



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF REGION 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, HELD ON 2 AND 3 MAY 2014 AT THE ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL, PONTA DELGADO, THE AZORES

### Present:

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T  
(Chairman)

Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE

Panayot Danev, LZ1US

Nikola Percin, 9A5W

Anders Larsson, SM6CNN

Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE

Colin Thomas, G3PSM

Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU

Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW

Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM

Rod Stafford, W6ROD

Dennis Green, ZS4BS

(Secretary)

IARU Region 1 President

IARU Region 1 Treasurer

IARU Region 1 EC Member

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IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Manager

IARU Region 1 HF Manager

IARU Region 2 President

IARU Secretary

IARU Region 1 Secretary

### Apologies

Hani Raad, OD5TE

IARU Region 3

IARU Region 1 Vice President

### ITEM 1: WELCOME

1. Opening. Region 1 President, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T opened the meeting at 09:00. He welcomes the EC members and guests to the meeting in the most western part of Region 1. With help of the Tourist Board of the Azores a significant cost reduction has been made possible.

2. Administrative Arrangements. Dennis, ZS4BS gives feedback on the coffee breaks and lunch. The EC will visit the local radio club on Friday evening.

3. Roll Call. Dennis, ZS4BS, held roll call. Hani Raad, OD5TE, and IARU Region 3 tendered apologies.

4. Approval of the Agenda. The Agenda for the meeting is approved.

5. Silent Keys. The following silent keys were noted and the meeting paused for a moment of silence and remembrance. R.J. "Tim" Hughes, G3GVV; Hubert Walcott Benjamin Sr., EL2BA and John Huntoon, W1RW.

### ITEM 2: 2013 EC MEETING

6. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the 2013 Region 1 EC meeting held in Reykjavik, Iceland on 4 and 5 May 2013 were published on the Region 1 web site and accepted as read. (Paper EC14\_2.1)

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7. Matters Arising.
  - a. None.

### ITEM 3: EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

8. Colin, G3PSM, discussed the ERC report, Paper EC14\_03.
  - a. WG FM – Three meetings were attended by LZ1US and reports circulated. LZ1US represented IARU region 1 in Project Team 52 dealing with 2 300 – 2 400 MHz
  - b. CEPT WGFM Civil/Military Meeting. This group met in November 2013 and was attended by PB2T and LZ1US
  - c. RAFG – Peter Frey, HB9MQM, continues to liaise with Alexander Gulyaev at the ECO following the ECO reorganisation. The RAFG is primarily a correspondence group under the umbrella of WGFM, however HB9MQM has travelled to Copenhagen and met with Alexander during this report period. It should be noted that Mr Gulyaev will be leaving his post during the summer of 2014.
  - d. CPG – This is the CEPT top tier group dealing with ITU WRC matters and has held a further two meetings during this report period. Both meetings were attended by PB2T, as CEPT Co-ordinator for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.4.
  - e. Working Group Spectrum Management (WGSE). G6JYB, continues to cover the work of this group particularly that of study group SE24 dealing with Short Range Devices (SRDs). Much of the work of this group has been carried out via web meetings however the following meetings were attended -
    - a. 2,3 / 2,4 GHz MBANS
    - b. 5,7 GHz WIA - Wireless Industrial Automation
    - c. WI50/51 on 77 GHz Helicopter and Fixed Infrastructure radars (which are drawing on WRC AI 1.18 moves)
  - d. CPG Project A. AI 9.1.8 and AI 10. This Project Team is dealing with two agenda items of interest to the amateur services – A.I. 9.1.8 Regulatory aspects for nano and pico-satellites, and A.I. 10 Future WRC Agenda Items.
  - f. CPG Project Team C. CPG PT-C is dealing with WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.4: to consider possible new allocation to the amateur service on a secondary basis within the band 5 250 - 5 450 kHz in accordance with Resolution 649 (WRC 12) and Agenda item 1.18 to consider a primary allocation to the radiolocation service for automotive applications in the 77,5 – 78,0 GHz frequency band in accordance with Resolution 654 (WRC 12). PTC meetings were attended by PB2T
  - g. Working Party 1A (WP1A). G4FSU, attends this group as an IARU delegate. Work continues on establishing noise floor standards with ongoing talks between ITU-R and ITU-T. The annual meeting of this group took place in Geneva during June 2013. Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, has now retired from this work.
  - h. Working Party 5A (WP5A). The 5A1 Working Group on amateur matters is now chaired by Dale Hughes, VK1DSH. Recommendation ITU-R M. [VARICODE] - Telegraphic alphabet for data

