

**SUMMARY RECORD, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION  
Meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand  
17-18 October 2009**

1. The thirtieth meeting of the Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union was called to order at 1400 local time Saturday, 17 October 2009 at the Heartland Cotswold Hotel in Christchurch, New Zealand, by IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA. Also present were the following members: Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President; Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Secretary; Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, President and Dennis Green, ZS4BS, Secretary, IARU Region 1; Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, Secretary, and Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, Director, IARU Region 2; and Michael J. Owen, VK3KI, Chairman, and Shizuo Endo, JE1MUI, Director, IARU Region 3. At the invitation of the Council, also present was Region 3 Director Peter Lake ZL2AZ. David Sumner, K1ZZ, was present as recording secretary.

2. A moment of silence was observed for radio amateurs and friends who have died since the previous meeting of the Administrative Council including David Rankin, VK3QV/9V1RH, Masayoshi Fujioka, JM1UXU, and Solofo Randrenjason, 5R8ET.

3. The following agenda was approved:

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1. Opening of meeting by the President
2. Introduction of all present and Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda of meeting
4. Reports of the officers
  - 4.1. Report of the President
  - 4.2. Report of the Vice President
  - 4.3. Report of the Secretary
5. Reports from the regional organizations
  - 5.1. Region 1
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6. Review of written reports of International Coordinators and Advisers
  - 6.1. IARU Monitoring System
  - 6.2. IARU Beacon Project Coordinator
  - 6.3. IARU Satellite Adviser
  - 6.4. IARU EMC Adviser
  - 6.5. IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications
7. ITU and related issues
  - 7.1. ITU Overview
  - 7.2. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)
    - 7.2.1. Overview of ITU-R
    - 7.2.2. WRC-12
  - 7.3. ITU Development Sector (ITU-D)
  - 7.4. ITU Telecoms
8. Strategic planning
  - 8.1. Review of Strategic Plan for 2007-2012
  - 8.2. Review of progress on Action Plan for 2008-2009

- 8.3. Consideration of Action Plan for 2009-2010, including participation in ITU and other meetings
  - 8.4. Report of the IARU 2025 Committee
  9. ITU and regulatory/spectrum defense matters not previously discussed
    - 9.1. Review of spectrum requirements document
    - 9.2. Other spectrum defense matters
  10. Operational and administrative matters
    - 10.1. Consideration of placing the rights of certain member-societies temporarily in abeyance
    - 10.2. Monitoring System review
    - 10.3. Report on QSL bureau system
    - 10.4. Identification of potential Expert Consultants and Technical Representatives
    - 10.5. 2010-2012 budget and review of 2008 and 2009 budgets
    - 10.6. Emergency Center of Activity frequencies
    - 10.7. Theme for World Amateur Radio Day 2010
    - 10.8. Administrative Council meetings
    - 10.9. Other operational and administrative matters
      - 10.9.1. Acknowledgement of the Amateur Radio Service by UNESCO
      - 10.9.2. Applications for membership
      - 10.9.3. Criteria for membership
  11. Other business
    - 11.1. Review of Resolutions and Policies
    - 11.2. Any other business, including matters arising from Region 3 Conference
      - 11.2.1. Relationship of GAREC and IARU
      - 11.2.2. Region 3 Resolution on identifying experts to encourage technology
      - 11.2.3. Emergency Communications Handbook
  12. Determination of place and dates of next meeting of Council
  13. Drafting and approval of news release covering meeting and adjournment
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#### 4. Reports of the officers

4.1. In his first written report as IARU President, President Ellam expressed his thanks to all who supported him in his election and for the encouragement in moving the IARU forward. He stressed that an important goal is to reconnect with the member-societies and to increase communications amongst the regional organizations and member-societies. President Ellam stated that he and Vice President Garpestad had already had effective meetings with ARRL, DARC and RSGB at Dayton 2009. He stated that attending Ham Fair in Tokyo and a portion of GAREC09 had presented the opportunity to meet with JARL. An email reflector has been established amongst the Administrative Council members and another for a broader group made up of individuals who are involved in the preparation for WRC-12. He encouraged the use of the reflectors for discussion and interaction, especially on matters relating to the forthcoming WRC. President Ellam also set out his goals for this Administrative Council meeting. In supplemental oral remarks President Ellam commented that he had asked Vice President Garpestad to be the point person for the Arab states and Secretary Stafford to be the principal IARU representative at ITU-D Sector meetings.

