MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1
OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 6, 7 AND 8 MAY 2016 AT THE NOVOTEL BRUSSELS HOTEL, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Present:
Don Beattie, G3BJ (Chairman) IARU Region 1 President
Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR IARU Region 1 Vice President
Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM IARU Region 1 Treasurer
Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE IARU Region 1 EC Member/EMC WG
David Court, EI3IO IARU Region 1 EC Member
Ranko Boca, 4O3A IARU Region 1 EC Member
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS IARU Region 1 EC Member
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO IARU Region 1 EC Member
Jacques Verleijjen, ON4AVJ IARU Region 1 VHF Manager
Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW IARU Region 1 HF Manager
Colin Thomas, G3PSM IARU Region 1 ERC Chairman
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR IARU Vice President
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM IARU Region 2 President
Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE Financial Consultant
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary) IARU Region 1 Secretary

Apologies:
IARU Region 3

ITEM 1: WELCOME
1. Opening. The President, Don Beattie, G3BJ, opened the meeting at 14:00. G3BJ welcomed the EC members, the HF and VHF managers, ERC Chairman 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 be run.
2. Administrative Arrangements. G3BJ explained the arrangement for the meeting, meals, the coffee breaks and the settlement of accounts.
3. Roll Call. Roll call was done. IARU Region 3 tendered apologies.
4. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda for the meeting was approved.

ITEM 2: SILENT KEYS
5. The following silent keys were noted and the meeting paused for a moment of silence and remembrance – Lou van de Nadort, PA0LOU, Arie Dogterom, PA0EZ, Kjell Ström SM6CPI/PB3SM, and Oyekunle Ajayi, 5N0OBA

ITEM 3: PREVIOUS MINUTES
6. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2015 Region 1 EC meeting held on 7 and 8 February 2015 in Frankfurt-am-Mein, Germany were noted (Paper EC16_03.a).
7. Matters Arising. (Paper EC16_03)
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a. 9.a. Item 74 Georgia. The matter was resolved and the Society paid their fees in 2015.

b. 11.b. Recommendation VA14_C3_26. Use of Wiki. The C5 committee is making use of Wiki. The C7 committee will be creating a Wiki. Following a review, it seems that other committees have no interest in making use of Wiki. ON4AVJ and DL9KCE will liaise with the Region 1 web master to transfer the Wiki’s to the Region 1 server in due course.

c. 11.c. Recommendation VA14_C3_29. Conference Papers on the Region 1 website. The Conference papers for C3, C4 and C5 from the 2015 Davos General Conference to the 2014 Albena General Conference have been uploaded to the web site. The Conference Reports available go back to 1963 and will be uploaded shortly.

d. 12.b. Unpaid Fees. The process for handling unpaid fees in the accounts was implemented after the 2014 Albena General Conference and will be done again after the 2017 Landschut General Conference.

e. 12.3. Paying Subscription via Paypal. Resolved, MS may use PayPal.


g. 15.b. Contest Robot. The Contest Robot is in use and some updates have been made. C5 is looking at further refinements to the program.

h. 19.c. EMC Matters. Resolved.

i. 20.c. EMC Matters. Done

j. 22. Paper EC15_07.c Activities involving Young People. Done, the document relating to the safeguarding of young people involved in IARU events has been made available to Member Societies and it is used in Region 1 activities were young people are involved.

k. 23. Paper EC15_07.d STARS. STARS will be discussed in Agenda Point 11

l. 24.b. European Commission. Done

m. 26. Paper EC15_08.a. a. MoU between IFRC and IARU. Done


o. 46. Paper EC15_13.a. Amateur Radio in Disputed Areas. Done

p. 47. Paper EC15_13.b. Digital Coding System for QSL Cards. The Paper from the Albena Conference was sent to Region 2 and 3. No response was received. LA2RR and DK4VW will liaise with Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, in Geneva. G3BJ will liaise with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. [Note. DK4VW spoke to JA1CJP. JARL only wants a row of boxes at a certain place on the card to be filled with the call sign, like most JA cards show already.]

