MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD FROM 28 FEBRUARY TO 2 MARCH 2009 AT THE SHERATON HEATHROW AIRPORT HOTEL, LONDON

Present
Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T President
(Timmerman)
Tafa Diop, 6W1KI Vice President
Andy Thiemann, HB9JOE Treasurer
Betty Magnin, F6IOC EC Member
Niksa Percin, 9A5W EC Member
Panayot Danev, LZ1US EC Member
Hani Raad, OD5TE EC Member
Dave Sumner, K1ZZ International Secretariat
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH President, Region 2
Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW HF manager
(Afternoon 28 February to 2 March)
Murray Niman, G6JYB VHF Committee Representative
(1 March)
Greg Mossop, G0DUB Emergency Communications Co-ordinator
(1 March, around noon around noon)
Dennis Green, ZS4BS Secretary
(Secretary)

Apologies
Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU VHF Manager
IARU Region 3

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION
1. Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T welcomed all the delegates to the meeting with a special welcome to Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, representing the International Secretariat and Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH, President of IARU Region 2. Apologies were received from IARU Region 3 and Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU, the IARU Region 1 VHF Manager.

ITEM 2: SILENT KEYS
2. The meeting remembers the follow radio amateurs who have passed away since the last meeting:
   a. Solofo Randrenjason, 5R8TE
   b. Jim Smith, VK9NS
   c. Zedan Hussein Abbas, JY3ZH
d. Mohammad Balbisi, JY4MB

ITEM 3: AGENDA
3. No new items had been received for inclusion in the agenda. The agenda is accepted.

ITEM 4: PROGRAMME OF WORK
4. Item 2.1 Personal Introductions. Delegates got the opportunity to introduce themselves to the other delegates.
5. Item 3. Objectives for the next three years.
   a. PB2T referred delegates to the IARU Region 1 constitution (items A1.3.1 to A1.3.10) and to list from ten to one the priority of how they see the functioning of the EC.
   b. The result of the poll is as follows:
      i. A1.3.1 - representation of the interests of amateur radio at and between conferences and at and between meetings of international telecommunication organisation as well as other organisations.
      ii. A1.3.5 - promotion of amateur radio as a means of providing relief in the event of natural disasters
      iii. A1.3.3 - enhancement of amateur radio as a means of technical self-training, particularly for young people
      iv. A1.3.7 - support of Member Societies in developing amateur radio as a valuable national resource, particularly in developing countries;
      v. A1.3.4 - promotion of technical and scientific investigations and innovations in the field of radiocommunication;
      vi. A1.3.2 - encouragement of agreements between national amateur radio societies on matters of common interest;
      vii. A1.3.8 - development of Amateur Services in those countries not represented by Member Societies.
      viii. A1.3.6 - encouragement of international goodwill and friendship regardless of political, ethnic or religious considerations;
      ix. A1.3.9 - encouragement of national and international efforts to result in an amateur radio licence, which is recognised internationally;
      x. A1.3.10 - encouragement of amateur radio sport activities.
   c. Delegates split into groups to do a SWOT analysis

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on the five top items from the poll. The groups gave feedback and it was summarised.

d. PB2T to draft a way ahead based on this SWOT analysis. Further discussion will take place during the May EC telecon.

6. **Item 2.2 Working Discipline Document.** The document pointing out the methods of communication between members of the previous EC was discussed and amended.
   a. Reinaldo, YV5AMH, says that Region 2 makes use of a forum to communicate between EC members.
   b. Telephone conference. Hani, OD5TE discusses the use of a telephone conference bridge using certain software and programmes to set up the telephone bridge. OD5TE will look into this matter and report. It is decided to set-up a teleconference using Skype and this will take place on Monday 25 May 2009 at 18:00 UTC. PB2T will circulate the list of Skype addresses he has for the EC members.
   c. Hans, PB2T requests that when the new web site is set up with its e-mail facilities, an address of ec@iaru-r1.org must be created for use between EC members.
   d. Hani, OD5TE requests documentation on what is expected from a member of the EC, the terms of reference and any other documentation that would be required. PB2T will look into this and distribute such documents.
   e. The meeting decided to change the response time for action and/or comments from 7 days to 3 days.

