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In this edition of IARU Region 1 News we mainly focus on a report covering the EC meeting which was held at the end of April 2002 in San Marino.

As the meeting progressed, the Executive Committee members shared a growing concern that in many of our societies not every thing is well. While only a few societies have reported membership gains, the membership of many others is static and several societies have reported membership losses.

The old saying "there is strength in numbers" cannot describe the current world situation better.

National Societies represent Amateurs in their country while though membership of the IARU these members are represented at international forums by the IARU.

We, the IARU and National Member Societies have thus a joint responsibility towards Amateur Radio, its growth and its future.

It's not a question of the IARU will take care of everything and protect Amateur Radio and its main assets: Frequency Spectrum. We can only

do that together, strong National Member Societies and representation by all in the IARU.

It is therefore of as much interest to the IARU that National Members Societies prosper. Without them there is no IARU

We will spend a large part of our IARU Liaison Officer workshop, to be held on the Sunday evening of the Region 1 Conference on membership development. It is of paramount importance that as many as possible delegates participate in the workshop to share ideas on how to turn the tide around and once again see member societies and the IARU grow to ensure continued support for the Amateur Service at even more intense levels than in the past.

The conference itself is of equal importance. Many decisions have to be made, decisions that must support the future growth of Amateur Radio. There is much preparation needed to make the 2002 Region 1 Conference the success the Amateur Radio Service deserves.

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Lou van de Nadort PA0LOU

INTERNATIONAL
AMATEUR RADIO UNION
Region 1 Conference
2002

*San Marino 10 -15
November 2002*

Host Society

The conference will be hosted by
ARRSM (Associazione Radioamatori
Della Repubblica di San Marino

Venue

Casa San Giuseppe
Via delle Felci, 3, 47893
Valdragone, Repubblica di San
Marino
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Conference Papers

The conference papers are being
finalised and will soon be distributed.
The papers will be marked for
consideration by the following
Committees:

- Committee 2 Financial
- Committee 3 Organisational
- Committee 4 HF matters
- Committee 5 VHF/UHF and
Microwave
- The Specialised Bodies,
- The Administrative Council,
- The International Secretariat and
- The other IARU Regions.

Conference Language

The business of the Conference will be
conducted in the English language.
Simultaneous translation equipment will
be provided by ARSM for use by those
Societies whose delegation includes an
interpreter and you are asked to say if
you wish to use this facility on form
02/SM/2. The Executive Committee
recommends that, wherever possible,

delegates appointed to attend the
Conference should have a working
knowledge of the English language.

Accommodation

The approximate cost of the hotel **per
person, per day:**

Single room: CHF 175
Double room: CHF 140
Family room: CHF 125.

The above prices are for full board i.e.
breakfast, lunch, dinner, and two coffee
breaks every day of the Conference.

The cost of the Final Dinner is CHF 55,
and lunch on day of arrival is CHF 35.
These costs also include mineral water
and a quarter litre of wine or beer.

Conference Programme

Saturday 9 November 2002
Arrival and registration

Sunday 10 November 2002 10:00
Opening Plenary

Sunday 10 November 2002 20:00

IARU Liaison Officer's Workshop

Monday 11 November 2002
all day Committee Meetings

Tuesday 12 November 2002
all day Committee Meetings

Wednesday 13 November 2002
all day Committee Meetings

Thursday 14 November 2002
Optional tour

Friday 15 November 2002
Final Plenary and Conference Dinner

Saturday 16 November 2002=
Departure of Delegates

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
THE HOTEL CASA SAN GIUSEPPE,
REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO
APRIL 26-29, 2002.**

Present:

L. van de Nadort, PA0LOU Chairman
Mustafa Diop, 6W1KI Vice
Chairman

Elisee Bismuth, F6DRV Treasurer
R.J. (Tim) Hughes, G3GVV Secretary

Members:

Ole Garpestad, LA2RR
Hans v.d.Groenendaal, ZS6AKV
Karl Voegele, DK9HU
A.Razak A.Al-Shawarzi, A41JT

Visitors:

Larry Price, W4RA IARU President
Rod Stafford, W6ROD Secretary R2
Young-Soon Park, HL1IFM
Director R3

Minute Taker: Audrey Jefcoate
(Region 1 Office Manager)

Agenda item:

1. Opening of the meeting:

The meeting opened at 09.00 hours on Friday 26th April, 2002.

It was noted that A41JT would not arrive until the 27th due to business commitments, and that F6DRV had to leave late on the 28th.

The Chairman asked for a Minutes Silence in memory of known radio amateurs who had past away since our last meeting. Specially mentioned were Philip Lessig, DK3LP, who was President of DARC for several years, Ron Glaisher, G6LX, Region 1 Contest Manager, who stood down at the Lillehammer Conference, and TA2BK, Bahri Kacan, former President of TRAC.

2. Welcome to visitors:

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Larry Price, W4RA, IARU President, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Region 2 Secretary, and Young-Soon Park, HL1IFM Director Region 3.

3. Apologies for absence:

It was regretted that Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM would not be able to attend.

4. Arrangements for the Meeting:

The meeting would commence daily at 09.00 hours. Arrangements had been made by the host Society, ARRSM to view the Meeting Rooms for the forthcoming Region 1 General Conference in November, on Saturday afternoon, and also to view the San Marino Congress Hall, where the Opening Plenary and Final Dinner are to be held.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Some re-arrangement of the Agenda was necessary, in order to give time to receive papers from SP5FM, and due to the early departure of the Treasurer, the Financial matters were brought forward for discussion on Sunday morning.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the EC Meeting of 21-24 April, 2001:

These Minutes were approved with the following alterations:

19.5.1 – line 2 to be deleted.

