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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 18 APRIL 2010 AT THE HOTEL CRYSTAL PALACE, SOFIA BULGARIA.

Present in Sofia:

Tafa Diop, 6W1KI	IARU Reg 1 Vice President
Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE	IARU Reg 1 Treasurer
Panayot Danev, LZ1US	IARU Reg 1 EC Member
Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU	IARU Reg 1 EC VHF/UHF/MW Manager
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)	IARU Reg 1 Secretary

Present from home QTH

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T (Chairman)	IARU Reg 1 President
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR (observer)	IARU Vice President
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH (ob- server, in Budapest)	IARU Reg 2 President
Nikola Percin, 9A5W	IARU Reg 1 EC Member
Hani Raad, OD5TE	IARU Reg 1 EC Member
Colin Thomas, G3PSM	IARU Reg 1 EC Member
Ullrich Mueller, DK4VW	IARU Reg 1 HF Manager

Apologies

Betty Magnin, F6IOC	IARU Reg 1 EC Member
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IARU Region 3

### ITEM 1: WELCOME

1. IARU Region 1 President, Hans, PB2T, welcomed the participants to this EC meeting. Due to the volcano eruptions in Iceland, most of the European airspace was closed and many flights were cancelled. This resulted in only a few EC members arriving in Sofia, the rest either did not get any flights or had to return home from an airport along the route. A decision was taken that the EC members present in Sofia would meet with the rest of the EC via a Webex session on Sunday 18 April, World Amateur Radio Day 2010.

2. Agenda 1.c. Meeting Agenda. The agenda for the meeting is approved.

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3. Agenda 1.d. Remembrance of Silent Keys.
  - a. David Rankin, VK3QV/9V1RH, past Region 3 secretary/chairman/director, passed away in Singapore on 17 March 2009.
  - b. Mike Dixon, G3PFR, past RSGB Microwave Manager.
  - c. The meeting decides that a letter of condolence must be sent to the Polish society, PZK, following the tragic aircraft accident and loss of that country's president.
4. Agenda 1.e. Minutes of the 2009 EC Meeting. The minutes of the 2009 EC were published on the Region 1 web site.

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**ITEM 2: EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

5. Colin, G3PSM, introduced his report, Document EC10-02.
  - a. It is noted that the CEPT FMWG Civil/Military Meeting takes place approximately every 1,5 years.
  - b. G3PSM suggests that the name of the RRWG be changed to the WGRA.
6. Agenda 2.a. Nominations
  - a. Bob Whelan, G3PJT, asked to be released from his assignment as WGRR Chairman and a member of the ERC as of 1 November 2009. He was replaced by Bram van den Berg, PB0AOK. The EC confirmed PB0AOK as an ERC member.
  - b. Graham Shirville, G3VZV, the current Region 1 Satellite Co-ordinator.
7. Agenda 2.b. Calendar of meetings. This could not be addressed and will be dealt with by G3PSM.

G3PSM

**ITEM 3: WRC-2012**

8. The World Radiocommunications Conference is scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 23 January to 17 February 2012.
9. Agenda 3.a. IARU position. IARU Region 1 took the initiative for an IARU position. The preliminary position was agreed upon at the 2009 AC meeting. This IARU position is releasable to our Member Societies and to the public.
10. ITU-R WP5A. ITU-R Working Party 5A deals with amateur issues. While the IS has the lead on the IARU work in ITU, both G3PSM and DK4VW participate in WP5A meetings as members of their national delegations.
11. Agenda 3.b. AI 1.15, Oceanic Radar – 3 to 50 MHz. At the CEPT meeting the requirement was reduced to between 13 900 to 14 000 kHz. Other bands were noted as

secondary but not near to amateur allocations.

12. Agenda 3.c. AI 1.23, Allocation 415 – 526 kHz on an secondary allocation basis. It is possible that an allocation between 472 and 487 kHz can be made.

13. Agenda 3.e.i. ASMG. IARU Region 1 was unable to attend the ASGM meeting that took place in March 2010. A PowerPoint presentation with the results of that meeting was circulated.

14. Agenda 3.b.iii. Other AI's

a. AI 1.10. The IMO is using AI 1.10 to block AI 1.23 by bringing in various options. Papers are coming from France on behalf of the IMO.

b. AI 1.14. Radio Location. At present, this will not affect the amateur services.

c. AI 1.20. Very little discussion has taken place.

