International Amateur Radio Union
Region 1

EC+ Meeting 25 May 2023, Zoom

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In attendance: DJ3HW, IV3KKW, F4GKR, HB9JOE, OE1MCU, EI8BP, LA2RR, PA2LS, G0DUB, OD5TE, 9k2DB, Z32TO, F6BEE

Apologies: G4SJH, DK6SP, OE1MHZ, DF5JL

1. **Welcome**
   F4GKR welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting.

2. **Information about ARMA**
   F4GKR informed about the status of the work with the Amateur Relationship Management Application (ARMA). The application is intended to replace the Excel sheets and other lists used currently to document and manage member societies (MS) contacts and relations.

   After review of available suitable tools, and consultants able to support with tailoring of these tools, on the market it has been agreed to go ahead with a full custom application. The needs from IARU are far below what the available tools offer.
   ARMA will meet needs defined within Shaping the Future regarding improving internal communication in IARU-R1.

   A team to support the work will be defined.

3. **Information about PR initiative with external company**
   As identified in the Shaping the Future programme, PR for amateur radio is one high priority goal. F4GKR and SM6EAN informed about the status of the work.

   Question has been put to some MS regarding positive experiences of a PR company and some feedback has been received. The idea is to have initial discussions to find out of a company that can fit the needed profile working with the IARU-R1. Currently two companies with experiences of amateur radio have been contacted.

   It is acknowledged that “PR for amateur radio” can be very wide, and that region 1 is widespread with different prerequisites. The first step would be an agreed PR plan including the main stakeholders for amateur radio. It is also acknowledged that some large MS do have their own PR activities.
4. **Recognitions**

F4GKR introduced the agenda item with a reminder that IARU is fully dependant on the work of volunteers. OD5TE elaborated and pointed out that showing appreciation for work being done is very important and should be considered before the General Conference (GC). EI8BP reminded the meeting that although some people are driving and coordinating the work, there are also “people in the background” that are important and need to be recognised. LA2RR also commented that recognitions during ongoing work should be considered, not only after completed work. DJ3HW commented about DARC recognitions for good work.

LA2RR and IV3KKW commented that some guidelines for IARU-R1 recognitions would be useful.

IARU and IARU-R1 have some recognitions that should be considered for nominations by IARU officials and member societies. However, also new ways of showing recognition needs to be introduced, like use of the website.

**Decisions**

The different IARU-R1 chairpersons are asked to consider persons that should be recognised.

**Action: IARU-R1 chairpersons**

Review of the IARU-R1 guides for recognitions and check what other organisations/MS have documented and implemented.

**Action: F4GKR, OD5TE, SM6EAN**

5. **Information about HAM RADIO**

PA2LS gave a status report of the work with HAM RADIO 2023. Three booths are planned for this year and are located together in a good way.

- IARU main booth
- IARU-R1 Youth booth, coordinated by the Youth WG
- IARU-R1 demo booth, coordinated by F4GKR

Preparations ongoing for setting up meetings with all MS visiting HAM RADIO. A timetable will be drafted. The idea is that the EC designated person plus, if time permits, the president meets with the MS.

SM6EAN will send separate email to get final confirmations of who are coming to Friedrichshafen from all region 1 EC and officials.

The HAM RADIO planning team will continue with the work: PA2LS, IV3KKW, OH1ESI, F4GKR and SM6EAN.
6. **Update on committee chair situation**
SM6EAN presented for discussion the list of Region 1 officials. Some feedback was given, and it was agreed to send the updated list to the Member Societies before HAM RADIO for possible discussion and help to identify volunteers for vacant positions.

**Decisions**
- Any final input to the list must be received by the secretary by 10 June.  
- Send the list to MS by 11 June.

**Action:** All

**Action:** SM6EAN

7. **EC shall present input documents to the GC.**
F4GKR reminded the meeting that deadline for input documents is 1 August. The EC+ is invited to prepare input documents and this will be discussed at the following EC+ meeting in Friedrichshafen.

8. **Information about IARU 100 years 2025** *(F4GKR)*
F4GKR informed about the preparations for the 100-year celebration. Planning of a proposal is ongoing after the REF invitation to a celebration. Once there is a proposal, there need to be budget assigned.

The IARU-R1 preparation group are: PA2LS, IV3KKW, 9K2DB, F4GKR

9. **GC 2023**
F4GKR and SM6EAN gave a short overview of the preparation work.

The coming General Conference is one day shorter than previous conferences to save time and money. It is this time expected that permanent committees and working groups start to prepare and review input papers already before the conference. As informed before, final discussions, and possibly discussions that benefit from in-person attendance, can be held during the conference. It is then up to the chairman if these meeting should be of hybrid format or in-person at the conference.

The deadlines are listed on the conference website [https://conf.iaru-r1.org/](https://conf.iaru-r1.org/) and SM6EAN made a walk-through of the current comment on the website.

LA2RR commented that candidates for committee and working group chairs may be discussed and voted during their meetings at the conference.

The different chairs will be discussed at the General Administrative and Organisational Committee (C3) meeting, where a proposal will be prepared for the final plenary voting. Inputs to the C3 discussion can either be conference input documents or papers prepared in conference by the committees and working groups.

Upon the question, F4GKR clarified that a hybrid meeting discussion (no decisions) regarding the future format of IARU-R1 conferences will take place during the first day of the conference. The intention is that this discussion shall bring already discussed views into the C3 meeting.
HB9JOE is preparing the budget from inputs from the EC, different groups and committees. The budget proposal will be distributed to MS in line with other conference input documents.

**Decisions**

Reminder of deadlines to be sent to the member societies. Idea is to coordinate with distribution of the region 1 officials’ proposal.  

**Action:** SM6EAN

Budget inputs from EC, committee and WG shall be sent to the treasurer by 15 June latest.  

**Action:** All

Permanent committee and WG chairs, in particular C4/C5/C7/EMCOMM/SRLC/STARS/Youth, need to provide preliminary feedback on how many meetings would be needed during the conference. A preliminary planning with two meetings will be made.  

**Action:** Chairs

10. **AoB**

- **DQRM**
  SM6EAN opened the question of possible IARU-R1 engagement in deliberate QRM (DQRM). Historically IARU have only engaged with intruders (i.e. non-radio amateurs) and not interference created by licensed radio amateurs. Recent events and e.g. initiative by NCDXF have raised the question again ([https://www.ncdfx.org/pages/dqrm.html](https://www.ncdfx.org/pages/dqrm.html)). The topic is wide and has relations to the HF committee, IARU Monitoring Service and Ethics & Code of conduct. There is a good opportunity to discuss DQRM in related groups during the conference.

11. **Next meeting**

EC+ meeting planned before HAM RADIO on 22 June.