A reminder of the decision taken at the EC meeting at Tours was that the distributed agenda should include a list of all necessary documents. These are to be numbered for easy reference.

11.3 – ARDF – to be amended:
LA2RR attended the 21st Plenary Meeting of Region 1 ARDG WG as the

representative from his Society, as there was no budget available from Region 1. Regrettably travel expenses for DL5NBZ to the 10th ARDF Championships in Nanjing, China could not be covered by Region 1. DL5NBZ managed to benefit from a national sponsor and took part, representing Region 1. The Championship has been reported in the Region 1 ARDF INFO Newsletter. This was welcomed by the EC and it was hoped that the decision by the Lillehammer Conference to reduce the financial support for activities such as ARDF, would be reversed.

A comprehensive report from the first European Youngster ARDF Championships 2000 has been received from the Czech Society, CRC. The Polish Society, PZK, will host the 2nd EYAC in the first week of July 2001.

The following recommendations put forward by DL5NBZ were all agreed, but with the word "European" replaced by "Region 1" in all references to the Championships. LA2RR was tasked to clear this change with the ARDF WG Chairman.

ACTION LA2RR

Recommendation 1:

It is recommended to the EC to give a special permit to use the procedure at the IARU Region 1 European Championships in 2001 to prepare the starting list as described in the draft of the „New Rules,, Part B Appendix 5.

Recommendation 2:

It is recommended to the EC to give a special permit to use the categories according to Part B 14, of the draft of the „New Rules,, at the IARU Region 1 European Championships in 2001.

Recommendation 3:

It is recommended to support the French Society, REF, with 1500 CHF to

organise the ARDF Region 1 Championships in 2002.

Recommendation 4:

It is recommended that the Chairman of IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group will be the Chairman of the International Jury at the 13th Region 1 European ARDF Championships 2000 in France.

Recommendations in connection with Region 1 European Youngsters ARDF Championships:

Recommendation 5:

It is recommended to make the European/IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships a permanent IARU Region 1 event. It is very important for the sports growth of young radio amateurs to have an opportunity to compare their performance.

EC's comment: This should be put forward to the next Region 1 Conference for future decision after 2002.

Recommendation 6:

It is recommended to organise an European/IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships every year because of the short "life" of the youngsters' category (they usually start run at 4 top level at the age of 13 and 2-3 years later are moved into the Juniors category).

Recommendations in connection with the official home page of IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group:

Recommendation 7:

It is recommended to link the official home page of IARU Region 1 ARDF WG (www.ardf-r1.org) with the home page of IARU Region 1.

Although a new, additional Championship has been agreed, the annual subsidy from Region 1 for Championships remains at CHF 1500 p.a. (N.B. we should have at this

meeting a Budget for 2001 and a projected Budget for 2002).

The ARDF Report was accepted and the EC thanked DL5NZ for the extensive information supplied and the EC wished ARDF well for the coming events.

On LA2RR's direct question about the IARU Region 1 flag donated by NRRL, PA0LOU reported that the flag had not been returned after an ARDF Championship several years ago and as an intensive search had not revealed it, it was considered lost.

7. **Matters Arising:**

It was decided that a News Release would be prepared at the end of the Meeting for immediate distribution.

8. (a) **Report of the Secretary:**

G3GVV gave his report. He requested more information on the meetings that EC members attended. (ZS6AKV recalled this matter being discussed at last year's meeting and said that obviously PR was not happening. LA2RR said progress is being made in this direction, but we need to work harder to inform Societies what is happening and greater attention should be made in Region 1 News).

(b) It was agreed that the Member Societies need to be better informed on all aspects of IARU, and the work it is doing.

Several Societies had applied to join IARU and the EC approved the application for IARU membership from ARTJ, the Cameroun Society. The decision on a number of other applications had to be postponed until the documentation needed has been completed. An application for membership by the "Council of Europe Radio Club TP2CE" was found not to be in accordance with Article 11.2 of the IARU Constitution and could not be accepted. They will be notified by the Secretary.

ACTION G3GVV.

The Secretary was thanked by the EC for his report.

To receive the reports of EC Members on visits to other Regions.

DK9HU gave an account on Hamradio, Friedrichshafen.

Regrettably the Chairman and Secretary were unable to attend the AC Meeting and R2 Conference held in Guatemala. However, LA2RR reported on the new_elected Region 2 Board of Directors and gave a resume of his observations of the Conference, and the decisions reached. LA2RR referred to an article in QST of February 2002 which gives a good summary of the many points raised and LA2RR said how impressed he was by the way R2 handle two languages at the same time.

Member Societies:

10.1: To receive reports on the amateur radio situation and/or problems in Region 1 Member Societies and to discuss associated matters:

ZS6AKV reported that he had resigned from the SARL Council as he was in conflict with the way the organisation was being run. He said that at the SARL AGM a vote was taken to suspend the membership of the IARU because of lack of funds. No official notification had been received from the SARL by the time of the EC meeting. ZS6AKV reported that he had sent a letter of objection to the way the matter was taken to the vote. The item had not appeared on the Agenda but was discussed under the budget item. The SARL is losing membership, which many believed was due to the high membership fee. The meeting had stripped several items of service and cut IARU membership. The saving on IARU membership is approximately R11-50 per member per annum or 5% of the total fee.

The EC having heard from ZS6AKV of the situation within SARL believes that every effort should be taken to impress on SARL members the fact that IARU needs a strong Member Society in South Africa, which has a good relationship with the government, and therefore the EC hopes that SARL will review their decision.

At the same time the EC was asked to decide on possible financial support to send a delegate to the forthcoming Region 1 Conference, however, the EC decided to suspend taking action on this request until (a) the situation within SARL has become more clear and (b) SARL has fulfilled its outstanding financial obligations.

