In attendance: F4GKR, DJ3HW, IV3KKW, Z32TO, PA2LS, 9K2DB, HB9JOE, SM6EAN, G0DUB, EI8BP, PA2DW, DK6SP, OE1MHZ

Apologies: DF5JL, G4SJH, OD5TE, LA2RR

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1. **Opening** (F4GKR)
   
   F4GKR opened the meeting. 
   The meeting approved the agenda.

2. **General conference 2023**

   F4GKR gave an overview of the status and informed that the conference preparatory team is meeting regularly.

   SM6EAN presented current status regarding delegation notices and feedback received. (PowerPoint in the meeting folder).

   The question of guests and observers was discussed.

3. **EC, committee and WG chairs 2023-2026**

   Reminder for EC+ members to indicate if they are prepared to stand for another term. Secretary will send reminder to other region 1 officials for a response before 15 February. The member societies (MS) need to be informed about vacancies to be able to propose new candidates for the General Conference (GC) elections. It is also planned to present an update before HAM RADIO 2023.

4. **Verbal report following visit to the Middle East**

   F4GKR reported from a Middle East visit. A warm thank you to Kuwait and Saudi for organising meetings and to all the Arabic societies for joining. Amateur associations have great potential, they share the passion for the hobby and the desire to get involved in the growth of our activities. F4GKR reported a discussion on a very interesting initiative in Saudi, driven by SARS, where operational radio telescopes (4) are offered for universities. Ways of spreading this information was discussed.
Technical online discussions were also on the agenda and a SDR seminar was discussed.

5. **Evolutions of the IARU**
   Update on discussions in the administrative council (AC) around the future oriented project on IARU organisation and efficiency.

   One of the challenges for all amateur radio organisations, that adds to the organisational discussions, is to find volunteers to support the work. Where it makes sense, there are gains to be made by re-organising some functions into a global setup. One area where a first discussion is ongoing is the IARU monitoring service (IARUMS).

   Feedback on areas that may gain from globalisation is welcome. G0DUB commented that emergency communications could be such an area since many of the help organisations are global.

6. **ARMA application (Amateur Relationships Management Application)**
   Discussions have been ongoing regarding an application to handle information in the relation IARU and member societies. Somewhat similar to a simple Customer Resource Management (CRM) system. Basic needs are to keep track of point of contacts, roles, responsibility per area, etc., that today are spread over Excel, web pages, and so on. In addition, such an application will support and bridge changes of IARU officials.

   An idea is that the application could be shared with MS that today have several national clubs and the similar needs as IARU have. Region 2 is also very interested to use such an application.

   A specification has been made, followed by an investigation looking for primarily an open-source applications. An investigation of a custom application has also been made. There is currently no budget for such a project, however there are allocated budget for EC projects that have not been used so far.

   It was commented that yet another project may draw resources from already ongoing activities. It was agreed there is a risk, however already today administration draw quite some effort.

   **Decision**
   The EC agreed to move forward with the application.
   A project team was agreed: Project lead F4GKR, Support G0DUB, IV3KKW, SM6EAN
   Target dates
   - Beta at HAM RADIO
   - First release by GC

7. **Proposal for HAMchallenge on the R1 website**
   PA2LS reported about the status of documenting the 2022 HAMchallenge on the IARU-R1 website. Work with 2023 HAMchallenge is ongoing and planned launch is 1 March. The timing for the 2023 challenge is adjusted, and extended, to fit with schools. Information will be found on the website [https://www.iaru-r1.org/hamchallenge/2023-hamchallenge/](https://www.iaru-r1.org/hamchallenge/2023-hamchallenge/).
An information message shall be sent to the MS before the launch.  

Action: PA2LS

8. **2023 Agenda**

In-person EC+ meeting in Italy

IV3KKW presented the proposal for EC+ meeting in conjunction with an ARI event and Radio Expó in Montichiari, 2nd weekend in March. Presentation of the planning and travel in the meeting folder.

**Decision**

The EC agreed to the EC+ meeting as proposed.