ON4AVJ

DL9KCE

HB9FPM

HB9JOE

ON4AVJ

ITEM 4: PRESIDENT’S REPORT

8. G3BJ presented his report highlighting coordination issues in the
run-up to WRC-15 and explained that it was generally agreed that IARU needs a different approach to prepare for WRCs. A more coordinated approach had been agreed by the AC, involving a matrix structure. The EC agreed that key Region 1 players in the structure for WRC 19 preparation from Region 1 would be EI3IO (ITU and WGFM CEPT), G3BJ (ECC CEPT), PB2T (CEPT AI 1.1 coordinator), LZ1US (RCC), 9K2RR (ASMG), G3PSM (ERC and in UK delegation for WP5), DK4VW (German delegation and WP5) and a nominee for ATU to be determined. Others would participate in a supporting role. The President’s report covered a range of other issues, including his activities with individual member societies in the past 14 months, EURAO, CEPT-NATO and STARS (a separate Agenda item).

9. Ethics and Operating Practices booklet. ON4WW and ON4UN have asked that IARU take over custodianship of the book. G3BJ had met with ON4WW and ON4UN on 5 May 2016 in Brussels to sign the contract and take over copyright of booklet. The IARU will look at producing a slimmed-down version as a training manual for the new HAR-EC syllabus section on standards.

ITEM 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

10. HB9JOE discussed the financial reports by means of a PowerPoint presentation. (Papers EC16.05)

11. The exchange rate between the main currencies and the calculation of the formulae for payment were discussed and it was decided to maintain the status quo whereby the Euro fee rate was more or less maintained, despite the upwards revaluation of the CHF. The matter of future fee levels will need to be discussed at the 2017 Conference.

12. The request for membership numbers is sent to Member Societies by e-mail, but the invoices to Member Societies are sent by post. The Region 1 stamp appears on the document, as some Societies require this for the bank transfer to be authorised.

13. A discussion took place on the levels of funding from the 90+ societies in the Region and a number of issues were identified which the President and EC members will follow up.

ITEM 6: MATTERS FROM THE 2016 VIENNA INTERIM MEETING

14. Recommendations from C4 (Paper EC16_06.a.1)


   b. VIE16_C4_REC_02. Proposed usage plan for the WRC-15 5 MHz allocation. Approved as Region 1 interim policy. DK4VW to liaise with Regions 2 and 3 to reach consensus on the band plan and prepare a paper for the AC.

   c. VIE16_C4_REC_03. Revision of the Region 1 30 m band plan. Approved. The note about beacons must be edited to read, “It should be noted there is an IARU recommendation that there should be no beacons below 14 MHz (DK0WCY excepted).”

   d. VIE16_C4_REC_04. Revision of the Region 1 80 m band plan. Approved.

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e. VIE16_C4_REC_05. Deletion of Recommendation Davos
   DV05_C3_Rec_20. Approved

f. VIE16_C4_REC_06. Modification of the IARU Region 1 HF
   Manager’s Handbook to include the 60 m band on the ex-
   cluded bands list. Approved

15. Recommendations from C5. (Paper EC16_06.b.1)
a. VIE16_C5_REC_01. The usage of a controlled cloud solu-
   tion. Approved.
b. VIE16_C5_REC_02, 03, 04, 08, 09, 11.b, 13, 15, 16, 28 and
   29. To update the VHF Handbook. Approved
c. VIE16_C5_REC_05. Review the band planning for 144 MHz
   in the VHF Managers Handbook and preparing a paper for
   the 2017 General Conference. Approved
d. VIE16_C5_REC_06. To correct the satellite segment in the
   table in chapter 4.9. Approved, and the footnote must indicate
   which service has priority.
e. VIE16_C5_REC_07. Review the contest rules in the VHF
   Managers Handbook and prepare a paper for the 2017 Ge n-
   eral Conference. Further discussion by the C5 committee
   must take place.
f. VIE16_C5_REC_10. To add more information about the EDI
   format in the next newsletter. Approved.
g. VIE16_C5_REC_11.a. To discuss an even more extended
   locator system that is used for ATV. Further discussion by the
   C5 committee must take place.
h. VIE16_C5_REC_12. Exchange received contest logs for
   cross checking. Approved.
i. VIE16_C5_REC_14. Retain the 6-digit Locator system in the
   50 MHz contest.
j. VIE16_C5_REC_17. Prize giving ceremony at Ham Radio. A p-
  proved.
k. VIE16_C5_REC_18. Contest section abbreviations. Ap-
   proved.
l. VIE16_C5_REC_19. Automatic contest adjudication software.
   Approved.
m. VIE16_C5_REC_20. A common template for Region 1 con-
   tests. Further discussion by the C5 committee must take
   place.
n. VIE16_C5_REC_21. Contest robot to export results. Ap-
   proved.
o. VIE16_C5_REC_22. Moving of 6 metre beacons. ON4AVJ to
   liaise with Region 2 and 3.
p. VIE16_C5_REC_23. Answers to Region 2 and 3. ON4AVJ to
   liaise with G3BJ in formulating the answers.
q. VIE16_C5_REC_24. C5 mailing list. Approved.
r. VIE16_C5_REC_25. Review of the VHF Managers hand-
   book. Approved.
s. VIE16_C5_REC_26. Remove band plans from web site. Not
   approved.
t. VIE16_C5_REC_27. VERON to arrange the Region 1 ATV contests in 2016 and 2017. Approved.