ACTION 6W1KI.

It was agreed that the Treasurer should send SARL a financial statement for the last three years.

ACTION F6DRV

All agreed that a letter should be sent to SARL by the Chairman, PA0LOU; ZS6AKV will keep the EC informed, and the request for financial support for participating in the Region 1 Conference will be a separate item to be dealt with when the situation is more clear.

ACTION PA0LOU & ZS6AKV

W4RA said that similar problems are occurring all round the world mainly due to financial constraints. IARU must bear some of the responsibility in not communicating the work being done and achievements gained. We must ask ourselves "How could we do a better job"? He emphasised the importance of having a strong IARU Member Society in South Africa and urged caution with reference to SARL.

DK9HU reported on the DARC situation on the Morse code. DARC made an opinion poll about Morse. This has shown, that a little more than 50% of

the members would keep the Morse code as a test requirement for HF amateurs. He reported, that the figure of the members of DARC are going down. DARC established a working group to develop proposals, how the figure of the members could be raised in future. He reported also, that there is a great dissatisfaction in DARC about IARU Region 1, and how the Morse code problem was dealt with in Region 1. As a consequence of this dissatisfaction, DARC will not nominate a candidate for the elections of the next EC in San Marino.

DK9HU also reported about a recruiting campaign in Sweden, that hopefully should give SSA a membership increase.

10.2 The outstanding fees for 1997, 1998 and 1999 were all written off.

It was agreed that a letter explaining the effect of non-payment of fees before the start of the Region 1 Conference should accompany all the 2002 invoices.

ACTION F6DRV

Situation regarding Societies:

2000

Italy	write off
Monaco	Treasurer to remind
Morocco	6W1KI to remind
Bulgaria	Financial assistance re
	Conference requested
Belarus	Paid partly for 2001
Mali	Paid to Hans Welens
Tunisia	Paid to 6W1KI
Ethiopia	G3GVV to write re no
	payment
Estonia	2001 not paid
Ghana	not paid
Iraq	41JT to follow up
Liberia	Reminder to be sent to
EL2BA	
Malta	G3GVV to follow up
Mauritius	Reminder to be sent

Portugal	Paid - cheque returned by bank
Qatar	A41JT to follow up
Macedonia	Write off
Gambia	Write off
Czech Rep	Reminder to be sent
South Africa	Outstanding fees, reminder to be sent.
Sierra Leone	Write off
Yugoslavia	Reminder to be sent
Sweden	LA2RR to remind (Office to send new invoices)
Syria	A41JT to remind
Turkey	LA2RR to remind
Ukraine	Requires official stamp on invoices (F6DRV to remind)
Uganda	6W1KI to remind
Congo	6W1KI to pay
Zimbabwe	ZS6AKV to remind
Slovenia	Treasurer to remind

10.3 Application to join from the ARTJ (Cameroun) was approved. The Secretary will take the necessary steps to send the information to the IS for inclusion in the Calendar. The EC is satisfied that the Application meets the IARU Constitution and Bye-Laws.
ACTION G3GVV

Applications are in hand from Libya, Georgia, Armenia, Madagascar, Kazakhstan and it is hoped that these Societies will soon be able to supply the necessary paperwork to enable proceedings to start in regard to their joining IARU.

11.1 HF Committee:

The report from ON7LX was received. At the request of the EC the HFWG arranged an HF-meeting during Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen in 2001. This was to compensate for the cancelled "Vienna-meeting". The meeting dealt primarily with WRC-03 matters as well as the proposal from SP5FM to appoint an IARU Region 1 LF rapporteur. W4RA was concerned that there was no mention of any of the issues about 7MHz in the HF WG Chairman's Report. The EC considered that the HF Chairman's Report did not contain

enough detail. The Secretary to advise ON7LX.

W4RA said that the IS did not receive a copy of HF Newsletters and the HF WG Chairman should be asked to add the President and the IS to the mailing list.
ACTION: ON7LX/OFFICE

The Secretary would write to both the HF and VHF WG Chairmen telling them that the EC had discussed their reports and that there is a feeling that some Societies do not get enough information. It was confirmed that all Newsletters should be received by all Societies as well as being put on the web site.

The Meeting accepted the report from the HF WG Chairman. Following a short discussion, it was decided to allow the budget to cover ON7LX's participation at Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen. The Budget was agreed (2,100 CHF).

VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee:

The EC received the report from the VHF WG Chairman and commended him and his working group for their dedication. The EC accepted a motion of appreciation for the work that PA0EZ is doing to keep the VHF/UHF/Microwave section of the web, which is hosted on his own web site and linked to the IARU Region 1 web, making it up-to-date and interesting.

Budget accepted and agreed. (600 CHF).

ARDF:

It was noted that the word "European" was still left in the title of many of the planned Region 1 ARDF events in spite of the decision at the Oman 2001 EC meeting. The WG chairman must be requested to correct this matter and replace the word "European" with "Region 1" wherever possible.