4.2. Vice President Garpestad presented his written report. He thanked everyone for their support and guidance and described his activities since his election as Vice President five months ago. He mentioned that shortly after taking office, he travelled to the Dayton

Hamvention. The June issue of QST that had just become available shortly before the Hamvention carried a half page article about him and it seemed it had been read by quite a few people attending the Dayton event. A number of people recognized him as one of the new IARU officers as he was walking around Dayton and while working in the IARU booth. Vice President Garpestad discussed his visit to Friedrichshafen, Germany for the DARC sponsored HamRadio 2009. Here he had the opportunity to discuss issues with the Region 1 Executive Committee members and the new officers of Region 1 including Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T. President Ellam and Vice President Garpestad met with a number of Region 1 member-society leaders including those from DARC and RSGB. This provided the opportunity to discuss a number of issues relevant to Region 1 societies and IARU. He mentioned that he presented former IARU President Larry E. Price, W4RA, with the title of Knight of the Order of the Golden Key, the Norwegian Society's highest recognition for contributions to amateur radio. He also commented that President Ellam read a letter announcing that the IARU Administrative Council had made the decision to name Larry Price President Emeritus of IARU. Vice President Garpestad also stated there should be a continuing emphasis on working with the Arab states and member-societies in that area. He mentioned that he would like to give priority in his work as Vice President to cooperation between the IARU officers and the regions, especially in the area of preparations for WRC 2012. Information flow and communication about the issues will be a key element leading up to the WRC and for the work by IARU dealing with the regional telecommunication organizations. In supplemental oral remarks he stated he is honored to be the IARU Vice President. He mentioned he hopes to concentrate on activities in the Arab states and that there is a plan for a conference in the spring, 2010 in that area.

4.3. David Sumner presented the written report of the Secretary. He recalled his two terms as IARU Secretary, 1982 to 1989 and 1999 to the end of September 2009, when Rod Stafford became IARU Secretary on 1 October 2009. Mr. Sumner will continue to be a part of the IARU team as Recording Secretary and will continue to be available to the Administrative Council to assist the work of the AC and contribute based upon his lengthy experience and knowledge regarding the work of the AC. He mentioned the *Calendars* that have been distributed since the last AC meeting dealing with a variety of matters, including the ratification of the nominations of President and Vice President of IARU, the admission of the societies in the United Arab Emirates (EARS) and Kazakhstan (KFRR), society annual reports and a questionnaire concerning the QSL bureau system. The next *Calendar* will announce the admission of URAC as the member-society for Congo (Brazzaville). Mr. Sumner also noted that in May, 2009, the Administrative Council voted unanimously to name former IARU Vice President, Secretary and President Larry E. Price, W4RA as President Emeritus of IARU. He commented that the long-planned IARU pamphlet on emergency radio communications was completed and has been available for distribution at a number of functions since early September 2009. Mr. Sumner completed his written report by outlining his travel on behalf of IARU since the last AC meeting. Rod Stafford supplemented the Secretary's written report with oral comments about assuming the position of IARU Secretary earlier in the month. He praised the work of Mr. Sumner as Secretary and commented that he looked forward to working with the Administrative Council and the member-societies in furthering the work of the IARU.

