



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 7 AND 8 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE MECURE HOTEL FRANKFURT AIRPORT, GERMANY

Present:

Don Beattie, G3BJ (Chairman)

Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR

Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM

Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE

David Court, EI3IO

Ranko Boca, 4O3A

Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS

Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO

Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ

Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW

Ole Garpestad, LA2RR

Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM

Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)

IARU Region 1 President

IARU Region 1 Vice President

IARU Region 1 Treasurer

IARU Region 1 EC Member

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IARU Region 1 VHF Chairman

IARU Region 1 HF Chairman

IARU Vice President

IARU Region 2 President

IARU Region 1 Secretary

Apologies

IARU Region 3

### ITEM 1: WELCOME

1. Opening. Region 1 President, Don Beattie, G3BJ, opened the meeting at 08:30. G3BJ welcomed the EC members, the HF and VHF managers and guests Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, President of Region 2 and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President of the IARU to the meeting. G3BJ explained the way in which the meeting would run.

2. Administrative Arrangements. ZS4BS gave feedback on the coffee breaks, lunch, dinner and the settlement of accounts.

3. Roll Call. ZS4BS held roll call. IARU Region 3 tendered apologies.

4. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

5. Introduction of Members. Each member introduced him/herself in a 60-second slot.

6. Silent Keys. The following silent keys were noted and the meeting paused for a moment of silence and remembrance - Max de Henseler, HB9RS; Wes Wysocki, SP2DX; John Dunnington, G3LZQ; Trond Olsen, LA8XM.

### ITEM 3: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – WORKSHOP

7. The meeting divides into 3 groups to develop the top priorities for IARU Region 1. Four key areas emerged:

a. Resourcing

- Increasing the in-flow into Amateur Radio

- Identifying and engaging with additional resources to repre-

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- sent the IARU in core activities
- b. Emergency Communications:
  - Promotion of amateur radio as a means of providing relief in the event of natural disasters
- c. Spectrum:
  - 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
  - Protection of the fundamental, natural and finite resource “frequency spectrum,” to keep it clean and undisturbed from man-made electromagnetic disturbances causing harmful interference to the amateur service and the amateur satellite service.
- d. Member Societies:
  - Catalysing the growth in general capability of MS, particularly in core IARU strategy areas
  - Creating greater engagement between MS and IARU on core IARU strategies

**ITEM 4: PREVIOUS MINUTES**

8. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2014 Region 1 EC meeting held on 4 and 5 May 2014 were noted (Paper EC15\_04.a)

9. Matters Arising.

- a. Item 74. Georgia. A letter had been sent to NARG requesting payment of the outstanding subscription. ZS4BS, HB9FPM and Z32TO to follow up with NARG.

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10. Agenda Item 4.b. In terms of the minute’s policy, the Secretary produces a comprehensive set of minutes, which is shared with all EC members for checking. A copy of the agreed minutes is filed as the formal record of the meeting and a copy (less any sensitive personal or commercial matters) is published on the web.

11. Paper 15\_04.c Actions from the General Conference.

- a. Recommendation VA14 C3 21. This recommendation refers to the principles of the Code of Practice. The AC has now clarified its position in that its support is for the principles of the Code of Practice.
- b. Recommendation VA14 C3 26. Use of Wiki, Cloud services – google docs, a tool for developing policy documents, handbooks, etc. G3BJ will write to the Working Groups to establish their perceived need for cloud services. ON4AVJ to assist G3BJ with the letter.
- c. Recommendation VA14 C3 29. Conference papers need to be properly archived on our website for public access, including the C3, 4 and 5 input papers. C2 papers are restricted to Heads of Delegations and are available on request from the Secretary. The directory structure on the web needs to be amended to provide for a consistent means of access to Conference papers.