<p>communication by phase shift keying at 31 baud, was finalized and approved by WP5A. This Recommendation now carries the designation M.2034. Work was also completed on updated the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services Handbook which was still awaiting publication at the time of writing. It is hoped this document will soon be available as a free-of-charge download. Finally WP5A is responsible for drafting the CPM (Conference Preparatory Meeting) text for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.4</p>	For Action
<p>i. Work continues on Agenda Items 1.4 (5 MHz) and 1.18 (77,5 – 78,0 GHz). At this stage it is too early to forecast any outcome of ongoing discussions</p>	
<p>9. <u>Panel of Experts - Paper EC14_03.4.</u> All MS were contacted by G3PSM asking for nominations for Region 1 experts. Nominations received from ARSK, IRTS and PZK. The EC appoints David Court, EI3IO, and Enrico Li Perni, 5Z4ES, as IARU Region 1 experts. Brendan Minnish, EI6IZ, will be involved in standardisation under the EMC and/or PRC WG. The Secretary will send appointment papers to these members.</p>	ZS4BS
<p>10. PB2T will contact PZK on their nomination.</p>	PB2T
<p>11. Additional resources need to be found to support G6JYB in CEPT WGSE.</p>	
<p>12. OE1MCU suggests that the Region 1 looks at having one person to attend meetings on an ongoing basis for continuity. The meeting sees the benefit of having one or two permanent representatives from IARU Region 1. However IARU Region 1 can't afford a full time professional. PB2T when handing over responsibilities to his successor (in October 2014) will further discuss this.</p>	PB2T
<p>13. Member societies play an important role in the communication with administrations and Standardisation bodies. Where Member societies are not always in a position to fully understand the supporting documents it was suggested to provide an executive summary with the letter covering these documents.</p>	
<p>14. WRC-15. There are two items of concern – AI 1.4 and AI 1.18. AI 1.4 deals with a possible secondary allocation in the 5 MHz band – PB2T gives an update. AI 1.18 deals with the use of automotive radar in the band 77,5 to 78,0 GHz. And AI 9.1.8</p>	
<p>15. WRC-18/19. IARU Region 1 made a proposal to CEPT for future Agenda Items. The proposal covers allocations in the band 1800-2000 kHz, 50-52 MHz and 3400-3410 MHz. It should be noted that these proposal require the support of CEPT administrations.</p>	
<p>16. CubeSats. ITU-R WP 7B studies regulatory aspects of small satellites. PB2T is the IARU representative</p>	
<p>17. Regional Telecommunications Organisations. There are four RTOs in the Region: the Arab Spectrum Management Group; the African Telecommunications Union; CEPT and the RCC. The Region has inputs in three of the RTOs</p>	
<p><b>ITEM 4: POLITICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE</b></p>	
<p>18. Thilo, DL9KCE, presented document EC_14_04 10.8 on the work of the PRC, including European policy (covered by DL9KCE), the Radio</p>	

Spectrum Policy Program (covered by G6JYB and ON4AVJ) and smart grid and - metering (covered by EI8BP). DL8DMA serves the PRC by searching a huge number of relevant internet sources.

19. The final versions of the EMC directive and Radio Equipment Directive were issued. In the next two years these directives will be converted into national law. Member Societies will need to keep a close look on this conversion. The PRC can help if needed.

20. Amateur Radio was no longer visible as part of one of the fourteen different categories of the Radio Spectrum Policy Program. A letter to Commissioner Neelie Kroes finally opened the door to the commission specialist on spectrum. In a talk with him it was agreed with that G6JYB will present the amateur interests to the Radio Spectrum Committee.

21. New technology developments are being monitored. For example Smart Grid is not (yet) dangerous for spectrum usage. Policy on wireless power transfer (for electric cars and busses) will keep us busy next term.

#### **ITEM 5: HF COMMITTEE**

22. HF Manager. Ulrich, DK4VW, presented the HF Report (EC14\_05). Main concerns are harmonisation of the 40 metre band with Regions 2 and 3 and the response from member societies on the national status of the 160 metre band.