## 5. Reports from the Regional Organizations

5.1. The Region 1 report was presented by Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T. He commented on the three new societies recently admitted to Region 1

and IARU. He reported on the 21<sup>st</sup> IARU Region 1 Conference held in Croatia in November, 2008. He mentioned the new officers and directors of Region 1 who were elected at the conference. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Triennial Region 1 Conference will take place in Sun City, South Africa in August, 2011. He reviewed the situation on 40 meters in Region 1 after 29 March 2009 when Region 1 received primary access to 7.1 to 7.2 MHz. Many countries in Region 1 had received secondary non-interference access prior to March 2009 while some countries have yet to allow amateur access while they finalize moving broadcast stations out of that portion of the spectrum. He highlighted the work of the Monitoring System in documenting broadcasting in the 7.1 to 7.2 MHz portion of 40 meters and mentioned the specific problems South African amateurs are facing as one broadcaster remains at 7110 kHz. He commented on the division of work among the Region 1 EC members, the Region 1 web site, Region 1 work within CEPT and the preparatory work for WRC 2012. He also explained that Region 1 Vice President Tafa Diop, 6W1KI had planned to attend but was unable to do so. Region 1 Secretary Dennis Green, ZS4BS was able to attend in place of the Vice President.

5.2. The Region 2 report was presented by R2 Secretary Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK. Secretary Santoyo conveyed the regrets of R2 President Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH who was unable to attend the AC meeting for health reasons. All those present wished YV5AMH a speedy recovery. Secretary Santoyo reported on the work of the Region 2 Executive Committee in attempting to activate some of the Region 2 societies that have become less active or even non-active over the last several years. Some progress has been made in this area of concern. He commented on the Region 2 active participation in CITEL meetings and preparatory work for WRC 2012. He highlighted the good working relationship between IARU Region 2 and FRACAP, a Central American organization of amateur radio societies that holds a meeting in the fall each year. He reported on an event that promoted amateur radio at the Universidad Francisco Marroquin (UFM) in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in April 2009. He personally participated in the event along with Region 2 Monitoring System Coordinator Juan Carlos Munoz, TG9AJR. Secretary Santoyo also commented that the AC Recommendation 08-1 dealing with the "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur" authored by ON4UN and ON4WW has been translated into Spanish and is available on the Region 2 web site. He reported that a record nearly 90% of the active societies in Region 2 voted on the proposals contained in IARU *Calendar* 187.

5.3. The Region 3 report was presented by Region 3 Chairman of Directors Michael Owen, VK3KI. He reported on the just-concluded 14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Region 3 Conference. He commented on the work of Keigo Komuro, JA1KAB as Secretary of Region 3 for many years and the fact that Jay Oka, JA1TRC succeeded Keigo Komuro as Secretary. He stated that based upon the experience and knowledge of Keigo Komuro regarding Region 3 and IARU matters, he was appointed as Special Advisor to the Directors by the Region 3 Directors. Chairman Owen reported on the involvement of Region 3 in the APT meetings as the work progresses toward WRC 2012. He mentioned that GAREC09 took place in Tokyo in August 2009. Jim Linton, VK3PC, the Chairman of the Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee, and Director Endo attended the GAREC on behalf of Region 3. Jim Linton presented a report at GAREC on amateur radio involvement in the Taiwan disaster and the Victorian wildfires in early 2009. Chairman Owen mentioned in his report that the Region 3 Directors are concerned about the different operating practices among the various regions of the IARU Monitoring System and they planned to, and did, present a paper for action at the Region 3 Conference dealing with the Monitoring System. His report was supplemented by oral remarks indicating that in the future the Region 3 representatives at the AC meetings will

be the Chairman and the Secretary while noting this is a common practice in the other regions.