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**ITEM 5: FINANCIAL REPORT**

- 12. HB9FPM discussed the financial report.
  - a. Approval of Expense Claims. G3BJ will approve claims for EC members via the Excel claim form. The original receipts must be sent to HB9FPM with the Excel document. WG Chairmen can approve expenses in their working group. Nobody may approve his or her own claims.
  - b. Unpaid fees. G3BJ to work with HB9FPM and HB9JOE to draw up a policy on how to handle unpaid fees with the member societies. This will be shared with the EC for comment.
  - c. Invoicing process for MS. HB9FPM informed the meeting about the invoicing process for Member Societies. It is important to inform Member Societies that not paying will effect their voting at meetings and conference.
  - d. Working Group Budgets. EC members must alert the President if they become aware of any budget overrun in the WGs for which they are responsible. Any WG budgetary problems must be discussed with G3BJ and HB9FPM.
  - e. Paying Subscription via PayPal. It is accepted that Member Societies can pay their subscriptions by PayPal. Member Societies must add the PayPal costs to their payment. G3BJ to confirm with the Treasurer that all bank transfers are made with the sender paying all costs, so that the gross invoiced amount is received by IARU.

**ITEM 6: SPECTRUM MATTERS**

- 13. Paper 15 06.a External Relations Committee Report.
  - a. ASMG. 9K2RR gave a report on the ASMG where progress is being made on developing a relationship.
  - b. ATU. G3BJ gives feedback on ATU and thanked Tafa Diop, 6W1KI, for the work he is doing for IARU.
  - c. CEPT. EI3IO and DK4WV gave feedback on CEPT. Discussion took place about the various meetings and the processes in getting the IARU views expressed.
  - d. RCC. G3BJ gave feedback about RCC. The meeting approved that the Region should develop a relationship with the RCC via observer status. G3BJ, PB2T and G3PSM will work on this. LA2RR stressed that the link with RCC is important for the International Secretariat as well.
  - e. ITU. LA2RR commented on the work done at ITU.
  - f. Finance Aspects and Implications. G3BJ will discuss with G3PSM, HB9FPM and HB9JOE the future policy on cost sharing the ITU attendance costs with member societies.
  - g. EMC, PLT and Noise Issues. DL9KCE mentioned a man-made noise study under investigation in ITU/SG3. A first interim finding in the study is in fact, that man-made noise has NOT risen within the last 40 years. This seems at least questionable and should be supervised. It was also suggested to join ITU-T, where the PLT and DSL (exam-

