



The IARU Region 3 Newsletter

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Editor's Note

Wishing all readers, a Happy and Better New Year for 2021.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition of the Region 3 Newsletter.

The need to hold many meetings virtually is still a part of the amateur community life. There are several reports of these meetings and the R1 General conference in this newsletter.

Request

The IARU R3 would like to receive digital photos of amateur related activities to be used in its media related publications. Please contact the "Editor" if you can assist.

Next Newsletter

Societies are invited to submit news items that may be of interest to readers. The deadline for the next edition is **31th March 2021**. Stay Safe

73 Peter, VK3MV

A Word from the Chairman

Dear IARU Region 3 colleagues,

First of all, on behalf the IARU Region 3, I would like to wish all of you a very **Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year 2021**.

The world recently received very encouraging news from the drug companies developing vaccines for the novel coronavirus.

However, the available vaccines have some challenges that will need to be overcome with careful planning, adequate funding, and coordination among the drug companies, government, and the health care community.

Can we return to normal activities now that a vaccine is on the horizon?

We all are eager to get back to normal life. While this vaccine news is promising, it will still take some time to reach most of the population.

As you know, 2021 is the year for IARU Region 3 conference will be held, but the current situation still not safe for everyone in the world to travel and meet, so we will wait and see in the next few months, whether the conference can be held in the normal way (in person), or we have to do it virtually.

I hope all member societies have started to prepare themselves, if we have to hold a virtual conference this year.

In addition, 2021 will be full filled with virtual meetings for WRC-23 preparations, I hope all member societies can be participating to give inputs, suggestions and opinions to the IARU Region 3 Directors.

Thank you and 73 de Wisnu YBØAZ
Chairman of Directors of IARU Region 3

IARU Administrative Council Addresses Wide-Ranging Agenda in Virtual Meeting

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 8 – 10 October 2020. The AC is responsible for the policy and management of the IARU and consists of the three IARU international officers and two representatives from each of the three IARU regional organizations.

Originally planned to take place in Novi Sad, Serbia, just before the IARU Region 1 Conference in that city, both the AC meeting and the conference had to be held virtually owing to covid-19 travel restrictions. The virtual meeting format had the benefit of allowing participation by additional observers from the regional organizations and real-time presentations of reports to the AC from the specialized IARU coordinators and advisors.

Recently appointed EMC Coordinator Dr. Martin Sach, G8KDF, reported on what is being done on behalf of the IARU in CISPR, the International Special Committee on Radio Interference. Martin and his predecessor, Tore Worren, LA9QL, continue to work together to address the need for reasonable standards to limit the increasing threat of radio spectrum pollution from proliferating digital devices and wireless power transmission. IARU Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN, reported on the status of the HF time-shared beacon network that is supported by the Northern California DX Foundation and the IARU. He explained recent and planned upgrades and the many applications and uses being made of the network.

Satellite Advisor Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, described the work of the Satellite Frequency Coordination Panel. Steps are being taken to address the growing number of non-amateur satellites using amateur-satellite spectrum.

Special Advisor for Emergency Communications Rod Stafford, W6ROD, explained his work representing the IARU in the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D), particularly with regard to disaster communications, and preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference scheduled for November 2021. He highlighted an opportunity to promote amateur radio in ITU-D as a training platform for youth.

Preparations are already underway for the next World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), currently expected to be held in 2023. A team of some 20 IARU volunteers from all continents led by IARU Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, is engaged in the preparatory processes of the ITU and the regional telecommunications organizations (RTOs). The AC reviewed a draft of preliminary IARU positions on the WRC-23 agenda items of concern to the amateur and amateur-satellite services. The Action Plan for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 was reviewed; it will be subject to continual adjustment in response to the continuing impact of the pandemic on international travel.

In 2019 a committee was formed to address the growing pressure on amateur spectrum allocations, particularly the secondary

allocations, at 144 MHz and above. The committee reported on its work to date in defining present and future spectrum requirements. Additional information will be sought from the amateur community on how this spectrum is being utilized.

The AC received and discussed an in-depth report from its Working Group on the Future of IARU and agreed to steps for evolving toward a more flexible organization and strengthened relationships with all stakeholders in the global amateur radio community and telecommunications ecosystem.

An application for IARU membership from the Amateur Radio Union of the Kyrgyz Republic was received and will be submitted to the member-societies for approval.

Noting the many ways that the global amateur radio community has responded positively to the challenges posed by the pandemic, the AC agreed to develop a related theme for World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2021.

AC members attending the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; regional representatives Don Beattie, G3BJ, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, George Gorsline, VE3YV, Wisnu Widjaja, YB0AZ, and Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. Participating as observers were regional executive committee members Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR, Mats Espling, SM6EAN, Jose Arturo Molina, YS1MS, Jay Bellows, K0QB, and Peter Young, VK3MV, and IARU Assistant Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN.

Additional virtual meetings of the AC will be scheduled in the coming months. It is hoped that an in-person meeting can be held in October 2021.

Dave, K1ZZ

IARU Region 1 Virtual General Conference Oct 16, 2020

After six days of hard work the IARU Region 1 Virtual General Conference closed this afternoon.