#### **ITEM 6: VHF/UHF/MICROWAVE COMMITTEE**

23. VHF/UHF/Microwave Manager. Michael, OE1MCU, discussed the VHF report. (EC14\_06). Main concern is the pressure on microwave spectrum.

24. OE1MCU has indicated that he will be stepping down at the Region 1 General Conference.

25. Internal C5 discussions in preparation of the general conference are facilitated by using a closed wiki.

#### **ITEM 7: WORKING GROUPS**

26. ARDF. LZ1US presents the report (Paper EC14\_07.1 and 07.1a). ARDF WG proposes a change to the Terms of Reference; the EC decides that the proposal will go forward to the General Conference. The EC appointed PA Nordwaeger, SM0BGU, for the chairman of the International Jury of the World ARDF Championships and Panayot Danev, LZ1US, as chairman of the International Jury of the Youth ARDF Championships.

27. ARSPEX. 9A5W presents the report (EC14\_07.2). Gaston has indicated that he will not stand for re-election.

28. EMC. DL9KCE presents the report (EC14\_07.3) and highlighted the various CISPR committees and the work done.

29. EMERCOM. LZ1US presents the report (EC14\_07.4). G0DUB to meet Commissioner Georgieva at the General Conference. It is noted that Global SET loses in popularity. GAREC was well attended with an interesting program.

30. HST. LZ1US presents the report (EC14\_07.5). The EC appoints Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO, as chairman of the International Jury for the Region 1 HST Championship. No suitable software package has been

found to support HST and ARDF events.

31. IARUMS, 9A5W presents the report (EC14\_07.6). The EC complements the the Region 1 Monitoring System on the work. The EC has a concern about over the horizon radar. It was decided that LZ1US will approach the Russian administration about taxis on the 10 metre band.

32. IPHA, SM6CNN presents the report (EC14\_07.7). Liaison with Youth co-ordinator to involve IPHA activities. The GC to decide if we want to continue with a separate coordinator.

33. Regulatory Affairs, G3PSM presented the report (EC14\_07.8). Negotiations with Japan regarding T/R 61-01 continue. The ECO web-site provides a link to the document ***Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur***.

34. STARS, PB2T presents the report (EC14\_07.9). It is felt that more STARS activities could be deployed.

35. Youth, PB2T presents the report (EC14\_07.10). Nominations for the Outstanding Ham Youth Award are sent to PA2LS. The EC approves funding of ZS6YH to attend YOTA. PB2T will attend YOTA on behalf of EC.

#### **ITEM 8: FINANCIAL REPORT**

36. Financial Reports. HB9JOE presents the financial papers, including the audited financial report of the previous year and the budget for the next three years (Paper EC14\_08.00 and 08.1). HB9JOE is thanked for a job well done.

#### **ITEM 9: IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MATTERS**

37. The Administrative Council will meet on 27 and 28 September 2014 in Varna-Albena, just after the Region 1 General Conference. The International Secretariat is preparing for the AC meeting. Regional report and other input are due to IS on 15 July 2014.

#### **ITEM 10: REPORTS FROM EC MEMBERS**

38. Hans, PB2T. The report was received, read and noted.

39. Hani, OD5TE. PB2T gives feedback on his meeting with OD5TE in Beirut in April 2014.

40. Dennis, ZS4BS. The report was received, read and noted.

41. Andy, HB9JOE. Nothing further to report.

42. Niksa, 9A5W. Report received, read and noted.

43. Anders, SM6CNN. Report received, read and noted. SM6CNN has indicated he will not be standing for the new EC.

44. Panayot, LZ1US. Report received, read and noted.

45. Thilo, DL9KCE. Report received, read and noted.

46. Colin, G3PSM. Nothing further to report.

#### **ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM IS, REGION 2, REGION 3**

47. Agenda 10.a. IS Report. W6ROD, delivers a verbal report. He thanks Region 1 for the invitation to attend the EC meeting. The ARRL is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. The Region 2 EC will be meeting just before the ARRL celebration. W6ROD is busy with a project on an emergency communications handbook. The document is with the regional emergency co-ordinators for review and comments. It is planned to adopt the handbook at the September AC meeting.

