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Introduction

At the IARU Region 1 Conference of 2011, held in Sun City, South Africa, it was decided to appoint a Youth Coordinator with the following Terms of Reference:

The Region 1 Youth Coordinator is responsible for promoting Amateur Radio Youth Activities in Region 1 through the coordination and engagement with IARU Region 1 member Societies.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Acts as a focal point for advisory on Youth activities within Region 1
2. Encourages Member Societies on promoting Youth in Amateur Radio
3. Supports member societies in developing youth programs
4. Regularly assesses youth activities in Region 1 and develop related action plan
5. Communicates with Member Societies to determine needs and interests of youth
6. Ensures youth activities and related details / updates are regularly communicated to member societies (E-mails, Website etc.)
7. Evaluates the effectiveness of different activities
8. Provides yearly report on youth to Executive Committee and member Societies

Following recommendation SC11_C3_Rec_22, Member Societies have appointed their own National Youth Coordinators. These coordinators work close together. Therefore it is proposed that IARU Region 1 forms a Youth Working Group, with the IARU Region 1 Youth Coordinator as its WG Chairman.

The Youth Working Group will fulfil the tasks mentioned in the Terms of Reference. In addition the Youth Working Group will be responsible for Youngsters on the Air activities. Main activity is YOTA camp held 7 days in summer organized by a member society of IARU Region 1. About 75 young participants from 15 countries are invited to take part in several radio amateur activities. PR of amateur radio will be a main focus during these camps. IARU Region 1 will become main funder of the event with a sponsorship of a maximum of 25 000 CHF per year. Other part is paid by the participants themselves, member societies or other sponsors.

Recommendations

1. To change the name of the Youth Coordinator to Youth Working Group
2. To make the following additions to the Terms of Reference:
 - a. To organize and coordinate Youngsters on the Air activities, including an annual summer event
 - b. The WG Chairman supports and advises the Youngster on the Air summer event host organization of that year. When needed, an advanced visit will take place.
3. To appoint Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, as Chairman of the Youth Working Group
4. To allocate an annual budget.