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<p>on how to strengthen representation and coordination on EMC matters.</p>	<p>For Action DL9KCE</p>
<p>20. <u>Paper EC 07.b and EC 07.b.i Member Society and its Regulator.</u> The EC discussed this paper. The following were suggested as additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EI3IO suggested adding ‘enforcement’ to Question A.</li> <li>b. EI3IO suggested adding ‘Respond to regulatory consultations’ to the Areas of Activity.</li> <li>c. The paper will be amended to draw out key action areas, and then be used to draw Member Societies into discussions about their role in these areas. Include the role of Member Societies with NSOs in the same paper. G3BJ will develop the paper and share it with the EC for comment.</li> </ul>	<p>G3BJ</p>
<p>21. <u>Paper EC15 07.c.i Region 1 Youth WG Activities.</u> 4O3A presented the paper by PA2LS. The work plan was agreed. However, EI3IO queried whether December was the optimum YOTA month since the pre-Christmas season was an especially busy time for family activities. Specifically work is needed in three areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The delivery of training on a distance-learning basis. Here we should research what is available in Member Societies and what could be developed. Note: Later in the meeting, it was also recognised that such material could form an important part of the refocused STARS programme.</li> <li>b. Developing the concept of using world-class contest stations as host stations for young people in major contests. It was recognised that this would require a proper legal framework, which address issues of liability. Matters of child protection and safety would need to be covered.</li> <li>c. Review the designation of December as YOTA month.</li> </ul>	<p>4O3A PA2LS</p> <p>PA2LS</p>
<p>22. <u>Paper EC15 07.c Activities Involving Young People.</u> G3BJ explained the background to the need to have proper child protection policies and practices in place. The EC agreed the need. EI3IO identified some drafting issues to correct. The document will be sent for a final check on the legal matters and then it will be implemented, working with PA2LS and 4O3A.</p>	<p>G3BJ 4O3A PA2LS</p>
<p>23. <u>Paper EC15 07.d STARS.</u> The meeting reviewed the STARS programme. Whilst a lot of useful work had been done, the impact was somewhat limited, and a number of previous “STARS” countries had now effectively dropped out of IARU membership. It was agreed that the principles in the paper should guide future STARS investment, and that this would probably be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Providing distance learning facilities (see section on “Youth” above)</li> <li>b. Positioning IARU as “ready to help” where a properly considered proposal for investment was submitted</li> <li>c. Continuing to conclusion existing projects</li> <li>d. Providing ARAC and ADP programmes where this made sense</li> </ul>	<p>4O3A - training EI3IO - ADP and ARAC</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Getting Member Societies to “grandfather” countries (provision of periodicals, books, etc.)</li> <li>f. Facilitating the provision of examinations</li> </ul>	For Action
<p>24. <u>Paper EC15 07.e. Relationship with the European Commission.</u> DL9KCE summarised the current position.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Good progress had been made with gaining entry to EMC WP and TCAM. Other EC forums are monitored (i.e. the RSPG and RSC, membership is not open to the IARU). In response to a question, G3BJ summarised our objective in the European Commission as “building relationships with the key forums, identifying issues of concern to the amateur radio services and seeking to influence discussions on these to ensure that the amateur radio services were not disadvantaged”</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. It was noted that much of the European Commission work started with discussions with Member States and that Member Societies should be monitoring what was happening in their own countries. Furthermore, a list of key issues Region 1 has with the Commission shall be created by G3BJ and DL9KCE.</li> </ul>	G3BJ DL9KCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. One task of PRC is to follow up on a meeting during the Varna conference with Mr Encho Gospodinov of the European Commission. He was at the time, head of the office of Commissioner Georgieva. His advice was that IARU should prepare a list of good examples of how amateur radio can help in emergencies and communicate our abilities to the new European Commission and to professional services. The IARU should furthermore review the MoU with the International Federation of Red Cross. There is also a revision of the International Disaster Response Law (IDRL) ongoing, in which IARU should (according to Mr Encho Gospodinov) get a foot in the door.</li> </ul> <p>PRC will see, if it is possible to meet with the new Commissioner for Disaster Relief, Mr Christos Stylianides and make progress on implementation a notion of amateur radio into the IDRL.</p>	DL9KCE
<p>25. <u>Paper EC15 07.f Web Site.</u> The meeting felt that the Region 1 web site needed a degree of restructuring, and needed to be more user-friendly (both to the reader and to those submitting content). A working group of 4O3A, ON4AVJ, ZS4BS and G3BJ, will draw up a plan of action looking at functionality, structure and content, or discussion with the webmaster to identify the way ahead.</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 8: OTHER WG REPORTS</b></p>	
<p>26. <u>Paper EC15 08.a Emergency Communications Report.</u></p>	4O3A ON4AVJ ZS4BS G3BJ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Memorandum of Understanding between IFRC and IARU – LA2RR and G3BJ to follow up.</li> <li>b. The Terms of Reference updated to include <i>7. To organise tests and exercises to promote international emergency</i></li> </ul>	G3BJ LA2RR OZ7IS ZS4BS

	<i>communications and links between countries.</i> [Updated by the Region 1 EC for period until the 2017 GC].	For Action
c.	In response to an issue in the report, the EC confirmed that it was comfortable with the use of the term disaster.	OZ7IS
	<i>Definition of Disaster - A disaster is a sudden, calamitous event that seriously disrupts the functioning of a community or society and causes human, material, and economic or environmental losses that exceed the community's or society's ability to cope using its own resources. Though often caused by nature, disasters can have human origins.</i>	
	<a href="http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-management/about-disasters/what-is-a-disaster/">http://www.ifrc.org/en/what-we-do/disaster-management/about-disasters/what-is-a-disaster/</a>	
27.	<u>Paper EC15 08.b ARDF.</u> Z32TO discussed the report.	
a.	The EC approved that Kai Pastor, DG0YT, be the Chairman of the Jury with Pehr-Axel Nordwaeger, SM0BGU, as deputy at the 2015 R1 ARDF Championship.	Z32TO
b.	Further, the EC approved that the 21 <sup>st</sup> ARDF World Championships be held in Lithuania.	Z32TO
c.	The 2015 IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championships Chairman of the Jury will be Ole Garpestad, LA2RR and Kai Pastor, DG0YT, as deputy.	
28.	<u>Paper EC15 08.c HST.</u> Z32TO discussed the report.	
29.	<u>Paper EC15 08.d IPHA.</u> The report is read and accepted.	
	<b>ITEM 9: EC MEMBERS REPORTS</b>	
30.	<u>Paper EC15 09.a EI3IO report and EC15 06.f.</u> EI3IO presented his reports.	
a.	At the suggestion of the HF Chairman, AROS would be asked to monitor and report on out of band operation.	ZS4BS
b.	There is a need to remind Member Societies not to send QSL cards to non-IARU bureaux	ZS4BS
c.	LA2RR explained the background to the "IARU MS Relations Project Team." G3BJ asked that the IARU Regional Presidents have access to the work of the project team.	G3BJ
d.	<u>CEPT and CITELE.</u> EI3IO and YV5AM will talk off line to resolve the issues over equivalence between IARP and TR61-01. LA2RR will give EI3IO a contact for Radio Amateurs Canada, who need to be updated on CEPT concerns about TR61-01.	EI3IO
e.	<u>TR61-01 and remote operating.</u> TR61-01 does not allow it. If the radio amateur wants to operate remote in another country, a licence is needed for that country. Longer term, the EC noted that with the trend towards remote operation, further actions may be necessary.	
31.	<u>Paper EC15 09.b Z32TO Report.</u> Read and accepted	
	<b>ITEM 10: NEW MS ISSUES</b>	
32.	<u>Paper EC15 10 New MS Issues.</u> ZS4BS discussed the paper and highlighted the new committee of the ZRS and the support from the regulator in Zambia, the problem of communication with the NARS in	