The following ARDF recommendations were adopted;

1. After proposal from the Region 1 ARDF WG, the following International Class Referees in ARDF were appointed: OK1DRT, SP2FLE, SP2EDA, OM8AA, OM1DX and OM3WSJ
2. After unanimous agreement by the Region 1 ARDF WG and agreement from the ARDF Committees in Region 2 and 3, the EC entitles the Czech Society CRC to be the host of the 12th IARU ARDF World Championships 2004.
3. Following the voting in the Region 1 ARDF WG, the EC entitles the Polish Society PZK, to be the host Society of 2003's 14th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships.
4. The EC confirms the decision of the Region 1 ARDF Working Group to accept the kind offer of the Bulgarian Society BFRA for hosting the 3rd IARU European Youngsters ARDF Championships in 2002. It is furthermore decided that Mr Panayot Danev, LZ1US, will be the chairman of the International Jury during these Championships.
5. After recommendation from the Region 1 ARDF WG, a special permit to use the procedure at the 11th ARDF World Championships 2002 in the Slovak Republic to prepare the starting list as described in the draft of the "New Rules" Part B – Appendix 5 is given by the EC.
6. In the same manner, a special permit to use the categories according to Part B 14, of the draft of the "New Rules" at the 11th ARDF World Championships 2002 in the Slovak Republic, is granted.
7. The CHF 1500 for ARDF Championships for 2002, will be given to SARA in support for the 11th ARDF World Championships 2002.

Working Group, DL5NBZ.. The EC has decided that the Chairman of IARU Region 1 ARDF to be the Chairman of the International Jury at the 11th ARDF World Championships 2002 in the Slovak Republic.

The Budget request was accepted.

The ARDF Convenor was thanked for his report. Budget agreed (3,400 CHF).

11.4 RRWG:

The report from G3HCT was received and the EC thanked him for his efforts. It was agreed that all his Reports on RR-WG should be sent to the IS in future. The essence of the RR matters dealt with in his report will be dealt with under agenda point 12.1.2.

11.5 EMC:

The report received from the EMC WG Chairman will be updated before the conference. A budget for general expenses of 1600 CHF was approved. Other costs to be budgeted in Fund 3.

11.6.1 HST:

The report from the HST Co-ordinator was received which also may serve as his report for the General Conference. No recommendation was in the report. The EC of R1 appoints Belarus as the host of the IARU Championships 4-8 May, 2003 in Minsk. The budget request was agreed, and the EC thanked him for the work done. Budget agreed (600 CHF).

11.6.2 IARU-MS:

The EC thanked G4GKO for all his work. Budget request was agreed. (800 CHF).

11.6.3 IBP:

The EC thanked G3USF for his report and shared his feelings about the enormous success of the NCDX/IBP network. Budget request agreed. (600 CHF).

11.7 IPHA:

with DK9HU, who is co-ordinating the Region 1 work on PLC? ZS6AKV asked for received. The EC thanked PA3ADR for the more PLC-related contributions for Region 1 News. enormous amount of work she had done and shared her hope that someone could be found to continue her good work. The budget request agreed. (600 CHF).

11.8 STARS:

The EC thanked ON6WQ for his extensive report. 6W1KI talked about the school in Senegal, and the Treasurer asked about the expensive equipment bought for Syria, about which no information had been received. ON6WQ is to be asked to clarify this item. Licences are not being issued to Syrian nationals. The budget request was agreed. All costs in Fund 4.

11.9 AFRI-COM

This activity remains in the budget but Region 1 is still unable to find a person to take over the work. ZS6AKV considered that there is a need for AFRI-COM to be reactivated. The budget will continue to be held open. (600 CHF).

11.10 EURO-COM:

The EC received the report by ON4WF and thanked him and his co-operators for the enormous amount of work done, and hopes that he will continue with the work done also on PLC. Agreed that the budget for the EURO-COM WG should be raised from 1500 CHF to 2,500 CHF. It was noted that ON4WF did not claim all expenses so this increase would apply for 2002. It was further noted that DARC had been supporting ON4WF financially. The EC agreed that this was a Region 1 responsibility and that if there are special circumstances then a revised budget should be applied for.

The work of EURO-COM and the group of experts dealing with PLC was discussed in depth. The need to achieve internationally recognised and accepted limits was emphasised. Several EC countries are carrying out tests. Early indications are that the levels of interference caused by PLC systems are unacceptably high. The EC urged member societies to monitor activities in their countries and to share information

11.10.1 Other matters (satellites)
ZS6AKV gave his report. It was agreed that satellite frequencies should be put on the Region 1 web site.

12.1.2 ERC IARU Region 1 External Relations Committee

The meeting received reports from SP5FM. After discussion it was agreed that the IARU R1 CEPT FM PT40 document 14-Rev 1 dealing with harmonisation around 7 MHz, should be circulated to all member societies. However, to assist societies in understanding this document, it was agreed that a covering letter will be written, one for the MS in the CEPT countries and one for the remaining MS of Region 1. These notes will be drafted by SP5FM and distributed as soon as possible.
ACTION SP5FM

(b) The EC discussed the reports about the various possibilities for an expansion of the 40 meter band in Region 1. While the current position looks more positive than before, the work is still ongoing and draft ECP's as well as ITU papers still are not final. It was also decided that at the Workshop to be held at the General Conference in November a special 7 MHz item will be discussed to seek further support from Member Societies to persuade their administrations to support the proposals.

(c) The Chairman emphasised the importance of trying to include a licensed radio amateur in national delegations to WRC03. He reminded the EC that within our own Fund 3 budget there is a provision to cover part of the costs in case a Member Society would be unable to finance the total amount while also from the IARU-IS budget a subsidy could

be obtained. President Price explained that the criteria for such financial support would be: (a) sufficient knowledge of IARU-ITU matters; (b) a guarantee that the amateur would indeed be a full member of that national delegation and therefore would have access to all documents.

The EC were very grateful to SP5FM for his total dedication work to Region 1's core business. His work in this field is beyond belief and the entire Region has much to thank him for.

12.1.3 Regulatory/Licensing

After discussion the EC accepted G3HCT's report, with particular notice being taken of the CEPT RRWG meeting in Kandersteg. It should be noted that not every part of the IARU proposals have been accepted, namely the portion in square brackets of the proposed amendment to 25.6. Every effort should be taken to remove the square brackets in order that the recommendation ITU-R M 1544 will be incorporated by reference.

The decision has been left to administrations to decide the requirements to hold an amateur licence. A similar approach is to Morse: an administration can decide if Morse is required, and if so, the morse speed required.

There is an MOU between CITELE and CEPT with the intention of combining the CEPT TR61-01 and the CITELE IARP systems together for common licensing.

12.1.4 Standardisation and EMC:

DK9HU reported on the status, in particular concerning PLC as well as the pacemaker and emission limits. The work is on-going and the EC asked him to continue co-ordinating it.

The Chairman said that more publicity should be given to EMC matters and we need to find a person to do the work to increase awareness of the continuing effort for the benefit of all amateurs.

It was noted that PA0EZ is available on spectrum engineering matters. He is well aware of the situation.

12.1.4.1 Section Development.

(a) ADP

6W1KI and ZS6AKV both apologised for the lack of progress on the Ambassadors' follow up. The Chairman pointed out that a great deal of money had been spent by Region 1, but there had been no follow up and he asked for these matters to be investigated and pursued as soon as possible.

ACTION ZS6AKV,6W1KI

(b) Strategic Plan for Africa:

W4RA gave a brief report on the situation. He said there was a possibility of sponsorship by ITU-D. Paul Rinaldo will present an USTTI Course in Nairobi, possibly to take place in December 2002, or early 2003.

(d) Central African Countries:

6W1KI gave a report on his visit to Central Africa. No recommendations were made.

e) WTDC – Istanbul 18-26 March, 2002.

The Chairman said that action was required from the Report. Jan Mutai should be invited to the Region 1 Conference in San Marino and be invited to speak. ATU will pay his expenses. ZS6AKV will also invite him to speak at the IARU Liaison Workshop. ZS6AKV read a report on which ATU is still plagued by insufficient funding to do its work. It is temporarily located in Nairobi.

Recent changes to the statutes include opening Associate Membership to the Industry in an effort to obtain funding.

Whilst at Telecom Africa 2001 ZS6AKV met Jan Mutai, Secretary General, at the close of the Conference. It took several e-mails, telephone calls and intervention by the South Africa Dept of Communication Director-General to secure a 30-minute appointment which lasted for over one hour. ZS6AKV presented Jan Mutai with the Memorandum of Understanding

between PATU and IARU Region 1, the existence of which he was well aware, but had never read it.

Having read the MOU he said that ATU would honour it and he would proceed to: (1) send IARU the ATU programme; (2) invite IARU to attend ATU meetings/conferences, as observers, and (3) arrange for a slot at a future conference to present a paper on amateur radio.

The subject of 7 MHz was also discussed with him. He recommended that we seek support from the South African Administration so that, at their 2003 Briefing Conference, a common position could be achieved.

The chairman in summing up proposed that 6W1KI, being the last EC member who had contact with Jan Mutai, and in his position as Vice-Chairman, should be the person to invite him to the Conference, asking him to speak at the Opening . He should also be provided with IARU position papers and proposals concerning ITU R19 and R25.

We should also try to complete the Ambassadors' Programme, so that the Ambassadors can approach their governments to follow up the work that has already started. 6W1KI agreed to do this.

ACTION 6W1KI.

W4RA referred to the article in June QST and said that one of the things mentioned is the tremendous hospitality afforded by the Turkish amateurs at the Istanbul Conference. He said he was pleased to see how well-known 6W1KI was and the respect he received, he was delighted to have him on the team.

He also referred to the contribution made by Hans Welens to the whole conference. IARU participation was well worth the expense.

12.1.5 ERC Matters:

(a) Long range planning:

Regrettably but understandably SP5FM will not be seeking re-election as an EC Member at the San Marino General Conference. He remains available, however, for the Region 1 team of experts and will also continue his work for IARU as a member of the team that will represent IARU at WRC 2003. Because the Chairman of the ERC needs to be an EC member, a successor for SP5FM is necessary, and the Chairman was happy to report that a suitable person who has the necessary background as well as knowledge of both ITU and CEPT matters has been identified who is willing to take over and has the backing of his Member Society.:

(b) The EC accepted the proposal of SP5FM to add the following amateurs to the IARU Region 1 team of experts:

Heinz-Guenther Bottcher, DK2NH:

An electronic engineer. He has held an amateur licence since 1967. Since 1989 he has been active on international amateur spectrum defence, and on technical issues, as a DARC expert dealing with DSI and WRC matters. He is now attending national WRC preparatory meetings on behalf of DARC. As a member of the German delegation, he attended the January 02 and April 02 meetings on CEPT-FM40 and CEPT-SE7. Difficult VHF and microwave matters are his specialist areas.

John Gould, G3WKL:

Professionally involved in aerospace, his particular amateur interest is in VLF. He is now the IARU Region 1 ERC co-ordinator for LF topics. He is supported by both the RSGB HF Committee and by the Region 1 HF Committee.

Hans P. Blondeel Timmerman, PA7BT.

Born 1956. Hans is professionally dealing with spectrum management as head of the Dutch military National Frequency Management Office in the

rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, National Frequency Committee, and respective NATO Committees. He represents the Netherlands at the CEPT FM40 and CPG-PT4. He has been an active amateur since 1974; previously a VERON Contest Manager and VHF Manager and is now VERON 1st Vice President.

(c) Financial Procedures:

LA2RR asked for detailed procedures on how expenses are paid. The Chairman read from the EC Financial Rules. The Treasurer must refund expenses as quickly as possible, and provide cash advances when required.
ACTION F6DRV

A budget for General Expenses of the ERC of 2,500 CHF was approved. Other costs to be budgeted in Fund 3.
ACTION F6DRV

13.1 Exhibitions

ZS6AKV gave his views on the Telecom Africa 2000 which he organised. The stand was not well supported as delegates spend most of their time in sessions which were self-contained with their own refreshment areas, but in hindsight he queried whether the money spent was justified; he felt that Exhibitions outside Geneva should be avoided, this view was held by 6W1KI. However, ZL2AMJ has previously expressed an opposite view as the last Telecom-Asia held in Hong-Kong had been very successful and worthwhile from an IARU viewpoint.

W4RA said it was difficult to assess who is right. Both Regions 2 and 3 have large Exhibitions and cannot really be compared, but he understood Region 1's position. ZS6AKV felt that to send delegates to Forums would be more beneficial as they would be part of the Conference and have more opportunity to interact with delegates.

How to generate more income

F6DRV reported that despite his hopes no support had been forthcoming from the European Parliament Community.

The REF membership invoice reported 8,000 members, whereas the correct number was 7,000. The overpayment is to go into Fund 4.

PA0LOU regretted that no progress in finding sponsors had been made but we would continue trying to find a way.

13.1.1 PR Programme

The Web site continues to expand. It was agreed not to publish Conference papers on the web site at this stage as the web site is a public domain and is visited by many who may not support IARU.

ZS6AKV will continue to act as webmaster if requested to do so by the EC, even if he is not re-elected.

14.1.1 World Amateur Radio Day.

This was held on 18th April, 2002. No particular special activities by Member Societies had been reported.

15 IARU, Region 1 General Conference 2002.

A Meeting took place with members of the ARRSM Conference organisers. An inspection of the Conference hotel and venue for the Opening Plenary and Final Dinner was made. All the arrangements were discussed and satisfactory conclusion reached.

15 The EC discussed the necessary preparatory work before the Conference. After 9th May any Conference papers received will have to be approved by the EC.

Conference papers to be issued by the EC were discussed and will be sent out with the first issue towards the end of May.

(b) and (c) Since no further report had been received from the CAM co-ordinator the EC agreed to produce a paper for the San Marino General

Conference concerning the C2 Recommendations proposed at the Lillehammer General Conference. This EC paper to be circulated with the first issue of conference documents .

(d) Election of EC Members and Chairmen of permanent bodies.

The Chairman submitted that in to-day's rapidly changing environment and the need for having a strong leadership, especially in view of IARU's main task, the defence of our frequencies and privileges, changes in the EC-team as well as in our major Committees and working groups are, because of the advancing age of present incumbents, inevitable. He also said he believed that it would be unwise to wait until November with the information that certain persons would not be willing or could not continue in their present positions and that the Member Societies deserved to know, well in advance, for which positions new amateurs would have to be enlisted.

He announced that he had decided not to stand for re-election at the next General Conference in San Marino. Also other EC members had indicated they would not seek re-election: Secretary Hughes; EC member and ERC Chairman SP5FM (while other EC members due to happenings within their own Member Societies might not be re-eligible).

For some of the key-positions: EC Chairman and ERC Chairman suitable persons have been identified, who will be nominated in due course as per the Election Procedures described in the Region 1 Bye-Laws. Also the Chairman of the Region 1 CLG-RR WG, G3HCT has indicated that he will not seek re-election while the same is true for Ron Roden, G4GKO, IARU-MS Co-ordinator and Agnes Tobbe, VK2/PA3ADR, the IPHA Co-ordinator. Both G3HCT and G4GKO are in touch with persons to investigate whether they are willing to succeed them.

16.1 Financial Matters

The EC approved the balance sheets subject to some minor changes with the additional note that part of the improved financial result is due to the non-acceptance of the Auditors for the provision of the 2002 Conference. This means that the expenses of the Conference will be paid for out of capital as was done in the past.

The EC thanked F6DRV for giving his report.

16.2 The Budget for 2002 was gone through and with some minor alterations approved.

The following Societies had asked for financial support to attend the Conference:

ERAU (Estonia); CRAM (Mali); CARS (Cyprus); IRA (Iceland); ARSK (Kenya); SARL (South Africa); BFRA (Bulgaria); ARAS (Senegal), NARS (Nigeria); AARA (Albania); TIR (Syria).

Only those Societies which have paid their fees for the last years may receive such support. The support was agreed for the following Societies: CRAM (Mali); CARS (Cyprus); IRA (Iceland); ARSK (Kenya); NARS (Nigeria); AARA (Albania).

The support will be given to ERAU (Estonia) as soon as they settle their outstanding fee, while the decision for SARL (South Africa); BFRA (Bulgaria); ARAS (Senegal) were all deferred.

It was to be explained to these Societies that under Recommendation C2.5 passed at Lillehammer support to attend the Conference was limited to 1,500 CHF, this would pay only for accommodation and any balance between cost and 1,500 CHF would be paid in cash on arrival.

Provisionally an amount of 16,500 CHF will be budgeted in Fund 4 for financial assistance to Member Societies. This

amount includes donations received from VERON and REF for this specific purpose. The Treasurer will write to all Societies concerned.

ACTION F6DRV

As soon as the Budget for 2002 is completed it will be sent to all Member Societies.

ACTION F6DRV

16.3 The Treasurer was thanked for his work on the financial affairs of the Region.

(a) Book keeping at the REF-U Bureau is now transferred to the Treasurer's Office.

The presentation of the Budget is to be changed and improved.

ACTION: F6DRV

(b) Member Societies are to be advised how the basis of invoices is formed.

ACTION F6DRV

(c) Arrears: The Treasurer will produce a letter, forward it to PAOLOU for approval, and then the Treasurer will send it to MS in arrears.

(d) Auditors' Report: F6DRV has sent this to the Auditors and he hoped that it would be certified by the week after the EC Meeting; he also hoped that he would have the Certificate for the Year 2000 account before Friedrichshafen.