48. W6ROD discusses the work being done by the IARU officers on

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the second society issue.

49. Agenda 10.b. Region 2 Report. A verbal report was given by the Region 2 President, Reinaldo, YV5AM. The Region 2 General Conference was held in Cancun, Mexico in September 2013. Most Region 2 Societies are active. The concern of the Region is the 60 metre band and societies are being asked to support the Region in its work.

50. Agenda 10.c. Region 3 Report. The report was received, and read by ZS4BS.

#### **ITEM 12: DEVELOPMENT**

51. In addition to the STARS report it should be noted that development is not limited to African countries. Several member societies in the Eastern part of the Region deserve our attention.

#### **ITEM 13: CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

52. 14 and 15 June - Region 3 Directors meeting

53. 27 to 29 June - Ham Radio, Friedrichshafen

54. 6 to 10 July - 15<sup>th</sup> Youth ARDF Championships Bulgaria

55. 15 and 16 July - Region 2 EC Meetings and ARRL centennial

56. 15 to 22 July - Youngsters on the Air

57. 6 to 13 September - World ARDF Championships in Kazakhstan,

58. 12 to 16 September - HST Championship in Montenegro

59. 20 to 26 Sept - Region 1 General Conference

60. 27-28 Sept - AC meeting in Albena

#### **ITEM 14: IARU REGION 1 CONFERENCE 2014**

61. ZS4BS together with LZ1US inspected the facilities for the IARU Region 1 Conference. The arrangements were found suitable. An afternoon partner programs will be organised.

62. The outline budget for 2014 to 2017 is discussed. HST and ARDF WG to provide information on how money for championships is spent.

63. Attendance. So far 58 Member Societies have registered. Those who do not plan to attend will receive a reminder to send a proxy.

64. Member societies who indicated that they would like to host a future conference will receive guidelines for their presentation.

65. Visa. Letter to societies who require a visa

66. Future EC. ERC and PRC chairmen. The following EC members plan to stand for re-election ZS4BS, G3PSM, DL9KCE. Of particular concern is the succession of the treasurer. PB2T will send out a paper.

67. Requests for Support were considered. ZS4BS will inform member societies concerned. Where airline tickets are involved BFRA will assist with the bookings.

68. Timetable. Discussed

69. Conference papers. discussed

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### ITEM 15: MEMBER SOCIETY ISSUES

70. A number of MS are struggling to perform their duties as representatives of the radio amateurs in their countries. In some countries multiple societies exist. In some cases there is good cooperation with the IARU member society, in other cases not. At the General Conference, there will be a workshop that will address this.

71. Kosovo. The meeting discusses the application of the Kosovo member society SHRAK for membership of the IARU. The EC agrees to accept the application of SHRAK. The Secretary will forward the application to the IS for publication in the calendar.

72. Tunisia. PB2T discusses the report of his recent visit to Tunisia and meeting with the authorities and the two societies, ARAT and AS-TRA. The EC is of the view that our current member society is CAST (Club Central Amateur Radio Scout Tunisien). PB2T will contact the Leader of the Tunisian Scout Organisation for his guidance.

73. Morocco. HB9JOE will provide facts about last payment of Morocco ARRAME. PB2T and ZS4BS will prepare a request to the AC to suspend the membership of ARRAME.

74. Georgia. NARG has not paid its dues since 2006. ZS4BS will prepare a note to the AC to suspend the membership.

### ITEM 16: NEXT EC MEETING

75. The next EC meeting will be held prior to our General Conference in Albena on Saturday 20 September 2014.

### ITEM 17: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

76. IARU's 2014 70 MHz European Initiative. G3PSM introduces the paper EC14\_03.3. A growing number of countries allow amateurs to operate in the 70 MHz band. G3PSM, DK4VW, and EI3IO will work together to propose an upgrade of ECA footnote EU9 into a regular allocation in the European Common Frequency table.

77. IARC Letter. A letter from the International Amateur Radio Club (4U1ITU) expressing their thanks was noted.

### ITEM 19: CLOSURE

78. The meeting closed at 16:00, with a big thank you to Francisco Fernandes Gil, CU2DX, José Silva Melo, CU2CE, and the Azores Tourist Board.

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