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Well organized emergency communications activity by Region 1 societies was in 2005 - and still is - on very low or non-existing level but there are signs of the increasing activity on national levels:

1) More national EmComm Coordinators nominated by member societies

2) More national exercises like FROSSA-07 in Sweden, Safety-2008 in Finland, Greece-Turkey exercise, USKA - IG-Notfunk exercise in Switzerland/Lichtenstein, increased activity in Germany, a continuity of the well organized Raynet –activity in UK, HamNET in South-Africa and the increased activity and interest for EmComms in Middle East countries.

It's the fact that EmComms is still in its early stage among national societies but the positive interest for it is increasing.

3) The creation of EmComm parties on the air - new name since May 2008 GlobalSET. Two first parties were only for Region 1 and the third in November 2007 was already global covering also Regions 2 and 3. Mr. Greg Mossop G0DUB has taken the responsibility of the GlobalSET's since early 2008. The question is of the world wide activity on the field of EmComms created by the IARU Region 1.

4) The GAREC –process. The First Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference was held in Tampere Finland 2005, the second also in Tampere 2006, the third in Huntsville USA 2007 and the fourth in Friedrichshafen Germany 2008. The increased activities on all levels have increased the need to change information and experiences. GARECs are the essential part of the learning process on the field of EmComms and also the forum of discussions.

5) The initiative with Hans Zimmermann HB9AQS/F5VKP to start IARU-IFRC negotiations for the Memorandum of Understanding. It will be a basic document for a new kind of activity especially on national level. The signing of the document is expected to happen during the first months of 2008.

6) Regional/national EmComm Centres will be the next step. The idea is new and the aim is to have first Centres active 2009/2010.

The aim of the activities described above is to:

- create regular EmComms inside Region 1
- increase EmComm knowledge and activity among Member Societies and their members
- create practices in the EmComms cross the borders
- create a regular exercises in EmComms
- 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

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