16. Recommendations from C7. (Paper EC16_06.c)
   a. DL9KCE discussed the C7 meeting in Vienna and highlighted the action points for the committee members.
   b. C7 recommended that Member Societies be encouraged to contribute as much as possible in the way of video material, pictures, etc., on EMC matters.
   c. DL9KCE will almost certainly be elected as chairman of CISPR-H as from October 2016.

17. Secretaries for the Permanent Committees. The chairmen of C4, C5 and C7 were asked to confirm the names of their secretaries up to and including the 2017 General Conference.

ITEM 7: SPECTRUM MATTERS
18. External Relations Committee. (Paper EC16_07.a) G3PSM led the meeting through the paper.
   a. ASMG. The assistance of 9K2RR has helped during discussions at WRC-15 and should continue leading up to WRC-19.
   b. ATU. There is a need for a liaison person between the ATU and the IARU. G3BJ/G3PSM to discuss with Tafa Diop.
   c. RCC. Region 1 now has observer status and is represented by LZ1US.
   d. ITU. G3PSM highlighted the work of WP1A, WP5A and WP7B.
   e. CEPT. EI3IO discussed Paper EC16_08.d and highlighted the CEPT/CITEL roaming arrangements and the changes to procedures that would be implemented. Annex 6 to CEPT TR61-02 has been approved.
   f. WRC-19. LA2RR discussed agenda items relevant to amateur radio for WRC-19.
   g. Agenda Item 1.1 to consider an allocation of the frequency 50 to 54 MHz to the amateur service in Region 1 in accordance with Resolution Com 6/6 (WRC-15).
   h. Agenda Items 1.7 and 1.11, the amateur service must observe the process involved with these two AIs.
   i. Agenda Item 1.13 deals with IMT frequencies.
   j. Agenda Item 1.15 deals with 275 to 450 GHz.
   k. Agenda Item 1.16 deals with the 5 GHz band.
   l. Agenda Item 9.1.6 deals with Wireless Power Transmission and this could be a source of EMC problems. DL9KCE advises that he will name a person responsible for this AI.
   m. A Statement of Requirement is needed for the amateur spectrum request under Agenda Point 1.1. G3PSM, ON4AVJ, EI3IO and PB2T in cooperation with LA2RR will work on the document. EI3IO will lead the team.
   n. Additional to the Region 1 team for WRC-19, 9K2RR will liaise with ASMG, LZ1US with RCC and 6W1KI will be contacted to determine how to handle ATU.
19. **HF Report.** (Paper EC16_07.d) DK4VW discussed the report. A suggestion was made to develop a common form of presentation of band plans across Regions 1, 2 and 3.

20. Member Societies are requested to check with their regulators on their access to the 160 metre band (1 850 to 2 000 kHz) and in the case of CEPT countries where access to the band has been granted, request that their regulators update their EFIS ([www.efis.dk](http://www.efis.dk)) entry if it does not reflect such access.

21. **VHF/UHF and Microwave Report.** (Paper EC16_07.e) ON4AVJ discussed the report. There is a threat on 1.2 and 2.3 GHz from Galileo. Contesting on 50 and 70 MHz is to be encouraged between Member Societies.

22. **EMC Report.** (Paper EC16_07.f) DL9KCE discussed the report highlighting frequencies for Wireless Power Transmission and the need for a fast response from ITU.

**ITEM 8: EC MEMBERS REPORTS**

23. **Vice President.** Report received

24. **Secretary.** Report received. Updates from Member Societies are sent to the IS to update the IARU website. Secretary to ensure that any updates in contact information that are only sent to the IS from MS are forwarded to R1 so that distribution lists can be updated.

25. **DL9KCE.** Report received. DL9KCE gave more information about the new QSL handling machine at DARC.

26. **Z32TO.** Report received.

