



## International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC Meeting 10 February 2022, 18:00 UTC

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**In attendance:** F4GKR, IV3KKW, Z32TO, OE1MHZ, DF5JL, G0DUB, PA2LS, DJ3HW, G4SJH, EI8BP, PA2DW, HB9JOE, OD5TE, 9K2DB, LA2RR

### Apologies:

#### 1. Opening: F4GKR

F4GKR opened the meeting.  
The meeting approved the agenda.

#### 2. EC Operating Methods – reminder:

F4GKR presented the ambition to have more frequent meetings, more often, with more targeted teams. This way the meetings should be shorter.

- Weekly follow-up by F4GKR, OD5TE and SM6EAN
- EC : the elected EC
- EC+ : the elected EC and some of the WG chairmen and coordinators

The president reminded of that when commenting positions in public (websites and social media), we are representing the IARU. We need to be careful when expressing views, in particular when we get closer to WRC.

Currently IV3KKW, PA2LS and F4GKR are the only having access to the IARU-R1 social media accounts.

HB9JOE reported about the finance situation. 2021 books are finished, and an audit will be coming next.

Expense guidelines will be distributed. An Excel template shall be used for expense claims. Process for MS reporting of members needs to be started. **Action HB9JOE, SM6EAN**

#### 3. Pending actions from previous meeting:

- **Friedrichshafen 2022:** An alternative solution (“plan B”) shall be prepared in case the pandemic situation gets worse. It is foreseen that a decision can be made in April. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN**
- **IARU PowerPoint presentation:** Presentation that can be used at events where the IARU is invited. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN**

#### 4. AC meeting information:

F4GKR and LA2RR reported on the 144+ committee and the support to societies where the national regulator/administration brings up additional questions of sharing or reduction in amateur spectrum above 144 MHz.

LA2RR gave a short report about WRC-23. We observe that the virtual meetings, due to COVID-19 restrictions, is limiting the possibility for face-to-face meetings. This situation has reduced the efficiency of our work within several of the ITU working parties. On agenda item 9.1b (23cm band) the IARU is ready to respond once we understand the compromises needed to enable the amateurs to share the band with RNSS (Radio Navigation Satellite Service) with limited harmful interferences. So far, we have not received any proposal.

Upon a question from IV3KKW, LA2RR informed that the IS secretary is collecting the issues with QSL distribution before any decision can be taken how to proceed.

#### 5. Interim meeting & planning for Friedrichshafen 2022:

Invitation to the interim meeting, and information of some IARU events during HAM Radio 2022, has been distributed.

C4 and C5 will use the interim meeting as planned. Since C7 holds regular online meetings, the committee may organize a meeting/information in some other way. Hybrid meetings will probably be used by the committees.

Planning and needs for technical equipment to the meetings must be communicated with the planning team. **Action DF5JL, PA2DW, OE1MHZ**

We need to set a date for an EC meeting **Action F4GKR, OD3TE, SM6EAN**

A combined PRC/SRLC information meeting is planned. Planning and needs for technical equipment to the meetings must be communicated with the planning team. Estimation some 40 persons attending. **Action EI8BP, G4SJH**

#### 6. EC roles:

Work is ongoing with the EC roles and tasks (short and long term). This may also be connected to some of the Strategic Objectives in the Shaping the Future program.

**Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN, OD5TE**

#### 7. EC preferred points of contact to Member Societies:

To respond to requests from the MS on communication and visibility, there is a proposal of two contact persons (sponsors) to all our MS. Work with a proposal is on-going. A preliminary list has been circulated to the EC members.

**Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN, OD5TE**

## 8. Shaping the Future. Update and follow-up:

F4GKR and SM6EAN gave an overview of the different team's start-up. Due to different experience among the participants and information available, some teams take more time to get started than others. A first checkpoint of ramp-up shall be decided and communicated. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN, OD5TE**

From some team discussions, the conclusion is that a dedicated EC sponsor could be a way to coordinate and support the work high level. A proposal shall be drafted and discussed in the Program Board. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN, OD5TE**

## 9. Status of member societies:

SM6EAN reported about the status of recent activities regarding member societies.

**FRSA (Azerbaijan)** Payments now in order and details updated.

**SARU (Sudan)** Application for membership has been accepted by the Region 1 EC and will be sent out for voting by the international secretariat. Once distributed, a reminder shall be sent out to R1 member societies to vote. **Action: SM6EAN**

**ARAD (Djibouti)** Status of ARAD is unclear. **Action: F4GKR, OD5TE**

## 10. VUSHF test robot:

IV3KKW reported about the contest robot situation. Current IARU contact person with the robot developer does not have time for the task anymore and IV3KKW will take over the role as the unique point of contact. A verbal budget offer for needed update will be confirmed formally and is well within budget. The update implementation should be in place before the upcoming contests. **Action: IV3KKW**

## 11. R1 website update: (analytics, contacts, RTO):

SM6EAN presented some discussions around the region 1 website. It was decided to make a review and primarily investigate the following areas:

- Website analytics. Tools have been implemented to see activities on the website. By reviewing the statistics, can we draw any conclusions that can be used short or long term?
- Contacts It must be easier to find contact persons within the region 1 organization and member societies.
- Information on regional telecom operators (RTO). To review and update the RTO pages on the region 1 website.

**Action: PA2LS, SM6EAN, 9K2DB**

## **12. YOTA Summer camp August 2022 in Croatia (HRS):**

IV3KKW and PA2LS presented raised questions around COVID and the responsibilities for IARU-R1 and the organising society (HRS) was discussed. HRS is expecting some 80 participants. It was decided to continue the discussion in a separate group. **Action: F4GKR, PA2LS, Z32TO, IV3KKW**

## **13. AOB**

- Re-start planning around 2023 GC in Novi Sad. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN**