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2005 Region 1 Conference in Davos adopted the recommendation DV05_C3_33. It was forwarded to the Emergency Communications Coordinator of the Region 1. The recommendation includes three items:

Item 1

That IARU Region 1 announces a competition amongst Member Societies for best project concerning the amateur emergency communications structure, networks, equipment, training activities, etc.

Item 2

That IARU Region 1 starts looking for partners able to support financially the project. IARU Region 1 is held in high esteem throughout the whole Region. Besides the traditionally good and useful relations with important institutions such as European Commission, IARU Region 1 should take steps in establishing contacts with other internationally recognised institutions concerned with the problem such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, OCHA etc.

Item 3

That IARU Region 1 selects three to five Member Societies in countries situated in different areas, vulnerable to different natural hazard to start the pilot project.

Activities since Davos 2005

Davos Conference nominated a new EmComm Coordinator for the Region 1. He received this recommendation after the conference as a totally new thing. Well organized emergency communications activity by Region 1 societies was in 2005 - and still is - on very low or non-existing level. A competition amongst Member Societies in this kind of situation could be the waste of the limited resources. This recommendation is not forgotten but it's time – from the point of view of the EmComm Coordinator – is later: maybe after 2-3 years.

Since 2005 Region 1 EmComm Coordinator has taken care of three different activities:

- 1) Continuing the GAREC-process (GAREC's 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008)

- 2) Starting EmComm Parties on the Air Exercises in November 2006 inside Region 1 and since November 2007 as a global exercise. The fourth exercise will be May 3rd, 2008.
- 3) Starting the planning of Amateur Radio EmComm Centres

These three activities are aiming to

- a) create something regular in the EmComms inside Region 1
- b) increase EmComm knowledge and activity among Member Societies and their members
- c) create practices in the EmComms cross the borders
- d) create a regular test of our ability in EmComms
- e) create such kind of EmComm networks on national and international levels that can be accepted also by the authorities like ITU, IFRC, OCHA, states, EU etc.
- f) create common interest for Amateur Radio as an important actor in the societies

EmComm coordinator of the Region 1 had an opportunity to speak to top level audience in two ITU conferences 2007: Alexandria in April and Geneva in December.

In cooperation with the EmComm Coordinator of the IARU – Hans Zimmermann – we have started negotiations with the IFRC about the Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU will be signed during the first part of 2008.

Since early 2008 Greg Mossop G0DUB has taken care of GlobalSET –process. His help for the EmComm Coordinator is essential.

DV05_C3_Rec_33 has a lot of sense sometimes after 2010 when we have (hopefully) some EmComm Centres cross the region, more experience by GlobalSET's in the EmComms cross the borders, more national exercises etc.

Proposal

EC of the Region 1 will ask Cavtat Conference to give more time to activate the recommendation DV05_C3_Rec_33 sometimes early 2010's.