moving fast enough to address threats to Amateur Radio from other services seeking spectrum in various forms, and whether IARU was sufficiently proactive in non-ITU forums.

It was agreed that more structure should be introduced into monitoring the increasing number of forums where “standards” were discussed which could relate to the Amateur Radio Services. PB2T was asked to identify the forums of relevance, and to suggest how such structure and interchange of information could be formalised somewhat.

Action: PB2T

The EC was asked to consider suitable candidates to take on responsibility to monitor specific forums identified by PB2T

The President will give feedback to OE3MZC.

Action: LA2RR

18 Review of AC Policies and Spectrum Requirements Document

The EC reviewed the above documents (which are regularly reviewed at the annual AC meetings). No changes were identified for proposal at the 2007 AC meeting.

A request was made that the Spectrum Requirements Document and the Policies should be accessible from the home web page of IARU. K1ZZ agreed to review this.

Action: K1ZZ

An update on the latest development in Europe on an allocation around 500 kHz and a possible update of the Spectrum Requirement document will be given to the AC at its meeting in May.

Action: LA2RR and PB2T

19 Calendar of Events and Attendees

A discussion took place on Friedrichshafen HamRadio 2007. It was felt that an IARU presence at Friedrichshafen should answer the question *Why should I/this society contribute to IARU ?* or *What does IARU do for me/my society ?* It was generally agreed that the focus of an IARU presence at Friedrichshafen should be to interact with the Presidents of national societies.

It was agreed that the Region 1 President should speak to the IARU President to explain the dilemma: Region 1 believes that any stand should be IARU (with total support from all the officers) but that a stand is probably not the best way of communicating with the Society Presidents. A better way would be to have the Region 1 President and IARU President and Vice-President take time to speak one-to-one to the Presidents of the Societies present there.

It was agreed that the Region 1 President would clear this strategy with IARU President Price and then write to the Presidents of IARU Region 1 Societies, explaining the IARU strategy for Friedrichshafen, and arranging to have a one-to-one meeting with each President.

It was agreed that the President of Region 1 should attend (plus the Vice-President if possible) and would handle the discussions with the Society Presidents, together with the President and Vice-President of IARU. PB2T would be a back-up to the Region 1 Vice President.

Action: LA2RR, 6W1KI, PB2T

Attendance at the following events was agreed:

GAREC 07: Huntsville Alabama, 16/17 August 2007	OH1VR + LZ1US
AC 2007: Boston, Mass, 14/15 May 2007	LA2RR + G3BJ + PB2T (obs)
Region 3 EC: Tokyo 23-25 Aug 2007	take decision after AC
R2 Conference + EC: Brazil 10 – 14 Sept 2007	LA2RR with 9A5W as backup
ARDF R1 Championship: 11-16 Sept 2007, Poland	LZ1US or LA2RR
ADRF Youth Championships: 7-10 June 2007, Germany	DF5UG
Friedrichshafen: 22-24 June	See above
HST World Champ: (Serbia) 19-23 Sept 2007:	LZ1US
WRC: 22 Oct – 16 Nov 2007, Geneva	LA2RR + PB2T + G3PSM + 6W1KI in ATU delegation
4U1ITU	PB2T will cover during WRC presence in Geneva
IRTS anniversary	LA2RR
Deutsch Niederländische Amateurfunker Tage 24 Aug 2007	PB2T
Rudolf Rieder presentation in Switzerland	LA2RR
Eurocom Exhibition: March 2007	LA2RR
Sub regional conference:	Likely to be at Friedrichshafen - 9A5W+LA2RR
ATU events	6W1KI

It was agreed to investigate possible venues for the next EC meeting. The EC felt that if cost allowed, there might be some value in visiting another part of the Region for the meeting.

Action: PB2T

The meeting closed Monday 16th April at 11.05

Annex 1: Responsibilities of EC members for Member Societies

Country	Society	Resp	Country	Society	Resp
Albania	AARA	LZ1US	Mauritius, Indian Ocean	MARS	5Z4MR
Algeria	ARA	PB2T	Moldova	ARDM	LZ1US
Armenia	FRRA	LZ1US	Monaco	ARM	PB2T
Austria	OeVSV	9A5W	Mongolia	MRSF	LZ1US
Bahrain, Arabian Gulf	ARAB	PB2T	Morocco	ARRAM	PB2T
Belarus	BFRR	LZ1US	Mozambique	LREM	5Z4MR
Belgium	UBA	PB2T	Namibia	NARL	5Z4MR
Bosnia & Herzegovina	ARABiH	9A5W	Netherlands	VERON	PB2T
Botswana	BARS	5Z4MR	Nigeria	NARS	6W1KI
Bulgaria	BFRA	LZ1US	Norway	NRRL	LA2RR
Burkina Faso	ARBF	6W1KI	Poland	PZK	9A5W
Cameroun	ARTJ	6W1KI	Portugal	REP	DF5UG
Cote d'Ivoire	ARAI	6W1KI	Principality of Andorra	URA	DF5UG
Croatia	HRS	9A5W	Qatar	QARS	PB2T
Cyprus	CARS	LZ1US	Republic of Congo	ARAC	6W1KI
Czech Republic	CRC	9A5W	Republic of Macedonia	RSM	LZ1US
Denmark	EDR	LA2RR	Republic of Senegal	ARAS	6W1KI
Djibouti	ARAD	6W1KI	République de Guinée	ARGUI	6W1KI
Egypt	EARA	PB2T	Romania	FRR	LZ1US
Estonia	ERAU	LA2RR	Russia	SRR	LZ1US
Ethiopia	EARS	5Z4MR	San Marino	ARRSM	9A5W
Faroe Islands	FRA	LA2RR	Serbia	SRS	LZ1US
Finland	SRAL	LA2RR	Sierra Leone	SLARS	6W1KI
France	REF	PB2T	Slovakia	SARA	9A5W
Gabon	AGRA	6W1KI	Slovenia	ZRS	9A5W
Georgia	NARG	LZ1US	South Africa	SARL	5Z4MR
Germany	DARC	PB2T	Spain	URE	DF5UG
Ghana	GARS	6W1KI	Sultanate of Oman	ROARS	PB2T
Gibraltar	GARS	DF5UG	Swaziland	RSS	5Z4MR
Greece	RAAG	LZ1US	Sweden	SSA	LA2RR
Hungary	MRASZ	9A5W	Switzerland	USKA	DF5UG
Iceland	IRA	LA2RR	Syria	TIR	PB2T
Iraq	IARS	PB2T	Tajikstan	TARL	LZ1US
Ireland	IRTS	PB2T	Tanzania	TARC	5Z4MR
Israel	IARC	PB2T	The Gambia	RSTG	6W1KI
Italy	ARI	9A5W	Tunisia	CAST	PB2T
Jordan	RJARS	PB2T	Turkey	TRAC	LZ1US
Kenya	ARSK	5Z4MR	Turkmenistan	LRT	LZ1US
Kuwait	KARS	PB2T	Uganda	UARS	5Z4MR
Latvia	LRAL	LA2RR	Ukraine	UARL	LZ1US
Lebanon	RAL	PB2T	United Kingdom	RSGB	PB2T
Lesotho	LARS	5Z4MR	Liberia	LRAA	6W1KI
Liechtenstein	AFVL	DF5UG	Zambia	RSZ	5Z4MR
Lithuania	LRMD	LZ1US	Zimbabwe	ZARS	5Z4MR
Luxembourg	RL	PB2T			
Mali	CRAM	6W1KI			
Malta	MARL	DF5UG			