International Amateur Radio Union
Region 1

EC+ Meeting 7 September 2023, Zoom online meeting.

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In attendance: F6BEE, DF5JL, DJ3HW, IV3KKW, F4GKR, OK2YLQ, OE1MCU, PA2LS, DK6SP, OD5TE, 9K2DB, Z32TO, LA2RR, G0DUB, EI8BP, OE1MHZ, SM6EAN, G4SJH

Apologies: HB9JOE

Meeting folder: Nextcloud\03 Executive Committee\EC meetings\EC 20223-09-07

1. Welcome
   F4GKR welcomed the attendees, the updated agenda was approved.

2. General Conference 2023 planning
   F4GKR reported that the work on the conference programme is ongoing and will be published on the conference website. For all chairs and coordinators that have arrived in time, there will be an information meeting on the 31/10 at 16:00 – 18:00.

   F4GKR reminded the different chairs to prepare their agendas before the conference. It is important for delegates to be able to plan their presence at different meetings from the content and when different papers will be discussed. The committee agendas can be uploaded to the conference web by the secretary, while others can share through the different mail groups.

   The different chairs will need to use their own laptops and connect to beamer and possibly the audio equipment (streamed/hybrid meetings). A separate conference network will be set up with one partition for open sharing of files and one with limited access for conference documents (read only for delegates).

   A proposal for hosting the next conference in Landshut has been received from DARC. This is the same location as for the 2017 conference.

   SM6EAN reported about a visit, together with Z32TO, to the hotel Palisad in Zlatibor. Together with Dusan, YU1EA, and Sinisa, YU1RA, from SRS, the hotel and a nearby restaurant was presented by the hotel management. The arrangements were discussed, and some adjustments were made from earlier plans.
It is important for SRS to know the need for meeting room equipment and in particular if hybrid or streamed meeting is planned. The current status is the following:

- C4: T.b.d.
- C5: In-person only
- C7: Hybrid meeting
- STARS: In-person only
- SRLC/PRC: Hybrid
- Emcomm: Hybrid, can use Raynet Teams if needed
- IARU future: ??
- Future conference format (Envoy): Hybrid/online
- Youth: Hybrid
- RSC: Hybrid

3. Review of actions from previous meeting

Non effective Member Societies (MS) IV3KKW reported that the task group, together with 9K2DB and OD5TE, submitted a conference input paper to C3 (ZL23_C3_52).

Proposals for update of the constitution and byelaws Several discussions (F4GKR, LA2RR, SM6EAN) have been held with the goal to present a proposal for changes of the Byelaws. The main goal is simplification and adjustment to the situation in the 21st century. However, two things made the task group to propose another way forward in an input paper to C3 (ZL23_C3_53).

1. There will be an online meeting around the future format of the General Conference during the upcoming conference.
2. The number of eligible votes required for changing the Byelaws is 50%+1 of the total number of MS. The number of MS present in Zlatibor will be less than 50%.

It is instead recommended to C3 to set up a task group to propose an update of the Byelaws after the conference, followed by a vote by email.

An information input paper regarding future conferences A task group (IV3KK, F4GKR, OE1MCU, SM6EAN) has tried to summarize the alternatives for future conference formats as an information paper (ZL23_C3_60). The intention is a compliment to other inputs and discussions.

Discuss with UBA and URE how they manage up-to-date information on their website IV3KKW F4GKR will re-open this task after the conference. Depending on the solution for IARU-R1, budget may be required.

4. Awards

F4GKR and DJ3HW presented proposals for the Region 1 medal.

Decision

Both proposals were supported by the meeting.
5. **Identify C3 papers of special interest for the EC**

F4GKR reminded the meeting of identification of input papers with special interest for the EC, or that will need preparation from the EC.

**Decision**
- Schedule a preparation meeting for discussion of C3 papers of particular interest for the EC.  
  **Action:** SM6EAN

6. **Vacant position for next period**

SM6EAN reminded the meeting of the two vacancies for VHF+ and PRC chair positions. However, at the last ARDF meeting, the ARDF WG did not agree on a proposal for the chair. This means also ARDF WG now has a vacancy for the chair position.