7. **Item 2.3 Responsibilities of EC Members.**
   a. Point of Contact for WG are as follows: are as follows
      i. Hans, PB2T - Sponsor WG
      ii. Tafa, 6W1KI – STARS and ATU
      iii. Hans, PB2T and Tafa, 6W1KI - AC and IS; Region 2 and 3
      iv. Panayot, LZ1US – EмерCOM; HST; ARDF and RCC
      v. Colin, G3PSM – ERC, CEPT and RRWG
      vi. Betty, F6IOC - 4U1ITU and ARSPEX
      vii. Hani, OD5TE – IARUMS; IPHA; Arab League and ASMG
      viii. Niksa, 9A5W, EMC and EUROCOM
      ix. Ulrich, DK4VW - IBP
b. Responsibilities of EC members for Member Societies are as follows:

i. Hans, PB2T – Belgium, UBA and Netherlands, VERON

ii. Tafa, 6W1KI – (Africa French) Burkina Faso, ARBF; Cameroun, ARTJ; Congo, ARAC; Côte d’Ivoire, ARAI; Djibouti, ARAD; Gabon, AGRA; Ghana, GARS; Guinea, ARGU; Liberia, LRAA; Mali, CRAM; Sierra Leone, SLARS; The Gambia, RSTG and the Congo Rep, URAC

iii. Panayot, LZ1US – (Asia excl ME) Armenia, FRRA; Cyprus, CARS; Georgia, NARG; Mongolia, MRSF; Tajikistan, TRL; Turkey, TRAC and Turkmenistan, LRT. (Europe 3) Albania, AARA; Belarus, BFRR; Bulgaria, BFRA; Greece, RAAG; Macedonia, RSM; Moldova, ARDM; Romania, FRR; Russia, SRR; Serbia, SRS; Ukraine, UARL; Latvia, LRAL; Estonia, ERAU; Lithuania, LRMD and Kazakhstan, KFRR

iv. Niksa, 9A5W (Europe 4) Austria, OeVSV; Bosnia and Herzegovina, ARABI; Croatia, HRS; Czech Rep, CRC; Hungary, MRSZ; Italy, ARI; Poland, PZK; San Marino, ARSM; Slovakia, SARA; Slovenia, ZRS; Montenegro

v. Dennis, ZS4BS - (Africa English) Botswana, BARS; Ethiopia, EARS; Kenya, ARSK; Lesotho, LARS; Mauritius, MARS; Mozambique, LREM; Namibia, NARL; South Africa, SARL; Swaziland, RSS; Tanzania, TARC; Uganda, UARS; Zambia, RSZ and Zimbabwe, ZARS

vi. Colin, G3PSM (Europe 1) (Europe 1) United Kingdom, RSGB; Ireland, IRTS; Germany, DARC; Israel, IARC; Iceland, IRA; Norway, NRRL; Sweden, SSA; Denmark, EDR; Faroe Isl, FRA and Finland, SRAL

vii. Hani, OD5TE (Arab Group) Algeria, ARA; Bahrain, ARAB; Egypt, EAR; Iraq, IARS; Jordan, RJARS; Kuwait, KARS; Lebanon, RAL; Morocco, ARRAM; Oman, ROARS; Qatar, QARS; Syria, SSTARS; Tunisia, CAST and United Arab Emirates, EARS

viii. Betty, F6IOC (Europe 2) Andorra, URA; Gibraltar, GARS; Liechtenstein, AFVL; Malta, MARL; Portugal, REP; Spain, URE; Switzerland, USKA; France, REF; Monaco, ARM and
Countries without IARU MS – Benin; Madagascar, MARA; Mauritania; Rwanda; Saudi Arabia; Togo; Western Sahara; Yemen and Kosovo

   a. Dave, K1ZZ, explains the make up of the Administrative Council. The President and Vice-President serve a 5-year term of office. The International Secretariat (the ARRL) appoints the secretary. Two delegates – decided by each region, represent each of the three regions.
   b. The AC meets once a year in person, usually with a regional conference.
   c. The meeting decides that Hans, PB2T, and Tafa, 6W1KI, will be the region’s representatives on the AC for the next three years.