15. Agenda 3.e.ii. ATU. Report from 6W1KI noted. The ATU held a WRC Preparatory meeting from 14 to 17 September 2009 in Geneva. Many African countries attended the meeting. It was decided that two more preparatory meetings will be held in Africa before WRC12.

16. Agenda 3.c.iii. CEPT. IARU Region 1 participates in the meetings of the Conference Preparatory Group and Project Team C. In the course of 2009, PB2T transferred his responsibilities as CEPT coordinator for AI 1.23 to G3PSM. The CEPT coordinator leads the work on developing a CEPT brief and a CEPT position for AI 1.23

17. Agenda 3.c.iv. RCC. The EC contacted the SRR President and IARU liaison and asked them to assist.

#### **ITEM 4: FINANCIAL REPORT**

18. Andy, HB9JOE, discusses the financial report and documents EC10-04.a, c, d, e and f.

a. 6W1KI will liaise with ARRAN and OD5TE will liaise with IARS about outstanding fees.

b. Suggestions are needed how to reduce on expenses for the 2011 conference. Is it necessary that all co-ordinators and WG chairmen attend?

c. EC members must look at what must be done with a surplus and submit their suggestions.

19. Agenda 4.b. Revised Expense Policy

a. The 2009 EC meeting agreed on minor changes in the expense policy. The EC approved document EC10-04.b.

#### **ITEM 5: IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MATTERS**

20. Agenda 5.a. IARU 2025

a. Ole, LA2RR, gives feedback regarding IARU 2025. This was on hold until May 2009, when