ACTION F6DRV

(e) The EC requires more regular up-to-date information on the Region's accounts.

ACTION F6DRV

(f) Payment by the Treasurer to the IS must be done immediately.

ACTION F6DRV

16.4 F6DRV will prepare the usual report for the Conference consisting of the report for the period 1999-2001, a prognosis for the period 2002-2005 as

well as a long-term budget. He will add his comments as Treasurer.

ACTION F6DRV

17.1.1 IARU Administrative Council Matters

LA2RR gave a report on the AC Meeting in Guatemala.

It was reported by Region 3 to the AC that they were pleased that Region 3 had been holding a World Championship for the first time (China 2001).

Discussion took place on the present position regarding the Morse code situation and the background for the Region 1 support of AC resolution 01-1. The Chairman explained the process so far. As there was no clear decision in Region 1, the Region 1 vote at the AC meeting was based on the accepted FASC report (C.3.16) and the accepted C3.17 paper at the Lillehammer 1999 Region 1 Conference. In accepting the FASC report it was not realised by some what they were doing regarding the necessity for Morse code below 30 MHz DK9HU wanted the Region 1 reason for the support of the AC-recommendation to be minuted and relayed to the Member Societies.

LA2RR gave examples of administrations who after WRC-03 planned to have two different HF-licences, one requiring morse test and another without. The proposed new text for ITU Art.25 should give enough flexibility.

LA2RR stated that the AC-adopted procedure for President and Vice-President, was the best towards Region 1's wishes as could be obtained within the current IARU Constitution and Bye-Laws. No proposal for any changing in the Constitution and Bye-Laws was suggested by the EC members. The Chairman said the Constitution could only be changed by the Member Societies if they want to change the election process.

17.2 EC Members to the AC

It was agreed to maintain the present situation for the time being, i.e. PA0LOU and LA2RR will act as Region 1 representatives and G3GVV will attend the meeting from the second day onwards. DK9HU remains the second alternate. ZS6AKV may attend in his position as IARU Satellite Adviser at the discretion of the AC.

W4RA said that 15th September was the deadline date for submission of papers from the EC.

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the whole EC for the work done by LA2RR on his AC participation.

17.2 The next meeting would convene at the site of the General Conference in San Marino. It will be held on Thursday and Friday November 7 and 8 while on Saturday 16 November, in the afternoon a meeting will be held which will only discuss items arising from the San Marino Region 1 General Conference.

17.3 To consider and update the list of special responsibilities of EC Member

No changes were made to this list at the present time.

19. To update the calendar of events

UBA Annual G.M 11-12 May 2002
PA0LOU

3rd ARDF European Youngsters ARDF Championships, Bulgaria
DL5NBZ

Friedrichshafen Ham Radio
PA0LOU, LA2RR, DK9HU (PLT),
F6DRV (FAG meeting)
A41JT

11th ARDF World Championships in
Slovak Republic, Sept 2002
LA2RR

17.4 Date and venue for the next EC Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Saturday morning 9th November at the Conference venue.

21. A.O.B.

Further arrangements for the Conference were discussed.

(i) IARU Liaison Officers' Meeting – Sunday 11th November at 20.30. ZS6AKV is to circulate a draft programme. Introduction to be by PA0LOU.

(ii) ARDF and HST meeting on Sunday P.M.

(iii) Steering Committee meets on Sunday A.M.

(iv) Working Groups and other meetings must not be at inappropriate times. Their location and meeting times will be determined in the Steering Committee meeting.

(iv) Opening Plenary will be at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 11 November.

(b) W4RA announced that the "S" had been dropped from ITU articles. Therefore, it now is simply ITU Art.19 and 25. He also drew attention to the fact that the name 'WARC Bands' was no longer appropriate.

W4RA stated that a small number of ITU extracts (giving all amateur related ITU regulations) is available from the IS. He also reminded the EC about the Handbook on Natural Disaster Communication where IARU and IS had played a major role as authors. This book is available from the ITU bookstore and from the IS.

The 7 MHz booklet is now also available in French language.

22.1 Courtesies

The Chairman thanked the ARSM for the excellent way they had taken care of everything to make the EC meeting a success.

W6ROD expressed his thanks for being at the meeting and the help given to him.

W4RA expressed his pleasure at attending the EC Meeting.

HL1IFM also said how much he had enjoyed the meeting.

LA2RR thanked PA0LOU for his conducting the meeting, and the work achieved in good time.

PA0LOU thanked everyone for their attendance and hoped that the Conference would have a good attendance. He said that this would be his last EC Meeting and having been Chairman for 27.5 years, and having been involved with IARU matters since 1966, he considered it time to hand over the reigns. He said he had always appreciated the friendship and would miss it very much. He thanked everyone and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 p.m on Monday 28th April, 2002.

GIBRALTAR TO INTRODUCE NEW LICENCE

Gibraltar will be introducing the New Foundation Licence similar to that of United Kingdom, by mid June 2002.

The prefix will be ZB3

Rules, 2002 IARU HF World Championship

2002 IARU HF World Championship Rules

- 1. Eligibility:** All licensed amateurs worldwide.
- 2. Object:** To contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands.
- 3. Date and Contest Period:** The second full weekend of July, beginning 1200 UTC Saturday and ending 1200 UTC Sunday (**July 13-14, 2002**). Both Single and Multi

operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.

