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IARU REGION 3

IARU Region 3 History – The Early Years

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1. Introduction

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A description of the events leading to the formation of what is now known as "IARU Region 3" is given; along with details of the first three historical meetings in 1968, 1971 and 1975 that developed the foundations for our ongoing organisation.

A "Concise History of IARU Region 3" provides the details in table form of the all the Regional Conferences. It includes a record of the Chairman of Directors, Directors and Secretary for each triennium. Key changes in structure and major events are also recorded. *(See Document R3 – 005 Concise History of IARU Region 3).*

2. The Origin of IARU Region 3 – The Early Years

The results of the Geneva 1959 ITU Conference brought under notice the need to enlarge the scope of organizations in safeguarding and defending amateur radio interests in international circles. In our area there was preliminary correspondence on this subject between the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI), the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA), the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) and others. At the conventions of the International Amateur Radio Club (IARC) held in Geneva in 1965 and 1966 the need was expressed for representative international meetings to advance the cause of amateur radio. In June 1966 IARU headquarters brought forward suggestions for a decentralization of IARU activities, with some autonomy to be assured by organizations in the three ITU regions. In 1967 WIA took the initiative and issued an invitation to all country national societies in Region 3 to attend a Region 3 IARU congress in Sydney, to consider all matters of concern to IARU member societies in this part of world, and this meeting took place in April 1968.

Sydney, Australia 1968

WIA made thorough preparations for the Sydney meeting with a view to having fully effective representation. In the course of extensive correspondence, invitations were sent to all discernible points of contact in Region 3, also to IARU Headquarters and others likely to be concerned. In order to consolidate the approach to the business of the meeting WIA proposed that its objectives should be:

a) Ultimate Aim – To establish and maintain continual liaison between Region 3 countries with a view to presenting a united front at future ITU conferences and to maintain a program of assistance to developing countries.

b) Immediate Aim – At Sydney in 1968, to establish an administrative and organizational framework to enable the achievement of the ultimate aim, following perhaps the pattern of Region 1 and Region 2.

The participants were representatives of Australia (WIA), Japan (JARL), New Zealand (NZART), Philippines (PARA) and the President of IARU (W0DX). Support for the meeting and apologies from Ceylon, India, South Korea, Laos, Thailand, United Kingdom and Hong Kong. W0DX was appointed to preside.

It was soon apparent that the four Region 3 Societies present were going to achieve the "immediate aim", but the exact manner of doing so gave rise to complications owing to the special characteristics of our region compared with the other two. Matters that had to be considered were the subjects of comprehensive documentation prepared before the meeting notably:

"Geographical and statistical study of region 3" from WIA

"Conditions affecting the development of amateur radio in Region 3" and,

"Desirable organizational arrangements for ITU Region 3" from NZART

These documents highlighted a number of special features in our task that our eventual conclusions would have to take account of. Some of these were:

1. Region 3 is very wide spread extending half way round the world and having areas in the tropics and both temperature zones.

2. Region 3 contains half the world's population, but has the lowest resources per capita in its overall economy.

3. The meagre attendance at Sydney indicated the difficulty of meeting travelling expenses in such a wide-flung region.

4. The societies represented at Sydney all came from the Pacific Ocean area and could not properly represent other societies of Asia.

5. To do what should be done for amateur radio in Region 3 was a mammoth task, to which those present could well contribute, but for which they could not assume full responsibility.

6. Recognising the important voting strength of Region 3 governments in ITU conferences a most important objective was to influence them towards favourable amateur radio policies, even in advance of practical progress in the respective countries.

7.   Organisation could only be achieved with some expenses and funds would have to come from the societies represented at Sydney.

8.   A regional organization could promote periodic meetings of Region 3 society representatives, to advance IARU objectives, such meetings fulfilling a need not otherwise provided for in the overall IARU set-up.

It was decided to form a Region 3 organisation, its aim being "to assist the officers and Headquarters of the IARU in their objectives." In view of the discussions it was not desired to promote a decentralising of IARU activities, which might repose undue burdens on the regional body, and in these circumstances it became known as "The IARU Region 3 Association" (now IARU Region 3).