## 6. Review of Written Reports of International Coordinators and Advisers

6.1. The written report of Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, Interim International Coordinator of the IARU Monitoring System, was reviewed. The report noted that the amount of intruder reports received by all three IARU regions has been largely dependent on propagation conditions and such conditions have remained poor. If the conditions improve, it is expected a greater number of intruder reports will be made. There has been much improvement in the 7100-7200 kHz portion of 40 meters since 29 March 2009, however there are still quite a few shortwave broadcasters operating in that band. Radio China recently announced that they have vacated 5 frequencies between 7100-7200 kHz. The report highlighted the work of the MS Coordinator (DK2OM) and Vice Coordinator (DJ9KR) in Region 1, particularly with regard to their web site regarding the IARUMS.

6.2. The Administrative Council then reviewed the report of IARU International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN. The IARU International Beacon Project is managed by a committee consisting of Peter Jennings (IARU Liaison and Webmaster), Charlie Mason, W4NJK (Operator Liaison) and Steve Lund, K6UM (Technical Operations). In the past year, 15 of the 18 beacons have required maintenance. K6UM has been busy providing essential technical support and physical repairs to beacon equipment and his efforts have kept the project in operation. Keeping the network operational requires the efforts of a large number of individual operators and the support of the local member-societies in each country. It is expected that at the end of 2009, all 18 of the beacons should be operating simultaneously on 5 bands. The report noted that digital mode contests create the most problems of interference with the beacons. The report requests member-societies remind their members of the IARU band plans and the allocation to the IBP.

6.3. The report of IARU Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV was reviewed. The Satellite Adviser thanked the members of the Advisory Panel. Members of the Advisory Panel include the Satellite Adviser, G3VZV and DF5DP from Region 1, W4ART and KU4OS from Region 2, JE1MUI from Region 3 and special advisers W2RS and VK4GEY. He reported on his participation in the IARU Satellite Forum that was held in conjunction with the AMSAT UK Colloquium. The Advisory Panel is concerned about the encroachment by non-amateur transmissions in the amateur bands by educational groups and some commercial interests marketing satellite kits and launches for under \$50,000. The Satellite Adviser requested that the Administrative Council encourage the regional executive committees to urge their member-societies to take an active role in this matter and 1.) advise their telecommunication regulators of amateur radio activity in the various VHF and UHF amateur bands and the potential for interference in such amateur bands by non-amateur satellite activities, 2.) discuss with their regulators what is and what is not amateur radio activity, 3.) attempt to work with CubeSat builders and other builders of non-amateur satellites to positively influence the development of more meaningful payloads that can serve the amateur community after initial experimentation is completed, and 4.) attempt to gain the cooperation of the satellite builders regarding frequency coordination so as to avoid the various services interfering with each other.

6.4. The report of Christian M. Verholt OZ8CY as the EMC Adviser was reviewed. The report detailed his participation in the 2008 CISPR meeting in Osaka, Japan, and the

meetings of CISPR H (generic), CISPR I (multimedia, radio and TV products), CISPR I Project Team on PLT and CISPR S (Steering Committee). A report on the 2009 CISPR meeting in Lyon, France is expected shortly.

6.5. The Council reviewed the report of Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS, the IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications. The report states the progress that has been made since the last AC meeting regarding the 2007 AC request that the International Coordinator for Emergency Communications take action on a number of points. The report further detailed participation in various meetings and conferences dealing with emergency communications. He reported on participation in ITU-D Study Group 2 which deals with disaster response. The use of amateur radio satellites was raised in SG-2. The report noted the new IARU Emergency Communications brochure. Copies were first available for the SG-2 meeting in Geneva in early September. Region 2 Director Lamoureux offered to assist in providing a French version of the brochure. The report recommended that IARU produce an emergency communications handbook. This project has not progressed well the last few years and it is suggested that the project needs a full-time author or editor to take the project to completion.

## 7. ITU and related issues

7.1. The Council reviewed a document prepared by the Secretary that provides an overall view of the ITU.

### 7.2. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

7.2.1. Noting the importance of ITU-R to amateur radio and the work of the IARU, Mr. Sumner prepared a reference paper setting out the various ITU Radiocommunication Sector components for review by the Council. It was agreed that the document could be shared with individuals involved in WRC preparations.