27. **OZ7IS.** Report received.

28. **EI3IQ.** Report received. Enquiries from URE about Papers from the Cavtat and Sun City Conferences will be followed up by the Secretary.

29. **4O3A.** Verbal report given.

**ITEM 9: WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

30. **Emergency Communications.** (Paper EC16_09.a and 09.a.1) The report was received. Some of the French speaking African countries look to France as an example for their emergency service. G3BJ will review with G0DUB ways in which he can liaise with REF to assist these Member Societies.

31. G0DUB had received an invitation to attend the Region 2 Emergency Communications Conference to be held during the Region 2 General Conference in September. It was agreed that if Region 2 felt that there was value in his attending, the EC would support.

32. **Amateur Radio Observation Service.** (Paper EC16_09.b) The Executive Committee would like to see suggestions of the further actions that could be considered to address the DQRM issue, after the work on an Italian source.

33. **High Speed Telegraphy.** (Paper EC16_09.c) The report was received. The initial host withdrew from hosting the HST Championships. Two new host countries came forward the HST WG has determined that Montenegro being should be the new host country.

34. **Amateur Radio Direction Finding.** (Paper EC16_09.d) The report was received. The meeting took note of the referees for the upcoming
ARDF championships.

35. **Monitoring Service.** (Paper EC16_09.e) The report was received and it was noted that the MS reports were of a consistently high standard, reflecting some good work in monitoring. DK2OM was thanked.

36. **Political Relations Committee.** (Paper EC16_09.f) The report was received. Seamus McCague, EI8BP, is the acting chairman while DL9KCE is involved with EMC matters.

37. **Regulatory Affairs.** (Paper EC16_09.g) The report was received.

38. **ARSPEX.** (Paper EC16_09.j) The report was received. The EC questioned the relationship between ARSPEX, AMSAT, C5 and the ARISS programme. This will be reviewed.

**ITEM 10: EURAO**

39. G3BJ presented Paper EC16_10 to the meeting covering to the correspondence between himself and EURAO.

**ITEM 11: STARS**

40. G3BJ discussed Paper EC16_11. It was a matter of concern to the EC that so little had happened on STARS in the last 18 months, even accepting the difficult security and political situation in some target countries. A small sub group will review the options on STARS and report.

**ITEM 12: YOUTH**

41. 4O3A presented Paper EC16_12. A need exists for video material as well as material for radio amateur examinations. Comments were made about good existing material in some societies and 4O3A was asked to contact a cross section of leading societies to find out what was already available.

42. **YOTA 2016.** The 2016 event will be held in Austria from 16 to 23 July and hosted by OeVSV. The WG requested that either G3BJ or 4O3A visit the youth camp. G3BJ and 4O3A to liaise with PA2LS. [Note: it was subsequently agreed that 4O3A would attend.]

43. **YOTA 2017.** An application had been received from the RSGB to host YOTA 2017. The application was gratefully accepted.

44. **Attendance of YOTA.** Following questions from Member Societies and individuals about the size of teams and who may attend, it was decided that the Youth WG chairman would make the decision with backing from the EC.

45. **Funding for Youth Contesting Programme.** 4O3A discussed the Youth Contesting Programme and the plans to increase participation. 4O3A will draw up a proposal for consideration on how ad hoc expenses for the YCP might be reimbursed to host stations up to a maximum limit and against receipts.

**ITEM 13: WEB SITE**

46. A workshop was held on Friday evening 6 May 2016 to discuss the Region 1 web site and the way forward with the web site.

47. The output from the workshop has been collated in a separate document and distributed to the EC members.

48. The web site should be easy to navigate and to update. It must appeal to a large audience and must interact with social media. It must be professional in appearance and be an authoritative source of infor-
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mation. It was agreed that G3BJ would propose a direction for the structure of the web, based on the output form the workshop. EI3IO, 4O3A and ON4AVJ would investigate possible web design resources and inform G3BJ. One issue that needs to be resolved is the question of a unitary website style for the four IARU sites

ITEM 14: 2017 GENERAL CONFERENCE

49. ZS4BS presented the timetable for the 2017 General Conference. The meeting reviewed the various documents that would be sent to Member Societies from September 2017.

50. The programme for the General Conference was discussed. ZS4BS will draw up a detailed programme to include the new C7 stream, agree it with the President and then DARC.