A Board of Directors was appointed consisting of a representative of each of the societies present plus the President of IARU, and WIA undertook the Secretarial work. It was agreed that financial contributions would come from the four founding Societies in proportion to their resources. Rules for the new organization would be prepared by the directors and secretary for approval at the next meeting in 1971, and an invitation was extended by JARL for this to be held in Tokyo.

Tokyo, Japan 1971

The participants were Australia (WIA), Hong Kong (HARTS), India (ARSI), Japan (JARL), New Zealand (NZART) and Philippines (PARA). Also the President of IARU, W0DX, and ad hoc proxy arrangements were made for the participation of ARRL.

The President of the host society JA1AN was appointed honorary chairman of the conference, the President IARU, W0DX was appointed chairman.

After preliminary business to clarify the status of the conference and credentials of participants, business sessions commenced and these covered practically all aspects of the promotion of IARU objectives in the region, under the headings:

*Organisation of Region 3 Association

*Constitution

*Rules of Procedure

*Inter-Conference Arrangements

*Objectives of the Association

*Review of Operating and Licensing Standards

Good progress was made on all subjects. In regard to the operations of the Region 3 association, the actions taken at Sydney were consolidated and improved upon. Reference is made here to two important topics studied and acted upon at Tokyo.

First, in the organisation of the association, a constitution, designed to meet all foreseen requirements was adopted. This also had attached to it its rules of procedure, to cover a detailed approach to conferences in the future. This action provided properly defined guidelines for all concerned in the running of the organization and for its expansion as an influential part of amateur radio in Asia and the Far East and for collaboration with similar movements in other parts of the world.

Then, the conference dealt with the subject of the forthcoming ITU space conference due to be held in Geneva about two months later. The IARU president emphasised the great importance of IARU observer participation at Geneva. He sought participation in it of the Region 3 organization. This presented the Tokyo meeting with something of a hurdle as the association was not in a financial position at that time to meet the costs of representation. It was decided to arrange participation by a representative of the Region 2 association even though this meant incurring debts to do so. This was subsequently done and turned out to achieve the desired result satisfactorily.

The newly adopted constitution and regulations adopted at Tokyo defined the program of development for the association and how it was to be carried out by the officers appointed. For the next conference it was decided that participating societies should meet all expenses incurred. At Sydney and Tokyo the host societies had met all local expenses of delegates, a substantial, generous action that contributed directly to the success of the formative stage of the association. For the planned next conference in three or four years time the invitation was accepted for the host to be the Hong Kong Society (HARTS).

So the Tokyo 1971 conference was marked by an improvement in organizational arrangements for the continuing work of the association and for its first substantive work in pursuance of its objectives.

Hong Kong 1975

The third conference of the association was held in Hong Kong in March 1975. It was the first conference to be called and conducted under the terms of the written Constitution and Rules, a definite advantage in making the best use of the time available.

The participants were Australia (WIA) (with a proxy of RSSL), Hong Kong (HARTS), Japan (JARL), Malaysia (MARTS), New Zealand (NZART), Philippines (PARA), Singapore (SARTS), Thailand (RAST), and USA (ARRL). Also present were the President of IARU VE3CJ, three directors of the association and the secretary. Observers were also present from Brunei and Indonesia.

The main feature of the Hong Kong conference was the manner in which numerous important topics were presented and dealt with. With the direct benefits of progress made at Sydney and Tokyo, preoccupation with organizational matters was avoided. As part of extensive preliminary work by the secretary, and others, a comprehensive agenda was soon adopted. Many of the items were supported by documentation already circulated. Practically every aspect of the welfare of amateur radio had some place in the proceedings. Representatives of societies described the status of amateur radio in their countries and brought forward topics relating to the work of association. Three directors and the secretary each presented reports. A special report relating to the space conference 1971 was given by director Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ who had participated on behalf of the Region 3 association as an IARU observer at the conference. The secretary reviewed the financial situation and brought forward proposals for the ensuing three years.