7.2.2. The preparations for WRC 2012 were the subject of a lengthy and detailed discussion. President Ellam stated that the WRC team will consist of the IARU officers. He has also added Ken Pulfer, VE3PU to the list of WRC team members and reminded the Council that he would welcome suggestions for other individuals to join the IARU delegation keeping in mind our objectives for WRC 2012. The discussion provided the opportunity to review the notion that there are three important ways to participate in the preparation for a WRC: 1.) representing the amateur service as a member of the WRC delegation of an administration, 2.) representing the amateur service as a member of the observer delegation of a regional telecommunication organization, and 3.) representing the amateur service as an observer of IARU. The discussion also pointed out a fourth way, namely, that amateurs can participate in a national preparation committee. In early July, Region 1 circulated a document suggesting that the IARU establish common positions on the WRC-12 agenda items. That document was discussed in detail and certain changes and amendments were made to the document after which the Council accepted the document as setting out the IARU common positions on the WRC-12 agenda items.

7.3. President Ellam introduced the document dealing with the ITU Development Sector. The IARU has attended ITU-D meetings of Study Group 2 and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) for several years. Emergency communications and disaster communications have become important issues in SG-2 over

the last few years. The subject of introducing a paper in SG-2 dealing with promoting amateur radio in developing countries was discussed. The rationale for the paper would be that growing a base of amateur radio operators within a developing country would provide trained radio operators for disaster communications response and would lead individuals into technical pursuits in ICT. IARU will continue to participate in the ITU-D meetings where appropriate.

7.4. ITU Telecoms, including World Telecoms and Regional Telecoms, were discussed. Telecom Asia 2008 was held in Bangkok in September 2008. IARU had a stand at Telecom Asia organized by Region 3 with assistance from RAST, the member-society in Thailand. At the time of this AC meeting, the World Telecom had just been held in Geneva, Switzerland. Brennan Price, N4QX was the stand manager with additional staffing provided by Region 1 and others. Brennan Price sent reports that the Telecom did not have as much exhibitor space used this year and the traffic through the Telecom was down from previous years. While planning is underway for a Telecom 40th anniversary celebration in 2011, it remains a question whether the ITU will continue sponsoring Telecoms as they don't seem to provide the revenue stream to ITU that they have in years past. The only Regional Telecom presently scheduled is the Telecom Americas set for September 21-24, 2010, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## 8. Strategic planning

8.1. The Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 was updated for the meeting and was reviewed by the Council. The revision takes WRC-07 decisions into account and sets out the strategic objectives and priorities to guide preparations for WRC-12.

8.2. The IARU Action Plan for the Development of Support for Amateur Radio Frequency Allocations 2008-2009 was reviewed by the Council.

8.3. The IARU Action Plan for the Development of Support for Amateur Radio Frequency Allocations 2009-2010 was reviewed. The individuals attending some ITU meetings during 2010 will be determined at a later date. It may be appropriate to have an operating amateur radio emergency communications exhibit at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in 2010. The Qatar Amateur Radio Society plans to host an amateur radio conference for Arab states in March 2010 and IARU has been invited to make presentations to attending representatives from Regulators as well as member-societies. An opportunity for another ARAC in Oman later in 2010 or 2011 is to be further explored.

8.4. President Ellam reported on the progress of the IARU 2025 Committee. Funding of a restructured organization is a significant problem. Until the funding issue is somehow resolved, progress in major restructuring will likely be limited. However, a number of improvements the IARU could implement have been discussed within the committee. Therefore, the 2025 Committee has been reconstituted and the committee will continue to seek solutions to the funding issue for any restructured organization. The committee has also been requested to explore how the IARU might implement positive changes previously discussed by the committee.