4.0 Entry Categories:

4.1 Single Operator

4.1.1. Categories

4.1.1.1. Phone only

4.1.1.2. CW only

4.1.1.3. Mixed mode

4.1.2. One person performs all operating and logging functions.

4.1.3. Use of spotting nets or packet is not permitted.

4.1.4. All operators must observe the Amateur Radio regulations of their country at all times.

4.1.5. Single operator stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.

4.2. Multi Operator, Single Transmitter, Mixed Mode only

4.2.1. Must remain on a band and mode for at least 10 minutes before changing bands or modes.

4.2.2. Only one transmitted signal is allowed at any given time.

4.2.2.1. Exception: Only IARU member society HQ stations may operate simultaneously on more than one band, with one transmitter on each band and mode.

4.2.2.2. Only one HQ station call sign per member society per frequency band is permitted.

4.2.3. All operators must observe the amateur radio regulations of their country at all times.

5. Contest Exchange:

5.1. IARU member society HQ stations send signal report and official IARU member society abbreviation. IARU International Secretariat club station NU1AW counts as a HQ station. Members of the IARU Administrative Council and the three IARU regional Executive committees send "AC," "R1," "R2," and "R3" as appropriate.

5.2. All others send signal report and ITU zone.

5.3 A complete exchange must be logged for each valid QSO.

6. Valid Contact:

6.1. The same station may be worked once per mode per band for QSO credit.

6.1.1. Mixed-mode entries may work a station once per mode per band.

6.2. A station may only be worked for credit in the portion of the band that is generally accepted for the mode used.

6.2.1. On any band, a station may be worked once on phone (in the phone segment) and once on CW (in the CW segment).

6.2.2. Cross mode, cross band and repeater contacts are not valid QSOs.

6.3 Where contest-preferred segments are incorporated into regional band plans, participants must observe them.

6.4 The use of non-amateur radio means of communications (e.g. telephone or the Internet) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these rules.

6.5 Use of self-spotting techniques on packet or other mediums are inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these rules.

7. QSO Points:

7.1. Contacts within your own ITU zone, as well as QSOs with any IARU-member society HQ stations, count one point.

7.1.1. Contacts with a station in the same ITU zone but on a different continent count one point.

7.2. Contacts within your continent (but different ITU zone) count three points.

7.3. Contacts with a different continent and IARU zone count five points.

8. Multipliers:

The total number of ITU zones plus IARU member society HQ stations worked on each band (not mode.) IARU officials represent a maximum of four multipliers per band (AC, R1, R2 and R3).

8.1. IARU member society HQ stations and officials do not count for zone multipliers.

8.2. To qualify as the special multiplier, Administrative Council and Regional Executive Committee stations may only be operated by the individual licensees as single operators.

9. Scoring:

The total number of QSO points times the total number of multipliers worked.

10. Reporting:

10.1. Entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than 30 days after the end of the contest (**August 13, 2002**). No late entries can be accepted. Entries that are received after mid-October 2002, even if mailed in time, may not be received in time to be included in the official results.

10.2. Electronic entries must conform to the Cabrillo file format.

10.2.1. The Cabrillo file format and specifications may be found at www.kkn.net/~trey/cabrillo/ or in the November 1999 issue of QST.

10.2.2. Any entry which has been generated using a computer (either during the contest or after the contest) must be submitted either as an attachment to an email or on a 3.5-inch diskette.

10.2.3. Electronic files must use the entrant's call sign as the file name.

10.2.4. The log file must be a chronological list of QSOs as made not separated by band or mode.

10.2.5. Entries sent as attachments to email must be sent to IARUHF@iaru.org.

10.2.5.1. Email entries must include the call sign used during the contest on the SUBJECT line of the email.

10.2.6. Entries sent on diskette should be mailed to: IARU HF Championship, IARU International Secretariat, Box 310905, Newington, CT 06111-0905 USA.

10.2.6.1. Diskettes must be clearly labeled with the station call sign, contest name, entry class and date.

10.3. Paper logs must be in chronological order, not separated by bands, and clearly indicate for each contact: band, mode, date, time (in UTC) call signs, complete exchanges sent and received, multipliers and QSO points.

10.3.1. Multipliers should be marked in the paper log only the first time they are worked on each band.

10.3.2. Paper logs with more than 500 QSOs must include dupe sheets (an alpha-numeric list of all call signs worked, broken down by band and mode).

10.3.3. All contacts in paper logs must be in chronological order, not separated by bands.

10.3.4. Paper logs must be mailed to IARU International Secretariat, Box 310905, Newington, CT 06111-0905, USA and postmarked no later than August 13, 2002.

10.4. All paper entries must include an official summary sheet or reasonable facsimile thereof with complete contest information.

11. Awards:

11.1. A certificate will be awarded to the high scoring entry in each category in each ARRL Section, each ITU zone and each DXCC entity.

11.2. A certificate will be awarded to the high scoring IARU member society HQ station.

11.3. Achievement level awards will be issued to those making at least 250 QSOs or having a multiplier total of 50 or more.

Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each country's IARU member society.

11. **Conditions of Entry:** Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, by the regulations of his/her licensing authority, and by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee, acting for the IARU International Secretariat.

13. Disqualification: Any entry may be disqualified if the overall score is reduced by more than 2%. Score reductions do not include correction of arithmetic errors. Any entry may be disqualified if more than 2% of duplicate QSOs are left in the log and claimed for credit. **A three-QSO reduction will be assessed for each duplicate QSO found during log checking or for miscopied call signs in paper logs. For electronic logs, a one-QSO penalty will be assessed for a miscopied call sign or a duplicate QSO claimed for QSO credit.**

14. For contest information, contact n1nd@iaru.org or IARU HF Contest Information, PO Box 310905, Newington, CT 06111-0905, USA.

14.1. Contest forms may be downloaded at: <http://www.iaru.org/contest.html>.

Note: You can find a list of entity prefixes with continent and ITU zone at www.arl.org/contests/.

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