It is possible for the WG, the MS’s and the EC to present C3 input paper (as prepared in conference) to the secretary before the first C3 meeting. The C3 will propose the full list of chairs and coordinators for vote at the final plenary.

7. **Child protection policy**

F4GKR introduced the discussion of a proposed update of the Child protection policy. The Youth WG has done a good job with reviewing the document. LA2RR commented that the experience is that the document is too long to be practical. OK2YLQ agreed and added that the policy need to be brought up to date in both content and how it is written.

Currently the main purpose for the policy is to be used at ARDF, HST and Youth events. DK6SP pointed out it could also be relevant for other IARU events. Possibly the policy could be made more general to be useful for different events. The policy also lacks actions to be taken at breaches of the policy.

EI8BP pointed out that the policy is aspirational, and each event need to define how the particular event deploys the policy.

Just as at the establishment of the policy, F4GKR propose to use an external lawyer in the work. G0DUB commented that in order to reduce the risk of “national culture” influencing the policy (e.g. by a lawyer), international/global organisations (e.g. UNHCR, scout movement, sport organisations) may have policies worth looking at for international/global use of policies. In addition to children, vulnerable adults should also be considered.

DK6SP commented that an anonymous reporting system should be considered as a measure to ensure compliance to the policy.

**Decision**
- The EC support using an external lawyer to work with the update of the policy.

It was agreed to establish a task group to move the work forward and to coordinate with the lawyer: F4GKR, PA2LS and DK6SP.
- Additional volunteers may be added from ARDF and HST?
8. **Review of IARU-R1 standing recommendations**

SM6EAN informed, with the support of LA2RR, of the background of the Standing Recommendations document. [https://www.iaru-r1.org/reference/regional-standing-recommendations/](https://www.iaru-r1.org/reference/regional-standing-recommendations/)

The intention of the document is to collect valid recommendations that are not merged into the Constitution and Byelaws or other documentation. Knowledge of the content may also prevent issuing of proposals that already have been agreed as recommendations. The document also includes an archive of old recommendations.

The EC, chairs and coordinators are recommended to review the document and inform the secretary of recommendations that have become obsolete.

The document will be updated after the conference by the secretary with new recommendations and from inputs by the EC, chairs and coordinators.

9. **Reporting of activities**

**Code of conduct: Ethics & Operating Procedures:** 9K2DB reported about the difficult situation with finding volunteers and starting up the work. Ramping up the work is continuing and possibly R2 and R3 could make calls for volunteers.

**EC+ pending actions.** SM6EAN reminded the EC+ of the list of pending actions that is in the meeting folder. Actions that been resolved should be reported at the following meeting.

*Action: All.*

10. **AoB**

- Email from the DARC president
  
  F4GKR have received an email from the DARC president with a proposal for hosting the next General Conference in Landshut 2026

- Emails and initiatives from Willi, HB9AMC, regarding IARU

  HB9AMC has sent letters and set up a private website (iaru.ch) with his personal view of e.g. the situation with the two registered IARU organisations (USA and Switzerland) and incorrect statements that IARU will allow personal members. Some of these emails has been signed as president of USKA.

  F4GKR has informed USKA of the situation and it will be discussed at an USKA board meeting. Furthermore, the IARU-R1 EC unanimously disagree with the position taken by HB9AMC.

  Secondly, HB9AMC have been leading the work with preparing for the establishment of the IARU-R1 Technical Working Group. IARU-R1 has invited HB9AMC to present the TWG input paper.

- OK2YLQ informed that the report from the Hungary youth camp is on its way and will be distributed as soon it’s ready.
11. **Next meetings**

- An EC core meeting to discuss C3 papers.
- EC core meeting on 31/10
- For those that have arrived in time: Meeting with the conference chairs 31/10 at 16:00 – 18:00