IARU-R1 will give a presentation at Radio Expó and meet ARI for Friday dinner. It was decided to stay at Garda Hotel and use meeting facility at this hotel. IV3KKW will check for meeting facility and check for group discount. Alex will also send out information and collect attendance and travel info for coordination.

Action: IV3KKW

**HAM RADIO 2023**

PA2LS reported for the planning team (also IV3KKW and DK6SP) and the meetings already held.

Two booths for IARU and IARU Youth have been ordered as a joint island (access from three sides per booth). Further planning ongoing.

9. **Pending actions**

**GC 2023 reminder:**

Letter to the MS as a reminder of the GC setup. Done, closed  

Action: F4GKR

**Radio Sports Committee**

The idea is to regroup the different “radio sports” activities under a common new committee. Z32TO reported from the work and thanked IV3KKW and F4GKR for their support.

The presentation is presented for the first time and comments/improvements are welcome.

Pro’s and con’s with this new organisational setup was discussed and risk of “adding layers” in the organisation was one fear. ARDF, HST is planned to continue to work as before but report to the new committee. Contesting in HF and VHF+ committees would be part of this new committee, but details need to be worked out. One upside with a new committee is to coordinate sport and contesting PR/information since this is in the interest of many new radio amateurs. Also contest tools (e.g. robots) can benefit from a coordination.

Coordination with Youth working group activities need to be discussed.

**Decision**

The EC agreed to move forward and update the presentation after EC+ feedback and questions. Feedback to be sent to Z32TO & IV3KKW as soon as possible.

Presentation in meeting folder.  

Action: EC+
An updated presentation to be presented at the next EC+ meeting in March. This is planned to form the base for an input paper on establishment of the new committee to the GC in November.  

**Action:** Z32TO and IV3KKW

**EC sponsorships:**
SM6EAN reminded the core EC members of the action about communication with assigned MS. Files are stored under: \Nextcloud\03 Executive Committee\Member Societies\0_EC sponsorship.  

**Action:** Core EC

**African sub-meeting initiative from Ivory Coast.**
Feedback to TU2OP. Ongoing  

**Action:** F4GKR

**ARDF**
Letter to full ARDF WG. Done, closed  
Invitation and holding online meeting. Done, closed  

Meeting was held with the WG on 11 Dec. Follow-up of the meeting will be made.  

**Action:** F4GKR

**ARAC (Amateur Radio Administrative Course):**
Need for ARAC training material in Mozambique?  

Several emails sent but promised response is missing and no further response received. Closed.  

**Action:** SM6EAN

**160m**
Coordination DF5JL and LA2RR. Any actions?  
Neither present, pending.  

**Action:** DF5JL, LA2RR

**Older pending actions**
See EC action list in the meeting folder (rev. date 2023-01-18).  

**Action:** “All”

10. **AoB**

**Ethics & Operating Procedures**
The document has not been updated for quite some time. IARU-R1 is in ownership of the document after an agreement with Mark, ON4WW, and John, ON4UN ([https://www.on4ww.be/EthicsAndOperatingProceduresHandover.html](https://www.on4ww.be/EthicsAndOperatingProceduresHandover.html)). We have received several comments of needed updates and internal discussion have been going on how to handle this huge update, including all the translations.

The document can probably be updated in sections (main two blocks are “Ethics” and “Operating procedures”), but it will not be possible to start this work unless someone...
coordinates the work. It seems there are volunteers in IARU, as well as in some national clubs that can take part in the work.

There is also an interest from other regions to use the document.

Decision
It is agreed we need to update the document. To start the work, someone in EC+ to volunteer and take the lead of the work. It is possible to “eat the elephant in pieces” not to burden too much over shorter time. Please contact F4GKR or SM6EAN for any clarifications. soon as possible.
A PDF version of the document in in the meeting folder.

Action: EC+

In the meeting folder also:

- Report (HB9AMC)
  - Full License" Syllabus of Amateur Radio to the 21st Century,
  - Establishment of the Technical Working Group
  - HamProjects.org

- GC2023 delegation notice status (SM6EAN)

- STARS short report (PA0AGF)