## 9. Other ITU and Regulatory/Spectrum Defense Matters

9.1. The IARU Spectrum Requirements document was prepared by the International Secretariat. Regions 1 and 3 were asked to clarify whether 7200-7300 kHz was available to amateurs on a non-interference basis in any countries in their regions; Region 3 said that it was and Region 1 said that it was not. Region 1 suggested some modifications related to 500 kHz and 60 MHz requirements. The changes suggested by Region 1 were accepted by the Council and the document was modified and adopted.

9.2. No other spectrum defense matters were raised.

## 10. Operational and Administrative Matters

10.1. After discussion, the Council adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution 09-1**

*concerning Member-Societies that have ceased to exist*

The IARU Administrative Council, Christchurch, October 2009

Recognising that in fact a Member-Society may cease to exist, and

Noting that the Constitution and Bylaws of the IARU have provisions relating to the termination of membership and the suspension of the rights of a Member-Society, and

Acknowledging that the application of such provisions to a non-existent organisation is inappropriate, but

Recognising that the verification of the fact that a Member-Society has ceased to exist may be uncertain,

#### Resolves

1. That if for a period of not less than 5 years
  - (a) There is no address or other means known to either the IS or the relevant regional organisation by which communication may be made with a Member-Society,
  - (b) There has been no communication from any person purporting to represent that Member-Society, and
  - (c) There is no other evidence of the continued existence of that Member-Society.
  
2. At the request of the relevant regional organisation the AC may thereafter publish in the *Calendar* a notice setting out its belief that the particular Member-Society has ceased to exist, and calling for the submission of any evidence to the contrary within 180 days of the publication of the *Calendar*.

3. If no such evidence is submitted within 180 days of the publication of the *Calendar*, then that Member-Society shall be deemed to no longer exist from that date and thereafter any association of radio amateurs claiming to represent that country or separate territory shall be required to apply for membership in accordance with the IARU Constitution and Bylaws.

After this action by the Council, Region 3 withdrew its request to place the rights of certain member-societies temporarily in abeyance. Region 3 reported that three member-societies, Papua New Guinea (PNGARS), French Polynesia (CORA) and Burma (BARTS) have ceased to exist under the conditions set forth in the new Policy and requested the International Secretariat publish the above-described notice in the next IARU *Calendar*. The Region 3 request was approved. Region 2 thereafter requested that the Council place the rights of certain Region 2 member-societies temporarily in abeyance on the grounds of having failed to meet their financial obligations, each having been informed that their suspension would be requested. The societies in the following countries were included in the request: Nicaragua (CREN), Ecuador (GRC), Guyana (GARA), Bolivia (RCB), Paraguay (RCP) and Suriname (VRAS). The Region 2 request was approved.

10.2. Mr. Sumner presented a report containing comments and suggestions by two of the three regional Monitoring System coordinators who responded to his request for input from the coordinators as to how coordination can best be accomplished in view of changes that have occurred since the position of International Coordinator was created in 1985. Region 3 presented a proposal to establish a working group or committee to study how the Monitoring System might be revised while giving effect to certain principles set forth in the proposal. The Council elected to allow time for the regional organizations to consult with their respective Executive Committees and MS coordinators and the Council will determine no later than 31 December 2009 whether to adopt the proposal.

10.3. Mr. Sumner indicated that 51 member-societies responded to a request for input sought regarding the QSL Bureau system. He was thanked by the Council for his efforts in this matter. After careful evaluation of the responses received, the IARU adopted an amendment to Resolution 85-9 so that the “resolves” paragraph reads as follows: “resolves that member-societies are strongly encouraged, whenever possible, to provide incoming QSL bureau service to non-members within their operating territory, if such non-members agree to pay the full cost of this service; and if they are not already doing so, to explore appropriate means and methods for delivering QSL cards to non-members.”