   a. Montenegro. Niksa, 9A5W, reports that MARP has sent documents, but the government registration document for the organisation is still outstanding. The process is very slow.
   b. Congo Brazzaville. The application documents have been received and approved by the EC and will be sent to the International secretariat.
   c. EARA. An application has been received from the European Amateur Radio Association, but this group does not represent any country and therefore the application cannot be accepted. Don, G3BJ during his term as secretary, wrote a letter informing EARA of this.
   d. Mongolia. An application was received from a second society called MARS. MRSF remains the recognised MS in Mongolia.
   e. Kosovo. The situation in Kosovo was discussed. At this point main objective is that amateurs living in Kosovo can legally operate their stations.
   f. Madagascar. Application forms were requested, unfortunately the President has become a silent key. Tafa, 6W1KI will follow up on what has happened to the society.
   g. Kazakhstan. KFRR was accepted as a MS of the IARU. Dennis, ZS4BS had written a letter to the Almaty Radio Amateur League to explain that the EC had looked at all the documents they had sent, and had concluded that this was an internal matter be-
tween Almaty and KFRR.

h. **EARS.** The United Arab Emirates has been accepted as a MS of the IARU.

i. **Bosnia.** The situation regarding formation of an umbrella organisation was discussed. The E7 call sign prefix seems to be accepted and is used in the whole country.

10. **Item 14. IARU R1 Conference 2011.**

   a. Dennis, ZS4BS, gives the dates of the 2011 Tri-Annual Conference. The conference dates are 13 to 19 August 2011. A planning meeting by the SARL Council is scheduled for 27 March 2009.

   b. The meeting requests that the SARL provide a proposed costing as soon as possible, the conference will be expensive and the EC must look at ways of reducing costs.


   a. The books for 2008 are closed but not yet audited. The audit will take place in about two weeks after this meeting. HB9JOE presented the preliminary figures and it looks that the region will end up with a significant profit (due to several measurements of the EC in reducing expenses, taxes and lower costs of the General conference in Cavtat). The EC is happy to see a balance of long-term loan capital (GC: account no 2501) of CHF 73 000 at the end of 2008. These are reserves for further conferences. HB9JOE added some interesting charts of key figures of the last 10 years to his presentation.

   b. The treasurer explained the expense policy and the expense claim formula to the new members of the board. The invoicing process and the handling procedure of unpaid fees of Member Societies are defined and could be described as best practise for Region 1. No changes are needed.

   c. It is expected that the 2011 Conference will cost more than budgeted. The EC identified areas where we can reduce our expenses.

12. **Item 4. Actions from IARU R1 Conference in Cavtat.** Reference is made to document CT08_Cavtat Final plenary minutes.pdf

   a. **Committee C2**

      i. CT08_C2_Rec03
      ii. CT08_C2_Rec05
      i. CT08_C2_Rec_07
b. Committee C3

i. CT08_C3_Rec 02  

ii. CT08_C3_Rec 03 (paper CT08_C3_19)  

iii. CT08_C3_Rec 04 (papers CT08_C3_21 & 56)  

iv. CT08_C3_Rec 05  

v. CT08_C3_Rec 06  

vi. CT08_C3_Rec 09 (Paper CT08_C3_26)  

vii. CT08_C3_Rec_10 (Paper CT08_C3_11)  

viii. CT08_C3_Rec 14  

ix. CT08_C3_Rec_22  

x. CT08_C3_Rec_23 (Paper CT08_C3_34)  

xi. CT08_C3_Rec_24 (Paper CT08_C3_39)  

xii. CT08_C3_Rec_25 (Paper CT08_C3_28)  

xiii. CT08_C3_Rec_27 (Paper CT08_C3_46)  

xiv. CT08_C3_Rec_30  

xv. CT08_C3_Rec_32 (Paper CT08_C3_27)  

xvi. CT08_C3_Rec_34  

xvii. CT08_C3_Rec_35  

xviii. CT08_C3_Rec_37  

xix. CT08_C3_Rec_45 (Paper CT08_C3_16)  

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a. The WG Chairmen are thanked for their reports submitted.

b. **HF Committee.** Reports received from Colin, G3PSM as the previous HF Manager and Ulrich, DK4VW as the new HF Manager. The meeting gives approval that the reference to the Emergency Communications Handbook can be removed from the HF Manager’s handbook.

c. **VHF Committee.** Report received. The VHF Chairman to inform the secretary of changes that must be made to the VHF committee structure as shown on the Region web site.

d. The EC confirmed the proposed dates for the Interim meeting of the HF and VHF Committees as 19 to 21 February 2010 in Vienna.

e. **Eurocom.** Report received. The EC has concerns about the Exhibition at the European Parliament. PB2T to discuss this with DL9KCE.