6W1KI  
OD5TE  
EC Members

EC Members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. the leadership of IARU changed.</li> <li>b. At the 2009 AC meeting, it was summarised that funding of a restructured organization is a significant problem. Until the funding issue is somehow resolved, progress in major restructuring will likely be limited. However, a number of improvements the IARU could implement have been discussed within the committee.</li> <li>c. Therefore, the 2025 Committee has been reconstituted with Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Michael Owen, VK3KI, and Don Beattie, G3BJ, (Region 1 representative) as members. The committee will continue to seek solutions to the funding issue for any restructured organization.</li> <li>d. The committee has also been requested to explore how the IARU might implement positive changes previously discussed by the committee.</li> </ul>	For Action
<p>21. Agenda 5.b. AC meeting 2009. The minutes of the 2009 AC meeting was circulated (Document EC10-05.b.). PB2T, highlighted the discussion held about the Monitoring Service and the problems experienced by Region 3. The Region 3 proposal was not accepted by the AC.</p>	
<p>22. Agenda 5.c. AC meeting 2010. The 2010 AC meeting will be held immediately before the Region 2 conference (4 to 8 October 2010) in El Salvador.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Region 1 will be represented by PB2T. Tafa, 6W1KI, will look at his programme and notify Hans as soon as possible about his attendance.</li> </ul>	6W1KI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. EC members are requested for any inputs for the AC meeting.</li> </ul>	EC members
<p><b>ITEM 6: WORKING GROUPS</b></p>	
<p>23. Agenda 6.a. HF Committee</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The report was circulated and Ulrich, DK4VW, brought three recommendations from the interim meeting in Vienna.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Recommendation VIE10_C4_01, 29 MHz Internet Gateways and remote TX operation – not adopted. The matter must be further discussed and a new proposal formulated.</li> </ul>	DK4VW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Recommendation VIE10_C4_03, MOST – Multi Operator Single Transmitter - Approved as interim policy.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Recommendation VIE10_C4_04, Contest free segments – Approved as interim pol-</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. DK4VW, must notify the HF managers of member societies of the status of the recommendations from the interim meeting.</li> </ul>	DK4VW
24.	Agenda 6.b. VHF/UHF/MW Committee	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The report was circulated and Michael, OE1MCU, discussed a few points from the report, such as video conferencing at the regional conference and the VHF/UHF forum on the Region 1 website.</li> <li>b. Agenda 6.b.ii. Ratification of Decisions. The following recommendation from the interim meeting in Vienna were brought to the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Document B08, Proposal for reporting contacts made during Rain scatter or Auroral propagation – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>ii. Document B12, Beacon Developments and Messages – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>iii. Document B02, Proposed change to the 50 MHz beacon sub-band – not Approved. The meeting asks OE1MCU to clear this item with Region 2 and 3. It is also felt that more discussion is needed between the three regions.</li> <li>iv. Document B04, 50 MHz Band plan, changes to meteor scatter usage – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>v. Document B21, Expanding the range for the unmanned stations in the 70 cm band – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>vi. Document B16, Procedure for organising IARU Region 1 contests – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>vii. Document B13, IARU R1 VHF Contest rule 5.3.6 – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>viii. Document B18, Introducing a Rover class in the UHF/SHF and Microwave contests – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>ix. Document B24, 10 minutes rule in contest – Approved as interim policy.</li> <li>x. Document B01, Threatening developments at 2 300 – 2 400 MHz – Approved as interim policy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. OE1MCU, must notify the VHF/UHF managers of member societies of the status of the recommendations from the interim meeting.</li> </ul>	OE1MCU
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25.	Agenda 6.c. ARDF	
	a. The report was circulated. The Working Group suffers from internal struggle.	PB2T
	b. PB2T will open the ARDF Championships in Croatia and attend the Working Group meeting.	PB2T
	c. The EC decides that the proposal for the Chairman of the Jury for the ARDF in Croatia should be received at least three (3) months before the event.	
	d. LZ1US will follow up the nomination of the Chairman of the Jury for the Youth ARDF Championship in Slovakia.	LZ1US
	e. On 3 February 2010, the EC appointed Kai Pastor, DG0YT, and Kurt Smet, ON4CHE, as International Class Referees.	Cognisance
	f. The nomination, from 2009, of International Class Referees was not brought to the attention of the EC before. The EC appoints Mrs Julianna Varga, HA7VJ, and Mrs Nadiia L. Velikanova, UT5UTZ, as International Class Referees.	Cognisance
26.	Agenda 6.d. ARSPEX	
	a. The ARSPEX report was noted and the EC congratulates Gaston, ON4WF, on his excellent work.	
27.	Agenda 6.e. EMC	
	a. The report is noted. The retirement of Christian, OZ8CY, from his employment was noted.	
	b. The meeting felt that the EMC and EUROCOM chairmen should co-ordinate their activities. PB2T would discuss this with them.	PB2T
28.	Agenda 6.f. EMERCOM	
	a. The report was noted, and the EC thanks Greg, G0DUB, for a comprehensive report.	
	b. The EC invites G0DUB to determine if the Terms of Reference needs to be updated during the 2011 General Conference.	G0DUB
	c. GAREC 2010. LZ1US proposes that G0DUB represents Region 1 at GAREC. G0DUB to confirm his attendance.	G0DUB
29.	Agenda 6.g. EUROCOM	
	a. The report is noted.	
	b. The IARU exhibition at the European Parliament will take place on 26 April in Brussels. PB2T will represent Region 1, LZ1US and F6IOC will attend on behalf of their societies.	
	c. Not many Member Societies are participating,	