After detailed work in five working groups, satisfactory conclusions were reached on all outstanding questions. An important advance was the offer by JARL to undertake the production of a "Region 3 News" booklet. The next conference was proposed to be held in Bangkok, Thailand around October 1978.

The Hong Kong conference was up to the high expectations of all concerned. It demonstrated a degree of maturity in the development of the IARU Region 3 Association, and this led to confidence for the future. It was noteworthy that the local arrangements for the conference were eminently satisfactory and were carried out by one of the smaller societies, HARTS.

3. Ongoing Development

Triennial conferences have been held since then at regular 3 – yearly intervals to decide on the directors for the next triennium, to review work done and decide on policies and priorities for the future.

4. List of Directors Since Inception

The following table lists the Directors of IARU Region 3 since inception:

Conference	Directors
Sydney 1968	JARL (Kan Mizoguchi JA1BK), WIA (John Battrick VK3OR), NZART (Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ), PARA (Emilio Asistores DU1EA), President IARU (Bob Denniston W0DX)
Tokyo 1971	Kan Mizoguchi JA1BK, Michael Owen VK3KI, Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ, Bob Denniston W0DX
Hong Kong 1975	Masami Saito JH3PJE, Michael Owen VK3KI, Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ, Tan Lian 9V1ODX
Bangkok 1978	Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, Michael Owen VK3KI, Tom Clarkson ZL2AZ, Jose Tupaz DU1JJT
Manila 1982	Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, Michael Owen VK3KI, Arthur Godfrey ZL1HV, Jose Gonzalez DU1JMG, **Chairman:** David Rankin 9V1RH/VK3QV
Auckland 1985	Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, Michael Owen VK3KI, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, D.D. Devan 9M2DD, **Chairman:** David Rankin 9V1RH/VK3QV
Seoul 1988	Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, David Wardlaw VK3ADW, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, D.D. Devan 9M2DD, **Chairman:** David Rankin 9V1RH/VK3QV
Bandung 1991	Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, David Wardlaw VK3ADW, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ, Sangat Singh 9M2SS, **Chairman:** David Rankin 9V1RH/VK3QV
Singapore 1994	Yoshiji Sekido JJ1OEY, Young-Soon Park HL1IFM, David Rankin 9V1RH/VK3QV, Sangat Singh 9M2SS, **Chairman:** Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ

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Beijing 1997	Yoshiji Sekido JJ1OEY, Young-Soon Park HL1IFM, David Wardlaw VK3ADW, Sangat Singh 9M2SS, **Chairman:** Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ
Darwin 2000	Yoshiji Sekido JJ1OEY, Young-Soon Park HL1IFM, Peter Naish VK2BPN, K.C. Selvadurai 9V1UV, **Chairman:** Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ
Taipei 2003	Yoshiji Sekido JJ1OEY, Young-Soon Park HL1IFM (Moved to Chairman), K.C. Selvadurai 9V1UV, Chandru Ramchandra VU2RCR, Peter Lake ZL2AZ (Assumed on 2 February 2005) **Chairman:** Peter Naish VK2BPN (Died on 9 January 2005) Young-Soon Park HL1IFM (Assumed on 4 February 2005)
Bangalore 2006	Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Joong-Geung Rhee HL1AQQ, Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN, **Chairman:** Michael Owen VK3KI
Christchurch 2009	Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Joong-Geung Rhee HL1AQQ, Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN, **Chairman:** Michael Owen VK3KI (Died on 22 September 2012) Peter Lake ZL2AZ (Assumed 28 September 2012)
Ho Chi Minh City 2012	Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Joong-Geung Rhee HL1AQQ, Geoff Atkinson VK3TL (Resigned 20 February 2015), Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ **Chairman:** Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN
Bali, Indonesia 2015	Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Joong-Geung Rhee HL1AQQ, Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ, Peter Young VK3MV, Don Wallace ZL2TLL, **Chairman:** Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN
Seoul, Korea 2018	Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP, Peter Young VK3MV (Resigned 28 February 2021), Don Wallace ZL2TLL, Jakkree Hantongkom HS1FVL, Mohd Aris Bin Bernawi 9M2IR **Chairman:** Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