f. **IARUMS Region 1.** Report received. IARUMS to monitor broadcasting activity on 7,100 to 7,200 MHz starting end of March and provide feedback to the EC.

g. **HST.** Report received. Chairman can travel as required, as long as it is within the budget of the HST WG.

h. The Tanzanian ARC would like to send a delegation to the HST championships in Bulgaria, with the idea of hosting a regional HST event in Tanzania in 2010. Z32TO to liaise with Hans Welens, ON6WQ, to see if this can be incorporated into a STARS project.

i. **STARS.** Report received. The death of the president of MARS is noted. 6W1KI to follow up on the status of the society. 6W1KI

j. **ARDF.** Report received. The appointment of the chairman of the jury for the two ARDF events must be done.

k. **ARSPEX.** Report received.

l. **RRWG.** Report received. Item 2, Bob, G3PJT will have to take the lead here as the CEPT conference falls in the same period as the IARU Reg 3 conference.

m. Item 4, the HAREC web page must be advertised to the Member Societies.

n. G3PJT has indicated that he wants to step down after his current term, a successor must be identified.

o. **Sponsorship.** Report received. The WG needs a
person filling a leading position in the academic world.

p. **Emergency Communications.** Report received and presented by Greg, G0DUB.

q. A memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The MoU is available on the web site of the IFRC and IARU. ZS4BS to obtain a copy and distribute it to EC members and MS.

r. GlobalSET is scheduled for May 2009 and the change to the 40 metre band will be a focus point.

s. Access to the TIES web site. Dave, K1ZZ explains the TIES web site and how access to the web is obtained. G0DUB requested access to the TIES web site, the EC supports this request and he can proceed with the process.

t. Garec 2009. It was decided that Greg, G0DUB will represent Region 1 at Garec 2009.

u. WARD. Panayot, LZ1US, suggests that the GlobalSET date be changed to coincide with the World Amateur Radio Day in April. G0DUB indicated that arrangements had already been made and it would be difficult to change the date now. However, he will further investigate this suggestion.

14. **Item 6. External Relations Committee**

a. Colin, G3PSM, explains the purpose and structure of the ERC. Membership of the ERC includes the EC, most WG chairman and invited specialists.

b. New members have been nominated, Colin, G3PSM, has spoken to them and all have indicated they are willing to serve. Appointed as ERC members are Dave Court, EI3IO; Abraham van den Berg, PB0AOK; Laszlo Berzsenyi, HA5EA; Ole Garpestad, LA2RR. Further nominations were made and G3PSM will contact them.

c. The EC decided that ERC members would be reappointed every three years. The current list will be reviewed.

d. Subregional organisations of interest are CEPT, ATU, ASMG, RCC and the European Commission. The ERC should try to establish a relationship with the RCC and the Arab Spectrum Management Group. Hani, OD5TE will pass contact details of the ASMG to G3PSM. OD5TE will act as liaison with the ASMG. LZ1US will work on LZ1US will work on RCC with a first action to obtain information.
e. **WRC-11.** The WRC-11 agenda items relevant to the amateur (satellite) service were addressed. 

i. **AI 1.23.** Allocation around 500 kHz. By far the most important agenda item for WRC-11. By far the most important agenda item for WRC-11. Activity around 500 kHz is increasing.

ii. **AI 1.15.** Expansion of Wave radar on HF bands. The ITU-R WP 5B meeting identified the following bands to be studied under this Agenda Item: 3.5 – 5.5 MHz, 8 – 10 MHz, 12 – 14 MHz, 24 – 30 MHz, 39 – 45 MHz. Preliminary IARU position is to convince WRC-11 to avoid amateur bands and to document interference reports in amateur bands.

15. **Item 6.2.8 Spectrum.**

a. **160 m.** 1,810 to 1,850 is a primary allocation with 1,850 to 2,000 as a secondary allocation with power limitations. Objective is to improve the situation by having footnotes removed.

b. **500 kHz.** The meeting noted with regret that WGFM after public consultation did not adopt a favourable footnote in the European Allocation Table.

c. **5 MHz.** The number of countries that allow amateur activity in this band is slowly growing. Unfortunately, WGFM decided not to reflect this in the ECA (again after public consultation).

d. **50 MHz.** Most European and some African countries in Region 1 have access to the 6 metre band. It is suggested to assist countries that do not have access in obtaining access to this band.

e. **70 MHz.** Several countries have access to 70 MHz. A good information paper led to a footnote in the ECA.

f. **24 GHz.** Short-range radar may move to 26 GHz.