51. Invitations for VIPs to attend the Opening Plenary must be sent out early. ZS4BS to confirm with DARC.

52. Calling Note. ZS4BS and G3BJ will work on the Calling Note looking at the programme and visa requirements.

53. Request for Financial Assistance. Following discussions about financial assistance to Member Societies it was decided that ZS4BS and G3BJ would work on the Request for Financial Assistance document (see below).

54. 2017 AC Meeting. G3BJ to liaise with the IS to determine the date of the 2017 AC meeting. [Note: It has subsequently been decided that this will be held at Munich Airport, with delegates travelling on to Landshut on the Saturday morning.] The EC meeting for 2017 will be scheduled for the Landshut Conference venue for Friday to Sunday 5 to 7 May 2017.

55. Election of EC. ZS4BS presented Paper EC16_14.b indicated the number of terms served so far by each EC member. It was noted that of the current EC, the Secretary would have served the full three terms by 2017. Of the remaining EC members, the Treasurer and DL9KCE will not be standing for re-election. OZ7IS and 4O3A will consider their position and let the President know. The nomination document for EC membership use at the Conference was tabled, as was the document concerning support to member societies. Changes were agreed to require MS seeking financial support to show real progress in developing amateur radio in their country before being eligible for consideration for support. Those delegates coming to the conference on a supported basis would also need to commit to attendance for the full period of the conference.

56. Papers from the EC for the General Conference. G3BJ and ZS4BS to review the Constitution – Articles and Bylaws – and Rules for any changes and to prepare a paper for EC approval.

57. ZS4BS to review the Terms of Reference. Emercom ToR to be updated.

58. The voting at the Interim Meeting must be looked at, Rules B.3.23 and B.3.23.1

59. 2017 EC Meeting. The date for the 2017 EC Meeting is set for 5 to 7 May 2017 in Landshut. ZS4BS will liaise with the DARC to meet at the Conference venue. Meeting participants to arrive on 4 May 2017.
ITEM 15: MEMBER SOCIETY MATTERS
60. Kosovo. It was noted that SHRAK has become a member society of the IARU since the last EC meeting.
61. It was noted that in Moldova, Ukraine and Montenegro, challenges had been made to the legitimacy of the incumbent IARU Member Society. In each case the EC discussed the position and agreed a number of actions.
62. Bahrain. The authorities in Bahrain have notified IARU that the current Member Society (ARAB) was not authorised to represent Bahrain radio amateurs internationally. G3BJ has been in email contact and explained the background (that the initial recognition of ARAB was based on confirmation by the Bahrain authorities that it was authorised to represent amateur radio interests). In view of the recent exchanges, and the fact that there now was no-one answering mail from ARAB, it was agreed to move towards placing ARAB in suspension. Until a valid application is received from an appropriate entity in Bahrain, there will be no MS for that country. At the appropriate time, G3BJ will write to the Bahrain authorities explaining again the process for nominating a member society.
63. ZS4BS to ask BARG to remove the IARU logo from their web information (http://www.qrz.com/db/A92AA) and the statement on page 5 of https://a91hi.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/barg_profile_a.pdf that BARG is the IARU Member Society representing the Kingdom.
64. Saudi Arabia. It was noted that there was interest from Saudi Arabia in taking part in Region 1 events, and it was agreed how this might be facilitated.
65. ARDF and HST Working Groups must confirm that all teams represent the relevant IARU Member Society during championships.

ITEM 16: QSL PRACTICE
66. G3BJ presented Paper EC16_16 with a draft paper for the 2016 AC Meeting. The EC did not feel the paper was appropriate at this time.

ITEM 17: REPORTS FROM IARU, REGION 2, REGION 3
67. IARU. LA2RR gave a verbal report on activities.
68. Region 2 Report. Reinaldo, YV5AM, presented the Region 2 report.
69. Region 3 Report. The Region 3 report was received.

ITEM 18: FUTURE MEETING/COMMITMENTS
70. Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen, 24 to 26 June
71. AC and Region 2 General Conference Chile – 6 to 16 October
72. Region 3 EC – August (no attendance from Region 1) in Tokyo
73. YOTA 2016, Austria – 16 to 23 July
74. 2017 EC Meeting, Landshut, Germany 5 to 7 May 2017

ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS
75. A number of recognition awards were agreed and will be made public at Friedrichshafen.

ITEM 14: CLOSURE
76. G3BJ thanked the delegates for the way in which the meeting was conducted and wished everybody a safe journey home.
77. The meeting closed at 13:00 on Sunday, 8th May.