<p>             this despite two letters to the Presidents of Member Societies.              d. A performance indicator will be the number of MEPs and their assistants visiting the exhibition.              30. Agenda 6.h. HST              a. The report is noted. The addition to the rules is approved. Z32TO is proposed as the chairman of the jury. LZ1US will represent R1 EC.              31. Agenda 6.i. IPHA              a. The report is noted.              32. Agenda 6.j. IARUMS              a. The EC noted the report and the successes of the IARU-MS.              b. The EC thanks the WG for their monitoring in support of the preparatory work for WRC-12 and on the behaviour of Broadcast stations after the band 7100 - 7200 kHz became available to the amateur service in Region 1.              c. With the start of the summer broadcasting season several Broadcast stations showed up in the band 7100 - 7200 kHz. The EC noticed that appropriate action is taken.              d. The EC is concerned about over the horizon radar on Cyprus known as the Humming Bird.              33. Agenda 6.k. RRWG              a. No report was received. PB2T will follow up.              34. Agenda 6.l. Sponsoring WG              a. The report is noted.              b. The EC disagrees with the suggestion of a paid project manager.              c. Seppo, OH1VR, to ensure the projects do not overlap the Terms of Reference of the STARS WG.              d. The EC suggests that feedback is given to Member Societies.              35. Agenda 6.m. STARS              a. Noted that the WG Chairman went over the aims for STARS as suggested by the 2008 General Conference and that no changes need to be made. So far, the WG did not follow the conference recommendations to make project plans.              b. Main events for the WG are the ADP in Abidjan and the Congo project.              c. 6W1KI to liaise between OD5TE and ON6WQ for           </p>	<p>For Action</p> <p>PB2T</p> <p>OH1VR</p> <p>6W1KI</p>
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<p>assistance in setting up project plans.</p>	<p>For Action</p>
<p><b>ITEM 7: EC REPORTS</b></p>	
<p>36. Agenda 7.a. President. The report is noted. PB2T further highlights his concern about the out-of-band transmissions during the CQ 160 SSB Contest.</p>	
<p>37. Agenda 7.b. Vice President. The report is noted. 6W1KI highlights the ATU Plenipotentiary scheduled for 22 to 24 September 2010 in Brazzaville, Congo, when a new Secretary-General will be elected.</p>	
<p>38. Agenda 7.c. Secretary. The report is noted.</p>	
<p>39. Agenda 7.d. Treasurer. The report is noted.</p>	
<p>40. Agenda 7.e. 9A5W. The report is noted.</p>	
<p>41. Agenda 7.d. OD5TE. The report is noted. Progress on ASMG to be followed up as well as RCAR-2010</p>	
<p>42. Agenda 7.d. LZ1US. The report is noted. The ARDF issue needs to be followed up. The WGFM questionnaire is discussed and finalised. LZ1US will submit it.</p>	
<p>43. Agenda 7.d. F6IOG. No report was received.</p>	
<p>44. Agenda 7.d. G3PSM. The report is noted.</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 8: DEVELOPMENT, ARAC'S, ETC.</b></p>	
<p>45. Agenda 8.a. ADP Abidjan. The report submitted by 6W1KI was noted.</p>	
<p>46. Agenda 8.b. RCAR Doha. The Regional Conference on Amateur radio took place in Doha Qatar from 4 - 6 April 2010. OD5TE gave a brief report; it is mentioned in Document EC10-07.g.</p>	
<p>47. Agenda 8.c. ARAC Ethiopia. 6W1KI will liaise with Sid May, ET3SID.</p>	<p>6W1KI</p>
<p>48. PB2T mentions that the YASME has sponsorship for development projects in Africa.</p>	<p>Cognisance</p>
<p><b>ITEM 9: REPORTS FROM IS, R2, R3</b></p>	
<p>49. Agenda 9.a. IS Report. The report is noted with thanks.</p>	
<p>50. Agenda 9.b. IARU Region 2. The report is noted with thanks.</p>	
<p>51. Agenda 9.c. IARU Region 3. The report is noted with thanks.</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 10: CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b></p>	
<p>52. 10.a. EU Parliament Exhibition, Brussels 26 - 30 April 2010. EUROCOM WG organizes an exhibition in the European Parliament in Brussels. PB2T will open the exhibition on Monday 26 April. LZ1US and F6IOG will attend on behalf of their MS.</p>	<p>PB2T</p>
<p>53. 10.b 4U1ITU, IARC AGM, 11 May 2010</p>	<p>G3PSM, F6IOG</p>
<p>54. 10.c. Region 3 Directors Meeting and WIA-100, Can-</p>	<p>LZ1US</p>