During the week, discussions on papers submitted by Member Societies, the Executive Committee and other parts of IARU resulted in some 50 Recommendations to the Final Plenary Meeting in areas of finance, HF, VHF, EMC, youth and on issues concerning the governance of IARU Region 1.

The Final Plenary was opened by Region 1 President Don Beattie, G3BJ, and some 120 delegates were present. Heads of national delegations considered and voted on the recommendations, which will result in actions and policy changes in IARU Region 1.

The Final Plenary meeting also agreed some new appointments in the Region, to succeed people who were retiring from their roles. The new appointments were:

Chair, IARU Region 1 VHF Committee: Dick Harms, PA2DW
Chair, IARU Region 1 EMC Committee: Dr Wolf Mahr, OE1MHZ;
Chair, IARU Spectrum and Regulatory Liaison Committee: Barry Lewis, G4SJH;
Chair, IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group: Philipp Springer, DK6SP; and
IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Coordinator: Gaspar Miró, EA6AMM

After agreeing the appointments, Don Beattie thanked those retiring – Tore Warren, LA9QL (EMC), Jacques

Verleijen, ON4AVJ (VHF+), Dave Court, EI3IO (SRLC), Lisa Leenders, PA2LS (Youth WG) and Peter Jost, HB9CET, (IARUMS ad-interim). Don recognised the significant contribution each had made in their particular field and wished them well for the future.

In closing the meeting, The Region 1 President looked forward to the planned in-person workshop on the future of amateur radio, to be held in 2021, and expressed the hope that the COVID situation would allow the event to go ahead as early as possible. He challenged member societies before then, to increase their focus on “tomorrow” issues – tomorrow’s people, tomorrow’s technologies, tomorrow’s activities and tomorrow’s ways of communicating with those we represent. He asked societies to speak to their younger members and take account of their views to help reshape their societies for the future.

Looking back on our first Virtual General Conference delegates agreed that it was different from General Conferences held in the past. Although we did not have opportunities for social interaction between delegates, we can look back on a successful and very effective meeting. We are already looking forward to our hopefully in-person workshop in Novi Sad in 2021.

Alex, IV3KKW

IARU Region 2 Executive Committee meets

The IARU Region 2 Executive Committee held its fourth meeting of the year via Zoom in three parts, replacing an in-person meeting not possible due to the pandemic

In addition to the R2 Officers and Directors, observers from the IARU international secretariat and Region 3 Executive Committee was also present.

In the first session on October 21, President Ramón Santoyo XE1KK, reviewed the year since the October 2019 Lima General Assembly, highlighting the new initiatives undertaken by R2, including the appointment of a Youth Liaison and the introduction of the very well attended Workshops. Also noted was the work of the Band Planning Committee coordinating with Regions 1 and 3 on a number of issues, especially the explosive growth in digital modes and R2 participation in a Future Committee to develop a strategy and plans for updating the IARU organization to be more effective in dealing with the challenges of the rapidly evolving telecommunications ecosystem.

In addition to routine business, including a financial update from Mr. Jay Bellows K0QB Treasurer, Secretary George Gorsline VE3YV presented a proposed 2021 strategic plan for discussion. One Item for immediate action was identifying suitable candidates for the R2 Emergency Coordinator (EMCOR) necessitated by the resignation of Dr Cesar Pio Santos, HR1P, after 12 years of service. Member Societies were polled for their suggestions, with a decision to be made at the third session.

Session 2 on October 24th was Coordinators Day. Each of the R2 Coordinators was invited to give a presentation on their function and recent activity. With 12 Coordinators, ranging from CITEL/ITU to Beacon Coordination, the 4-hour session was an education in the breadth of amateur radio activities in R2. The presentations will be posted shortly on www.iaru-r2.org/en website.

IARU R2

IARU Region 2 appoints new Emergency Coordinator

The Executive Committee has appointed **Dr. Carlos A. Santamaria CO2JC** as the new R2 Emergency Coordinator (EMCOR)

The Executive Committee made the appointment after a call to all Member Societies for candidates after the recent retirement of Dr. Cesar Pio Santos HR2P after 12 years of service.

Dr. Santamaria has extensive experience serving as Federacion de Radioaficionados de Cuba coordinator of the National Emergency Network (REN) both in exercises and communications during activations in the event of hurricanes and even earthquakes, maintaining contact with the coordinators of other Caribbean countries to protect emergency frequencies. He also advises the Cuban headquarters of the United Nations Organization on Emergency communications during disasters.

Emergency Coordinators in Member Societies are encouraged to contact Dr. Santamaria to introduce themselves and make any recommendations they may have to improve emergency responsiveness within the Region.

Dr. Santamaria's e-mail address is emcor <at> iaru-r2.org

IARU R2

IARU Region 3 Contacts

Official R3 Contacts. Further information can be found on the Region 3 website: <http://iaru-r3.org/contacts/>

Society Update Officials and Contact Information

As a part of the move to new International and Regional websites, all IARU Member Society information will be hosted on the International Secretariat website. A request is extended to all Region 3 Society Liaison Officers or other responsible officers to ensure that all details about their society is up to date on the listings shown at <http://www.iau.org> under member societies. Some details have not been amended or updated for a number of years and have nonfunctional data.

Please send any updates to the IARU International Secretariat (secretary@iau.org) with a copy to the Region 3 Secretary (secretary@iaru-r3.org)

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