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It is with pleasure that the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee submits a report to the IARU Region 1 Conference to take place in Davos, Switzerland, September, 2005.

The XV IARU Region 2 Conference took place in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, in late September, 2004. IARU Region 1 was represented at the conference. The official delegation of observers from Region 1 included Ole Garpestad LA2RR, Chairman of R1, Don Beattie G3BJ, Secretary of R1 and Panayot Danev LZ1US, R1 Director. The R1 delegation also attended the IARU Administrative Council meeting immediately after the R2 Conference.

The number of R2 Member Societies in attendance was lower than usual. Many of the countries within Region 2 have been experiencing varying degrees of financial difficulties and the effect of these financial difficulties has been felt by the various societies within the region. The growth of new radio amateurs within the region has declined somewhat and the number of members have declined in many of the region's societies. Ten societies were present and represented at the conference and an additional five societies were represented by proxy. The usual attendance is approximately 20 societies, either in person or by proxy.

In many IARU regional conferences a "theme" generally emerges as the conference proceedings take place. The "theme" that emerged from the most recent R2 Conference was to strengthen the connection or bond between the regional organization and the individual societies within Region 2. The conference attendees adopted a number of proposals to accomplish that objective.

One of the most important actions taken was the adoption of a Strategic Plan for Region 2. In 2003, at a R2 Executive Committee meeting, the R2 EC spent a day and a half developing a draft strategic plan. The plan was presented to the R2 Conference in Port of Spain and was wholeheartedly adopted by the General Assembly. Many of the strategies and objectives in the plan deal with strengthening the ties between the regional organization and the Member Societies. The plan calls for an increase in "Area Meetings" and official visits by R2 officials to the societies. In R2, Directors are elected from various "areas" of the region. An "area meeting" is a meeting of the societies within an "area" hosted by the Area Director. The President or Vice President of the region may also be in attendance. The area meetings provide an opportunity for the societies to discuss issues of concern among themselves and with their Area Director. Opportunities abound for the regional organization and the societies to discuss issues of mutual concern and to work together to solve those problems. Increased area meetings provide yet another such opportunity.

A number of the other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly came directly from the plan. For example, at the time of the writing of this report, the R2 EC is preparing a survey to be distributed to the R2 Member Societies seeking input on how the EC might work more closely with the various societies within the region. The constitution and by laws of R2 obviously set out the legal relationship between the regional organization and the societies within the region. However, at the "working level" what are the expectations of the societies and the regional organization regarding the relationship? The survey is designed to explore those issues.

Several years ago, Region 2 produced the "Region 2 News." The R2 News was a publication produced a couple of times a year. The editor was Fred Laun K3ZO. Fred included photos in the publication along with a great deal of information about activities within the region. The publication was very well received within the region. The R2 News switched a few years ago to an all electronic format newsletter in a cost-saving move. The electronic newsletter was edited by David Evans VE6DXX. In an effort to increase the information flow from the R2 EC to the societies, Region 2 has now re-established a new format of newsletter. The new format of newsletter is distributed by email to society officials and mailed to the societies by postal mail. It will also appear on the R2 web site.

Amateur radio in education is an issue that has been discussed in amateur circles for a number of years. At the R2 Conference, the General Assembly adopted a resolution that will make money available to R2 societies to implement amateur radio in schools in their country. The guidelines and application are currently being developed by the R2 EC.

Other important topics were the subject of resolutions passed by the R2 General Assembly, including the following:

- R2 societies are encouraged to keep the R2 EC and other societies informed of BPL (PLC in R1) developments
- R2 EC will establish a R2 HF Operating Award and to develop the rules for such award
- R2 Member Societies are to encourage their administrations to support the IARU objective of 300 kHz amateur worldwide allocation on 40 meters
- R2 Member Societies are to encourage their administrations to support a worldwide amateur allocation of 135.7 to 137.8 kHz at WRC 07

Officers and Directors were elected by the General Assembly for the next three years. The Officers and Directors are as follows:

Rod Stafford W6ROD	President (and Area B Director)
Dario Jurado HP1DJ	Vice President
Reinaldo Leandro YV5AMH	Secretary
Noel Donawa 9Y4NED	Treasurer (and Area E Director)
Daniel Lamoureux VE2KA	Area A Director
Pedro Rodriguez CO2RP	Area C Director
Marco Tulio Gudiel TG9AGD	Area D Director
Gustavo de Faria Franco PT2ADM	Area F Director
Ron Szama LU2AH	Area G Director

The Region 2 Observer delegation to the Region 1 Conference will consist of Rod Stafford W6ROD and Reinaldo Leandro YV5AMH. Both will be available to answer any questions about this report, Region 2 activities or any other questions during the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the Region 2 Executive Committee