16. **Item 10.** Reports from IS and Region 2.
a. **Region 2.** Reinaldo, YV5AMH presented the report submitted by Region 2.

b. **IS.** Dave, K1ZZ noted the election of Tim Ellam, VE as IARU president and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR as vice president as of 9 May 2009 for a 5 year term of office.

c. The approval of membership of the IARU of Kazakhstan and the UAE societies

d. **ITU ITU World Telecom.** The ITU World Telecom will be held in Geneva in October 2009. The IARU will have a stand there and there is a need for people to assist at the stand. Betty, F6IOC can assist part-time, with Hani, OD5TE, and Hans, DF5UG, available full time.

17. **Item 8. Development Issues.** Tafa to write some lines to explain ADP, STARS and ARAC

   a. Tafa, 6W1KI had submitted a report and updates the meeting on the ADP, STARS and ARAC. 6W1KI to produce a paper explaining ADP, STARS and ARAC.

   b. **ADP.** The purpose of the African Development Program is to train African Ambassadors - that is, to train individuals, regardless of whether or not they are radio amateurs, to meet with officials of their own and surrounding administrations in order to explain the many positive features of the amateur services and thus to enlist high-level support for the amateur services at international telecommunications meetings.

   c. The purpose of the program Support to the Amateur Radio Service (which is a Region 1 Working Group) is to encourage the growth of amateur Radio and amateur radio societies, particularly in Africa, through training Programs for radio amateurs and the establishment of club stations and, where appropriate, to encourage amateur societies to become members of IARU. STARS is the “new” name of the former program called PADC (Promoting Amateur Radio in Developing Countries).

   d. **ARAC.** ARAC is a program of the International Secretariat and is an important tool for the famous Strategic plan for African development. Of course, IARU R1 who is involved in the entire African continent is an important partner in this program. The purpose of the Amateur Radio Administration Course is to acquaint telecommunication staff, particularly in developing countries, with the ITU Radio
Regulations that apply to the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services, and to show how those international Radio Regulations can be converted to domestic radio regulations which not only encourage the growth of amateur radio but also protect the interests of the administrations.

e. Ambassadors Kit. 6W1KI will update the Ambassadors Kit

f. STARS. The meeting noted that the Cavtat conference asked for business plans for STARS projects. Hani, OD5TE, offers his assistance in writing business plans. 6W1KI to discuss with Hans Welens, ON6WQ.

g. ARAC. Hani, OD5TE, will look at the ARAC material and assist with training for the Arab Administration. Dave, K1ZZ, will send the material to Hani.


a. Web Site. Niksa presented his report and proposal for the new IARU Region 1 web site. There were some comments and questions.

b. OD5TE and 9A5W, formed a working group and reported back to the meeting. The EC decided that 9A8MM will act as webmaster and will make the design for the new Region 1 web.

c. Web sub-committee. This committee will assist in the development of the web site with 9A8MM. The members are Niksa, 9A5W; Hani, OD5TE, and Dennis, ZS4BS.

d. Communications with MS. Use is made of e-mail lists and the web site to correspond with MS.

e. Public Relations material. Tafa, 6W1KI, 6W1KI has a need for PR material. Andy, HB9JOE and Betty, F6IOC will investigate and make proposals.

f. Corporate Image. OD5TE and ZS4BS to look at the corporate image, presentation material and logos of the region for the web site, stationery and slide presentations.

19. Item 15. Calendar of Events. The meeting decided who would attend what meetings. PB2T pointed out that travel is costly and that in most cases one IARU Region 1 representative is enough.

20. Correspondence.

a. Amateur Satellites. HB9IAJ working for ITU made suggestion for improving the coordination of amateur satellites. The procedure will be described on the satellite section of the IARU webpage.
b. **The 4U1ITU Station.** A letter of thanks was received from the IARC for the donation of CHF 1,500 to the IARC for the running of the station.

21. **General.**
   a. Colin, G3PSM brings greetings from the RSGB and thanks the EC for holding the meeting in London.
   b. Reinaldo, YV5AMH, asks that the regional Working Group chairman will work together on matters of common interest.
   c. Dave, K1ZZ reminds delegates to do forward planning and to execute the tasks they receive.
   d. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:45 UTC on Monday 2 March 2009 with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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