<p>berra, 27 - 29 May 2010. Pan, LZ1US will represent IARU Region 1</p>	<p>For Action</p>
<p>55. 10.d. ARDF Youth Championships, Bojnice Slovakia, 17 - 19 June 2010.</p>	<p>LZ1US</p>
<p>56. 10.e. Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen, 25 - 27 June 2010</p> <p>57. 10.e. WRTC, Moscow area 9 - 12 July 2010</p>	<p>PB2T, G3PSM, ZS4BS</p>
<p>58. 10.f. Goldene Antenne, Bad-Bentheim, Germany 28 August 2010. Depending on who wins trophy</p>	
<p>59. 10.g. ARDF, Opatija 14 - 17 September 2010</p> <p>60. 10.h. ATU Plenipotentiary, Brazzaville, Congo, 22 - 24 September 2010</p>	<p>LZ1US, PB2T 6W1KI</p>
<p>61. 10.i. Region 2 Conference, San Salvador and AC meeting 2 - 10 October 2010</p>	<p>PB2T, 6W1KI</p>
<p>62. 10.j. HST, Rawa Mazowiecka, Poland October 2010</p>	<p>LZ1US</p>
<p>63. 10.k. GAREC, Curaçao 11 - 12 October 2010</p>	<p>G0DUB</p>
<p>64. 10.l. EC meeting 2011. Determine date and venue early because the General Conference.</p>	<p>EC Members</p>
<p>65. 10.m. ITU Telecom 40<sup>th</sup> Telecom in October 2011 in Geneva. ITU participation is most likely to be led by IS and will be supported by Region 1.</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 11: ACTIONS FROM 2009 EC MEETING</b></p>	
<p>66. Agenda 11.a. SWOT analysis follow up. The document was circulated, but there was not enough time to discuss the document and it will be held over for a teleconference.</p>	<p>EC Members</p>
<p><b>ITEM 12: PR</b></p>	
<p>67. Agenda 12.a. Newsletter. Due to time constraints, these two items will be discussed at a teleconference.</p>	
<p>68. Agenda 12.b. Website</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 13: MEMBER SOCIETY ISSUES</b></p>	
<p>69. 13.a. BFRA as Host Nation MS</p>	
<p>70. 13.b. Kosovo. No application but potential member society. EULEX, formally operating under UN. PB2T wants support for the MS to facilitate that stations can operate.</p>	<p>ZS4BS</p>
<p>71. 13.c. Rwanda. Has shown an interest, more than once. IARU application form has been sent. Secretary to follow up.</p>	<p>9A5W</p>
<p>72. 13.d. Bosnia. ARABiH has been the MS since 1992. However, there is a challenge to legitimacy. They have no government certificate. Three societies coming into alignment, setting up an umbrella organisation.</p>	<p>ZS4BS</p>
<p>73. 13.e. Madagascar. Has asked for application forms</p>	<p>ZS4BS</p>
<p>74. 13.f. Montenegro. On the IARU calendar for voting.</p>	

- 75. 13.g. Democratic Republic Congo. Was discussed.
- 76. 13.h. Egypt. Registration almost completed.
- 77. 13.i. Tanzania. The society's attempt to attend the interim meetings in Vienna were discussed.
- 78. 13.j. Azerbaijan. Application forms.

**ITEM 14: IARU R1 CONFERENCE 2011**

79. 9A5W has submitted a report and ZS4BS fills in on more details. PB2T and 9A5W (volcano ash allowing) will be visiting Sun City on 22 April with ZS6AKV to see the facilities and discuss the planning and budget.

80. 14.b. Voting Procedures. The present voting procedure from the constitution has been circulated for information. There has been a proposal for more transparency during the voting at the general conference by counting the votes inside the meeting room.

81. 14.c. Criteria For Venue. The document has been circulated to EC Members for comment.

**ITEM 15: FUTURE EC**

82. After the Davos General Conference, it was decided that EC members would have a maximum of three tenures, starting counting from the 2008 elections, this means that the following EC members can stay on until 2014: PB2T, 6W1KI, HB9JOE, LZ1US and 9A5W. All EC members were asked about their plans for a future EC term.

**ITEM 16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

83. 16.a. QSL card collection. HB9JOE has submitted a paper, EC10-16.a, for discussion. EC members to send their views to PB2T via e-mail. PB2T to consult with the larger societies.

84. 16.b. Evaluation EC teleconference. This will be held over to a teleconference.

85. 16.e. D-STAR. OE1MCU states that there are problems with D-STAR in that the Americans radio amateurs control it and the German radio amateurs have problems with the system. OE1MCU will provide PB2T with all the relevant information.

**ITEM 17: CLOSURE**

86. OD5TE is thanked for setting up the Webex conference bridge for the meeting.

87. A big word of thanks to Panayot and Ginka and the BFRA for all the arrangements, with the World Amateur Radio Day dinner in particular. PB2T has a token of appreciation for BFRA, which will be handed to LZ1US in Brussels.

For Action

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