Nigeria, the lack of communication with NARG in Georgia and the voting for IARU membership of SHRAK Kosovo.	For Action
a. <u>Kosovo - SHRAK</u> . G3BJ will work on a proposal to the International Secretariat about the SHRAK application.	G3BJ
b. <u>IARU Calendar</u> . The meeting felt that the IARU Calendar should be sent out by e-mail in addition to the normal postal mail.	ZS4BS
c. <u>Palestine</u> . – 9K2RR gave a report about the status of amateur radio in Palestine. It was not felt that investment in an ARAC would make sense unless it could be for several countries in the area.	
<b>ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM IS, REGION 2, REGION 3</b>	
33. <u>Region 2 Report</u> . Reinaldo, YV5AM, presented his report	
34. <u>Region 3 Report</u> . The report was received, read and accepted.	
<b>ITEM 12: FUTURE MEETING/COMMITMENTS</b>	
35. World Amateur Radio Day – 18 April	Everybody
36. IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championship held in Zamosc, Poland – 4 to 8 June	Z32TO
37. GAREC 2015, Tampere – 23 and 24 June	G0DUB
38. Ham Radio 2015, Friedrichshafen – 26 to 28 June	G3BJ, EI3IO, DL9KCE ZS4BS
39. IARU HF Championships – 11 and 12 July	Everybody
40. Youngsters on the Air Italy 2015 – 18 to 25 July	PA2LS 4O3A Z32TO
41. 2015 IARU R1 ARDF Championship held in Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic – 17 to 23 August	Z32TO
42. 12 <sup>th</sup> IARU World HST Championship, Ohrid, Macedonia – 9 to 13 September	Z32TO
43. AC Meeting, Bali, Indonesia – 9 and 10 October	G3BJ 9K2RR
44. IARU Region 3 General Conference, Bali, Indonesia – 11 to 17 October	G3BJ 9K2RR
45. IARU Region 2 EC Meeting – 18 and 19 September 2015, Bogota, Columbia	TBD
<b>ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
46. <u>Paper EC15 13.a. Amateur Radio in Disputed Areas</u> . EI3IO presented the paper. The EC agreed that the paper needs to be discussed with the other regions before it may be submitted to the AC for discussion.	G3BJ ZS4BS
47. <u>Paper EC15 13.b. Digital Coding System for QSL Cards</u> . Investigate which other Member Societies make use of a digital coding system for QSL cards.	ZS4BS
<b>ITEM 14: CLOSURE</b>	
48. <u>2015 EC Meeting</u> . The feeling is that the meeting was too short to complete all the work. It is suggested that the next meeting starts on the Friday early afternoon, buffet for dinner, work in the evening, the whole of Saturday and Sunday until to 15:00.	G3BJ ZS4BS



49. Venue for the 2016 EC Meeting. Possibly London, Dublin or Vienna – April 2016. G3BJ and ZS4BS will look at the possibilities and resolve optimum timing vs the interim meeting.

50. The meeting closed at 14:50.

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