



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC Meeting 11 February 2021 19:00-21:00 GMT

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**In attendance:** G3BJ, 9K2RR, PB2T, HB9JOE, IV3KKW, SM6EAN, DJ3HW, F4GKR, Z32TO, LA2RR, DF5JL, PA2DW, OE1MHZ, G4SJH, EI8BP

## Opening:

G3BJ opened the meeting at 19:02. The meeting approved the agenda.

### 1 2020 report to MS

The meeting approved the report with some minor corrections. The report will be sent to MS.

**Action G3BJ**

### 2 Workshop

The General Conference Workshop is scheduled to take place 17-21 October 2021 in Novi Sad Serbia. In parallel, preparations for a virtual workshop are being made, in case COVID travel restrictions do not allow us to hold an in-person event. The go/no go decision will be taken in June 2021.

LA2RR informed us that if the meeting in Novi Sad takes place the AC will join us for its annual meeting.

**PB2T to inform SRS**

### 3 Financial results 2020

The meeting reviewed the treasurer's comprehensive report on the 2020 finances and approved it for submission for audit.

Possible future negative interest rates are a concern.

The budget shows a large surplus because of 9 months of no travel.

The EC decided to apply 1.08 as conversion rate EUR/CHF. This is close to the current rate.

### 4 Committee and WG Terms of Reference

The ToR document has been updated (mainly gender neutrality and conference decisions).

The STARS ToR now reflect the STARS strategy. The EC decided that the HF Beacon coordinator no longer reports directly to the EC, but will continue to work within the HF Committee. The ToR for both HF and VHF/UHF/MW Committees will be amended.

G4SJH and F4GKR will submit comments on SRLC and STARS.

G3BJ and PB2T will update the ToR document. The EC will have an opportunity to comment on the final version before it will be published on the web.

**Action F4GKR, G4SJH, G3BJ, PB2T**

- 5 QSL practice**  
An issue has been raised by ARI. HRS has stopped offering QSL service to foreign amateurs. There were mixed views about whether IARU could influence the current practice. G3BJ will speak with USKA and ARI.
- 6 Friedrichshafen 2021**  
The preparations for an in-person Ham Radio event have started. By end of March 2021 it will be decided in what form the event will take place.  
The theme is “Gemeinsam auf Distanz, wiedersehen mit Freunde“, which means „Together at a distance, re-uniting with friends“, allowing for both in-person and/or virtual.  
IARU will have two stands (IARU main and youth), should the in-person event take place. A first planning session was held last December. A second meeting will be held soon.  
**Action PB2T**
- 7 Any Other Business**
- a. Possible face-to-face meeting of the EC in 2021  
The EC decided not to hold any formal in-person EC meetings until October 2021.
- b. Amateur Radio Administration Course  
A presentation on the progress in updating the ARAC’s and ARAC syllabus by PB2T was noted. PB2T will make the draft syllabus available to the EC. The EC was asked to identify experts who can assist with further development of the ARAC syllabus.  
**Action all**
- c. Presentations on IARU  
There is a need for “standard” presentations and potential contributors should be identified. A modular structure was suggested to meet the needs of different target audiences  
**Action all**
- d. Operating Ethics  
IARU Region 1 took over the responsibility to maintain Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur. DF5JL volunteered to take a close look on the actions needed for a possible revision. It was suggested to find additional volunteers within the HF Managers group.  
**Action DF5JL**
- e. 1296 MHz – current status and planned actions  
G4SJH introduced a draft letter to Member Societies related to WRC-23 Agenda Item 9.1.b (Galileo). The document is to create awareness, a call for information and for a case to be made to each national administrations, stressing the importance of 1296 MHz band. G3BJ will and G4SJH will finalise the document and prepare information for publication on our website  
**Action G3BJ, G4SJH**
- f. Information sharing between MS (Region 3 paper 7f)  
The Region 3 paper was noted with interest. G3BJ will write to YBOAZ that we will closely follow further developments.

g. Information on Region 1 web

There is a need to publish the IARU positions on key issues on the web. SM6EAN will arrange for a “logical” place.

**Action SM6EAN**

h. Remote Ham radio youth project

IV3KKW presented a paper remotely operating a station in Croatia by youngsters. The project has the support of the Croatian administration. After discussion the EC approved the proposed partial funding of the project.

i. World Amateur Radio Day

WARD will be on 18 April 2021. PA2LS has sent a note to Member Societies and will follow up with more material

j. Contest Sub Working Group

PA2DW informed the meeting that a C5 CSWG meeting will take place next week

**8 Next Meeting**

PB2T will propose a date for the next virtual EC meeting in March or April

**Action PB2T**

**9 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 21:40 UTC