10.4. It was agreed there is an urgent need to find additional qualified individuals to serve as IARU Expert Consultants and Technical Representatives. Council was reminded that then Vice President Ellam in June 2008 presented a paper to the Administrative Council on that same issue. The Secretary will ask the current Expert Consultants and Technical Representatives if they are willing to serve another three years.

10.5. The 2008 and 2009 budgets were reviewed. The 2010-2012 budgets were discussed and approved.

10.6. Based upon action taken at the just concluded Region 3 Conference, the Administrative Council formally recognizes that all three regions have now agreed on Center of Activity Frequencies in the 15, 17 and 20 meter bands, namely, 21.360 MHz, 18.160 MHz and 14.300 MHz. The Council notes that GAREC09 Statement makes no specific reference

to the emergency Center of Activity Frequencies but calls upon IARU member-societies, among others, “whenever emergency communications are being conducted on frequencies that propagate internationally, to use any available real-time communications channels, including but not limited to e-mail bulletins, web-sites, social networking and DX-clusters to draw the attention of the largest possible number of Amateur Radio operators to on-going emergency communications, in order to avoid interference with emergency traffic.”

10.7. The following theme was adopted for the 2010 World Amateur Radio Day: “Amateur Radio: Combining communication experience with modern digital techniques.”

10.8. President Ellam suggested that the Council meet more often than yearly with the additional meetings conducted by Web conference. The officers will study the feasibility of such “virtual meetings” with an initial target of early 2010.

#### 10.9. Other Operational and Administrative Matters

10.9.1. Region 1 adopted a resolution at its regional conference in 2008 that the regions seek an acknowledgement from UNESCO as a protected activity. There was no additional support to pursue the matter at this time.

10.9.2. Region 1 reported that its Executive Committee has reached consensus to accept an application for membership on behalf of Montenegro from the Montenegrin Amateur Radio Pool (MARP).

10.9.3. The Council discussed the criteria for IARU membership but took no further action at this time.

#### 11. Other business

11.1. The Council suppressed IARU Resolutions 86-1 and 98-2, both of which dealt with beacons. Resolution 86-1 envisioned the establishment of regional time-sharing beacon networks in the 28 MHz band. Resolution 98-2 was adopted to guide the development of the IARU Beacon Project. The project is being managed effectively.

#### 11.2. Any other business, including matters arising from Region 3 Conference

11.2.1. The Council noted that the GAREC09 Statement contained, among other things, the following comment regarding the relationship of IARU and GAREC: “That the GAREC conference should continue to be in locations throughout the world, and should maintain the character of GAREC as an informal meeting among representatives of IARU member-societies and of Amateur Radio Emergency Groups within or outside of the respective National IARU Member-Society, serving as a forum for the exchange of experience and as an advisory body for the work on emergency communications of the IARU.” It was also noted that this statement was adopted by the Region 3 Conference. It was agreed to adopt this statement as a common understanding of the relationship between IARU and GAREC.

11.2.2. Region 3 drew attention to the following resolution that was adopted by the Region 3 Conference: “That the Conference request that the Region 3 representatives to the 2009 Administrative Council meeting call attention to the need to identify experts to

undertake the following: 1.) to develop guidelines for encouraging the greater use of amateur frequency allocations that are not fully utilized; 2.) to determine the hardware and training material that is needed to support this program, including material that will increase people's understanding of modern radio technology through amateur radio; 3.) to develop projects similar to the NZART 'Radio WAVE' project to demonstrate other aspects of radio wave propagation and radiocommunications principles, with frequencies selected so as to avoid interference with ongoing communications." This request by Region 3 was noted for further consideration by the Administrative Council.

11.2.3. As noted under item 6.5, the report by the International Coordinator for Emergency Communications suggested that the emergency communications handbook project needs a full-time author or editor to take the project to completion. The Secretary was tasked with contacting Hans Zimmermann to get a clear picture of what is required, including potential authors/editors and budget.

11.3. Region 1 reported that the Region 1 Executive Committee will next meet in Sofia, Bulgaria on 17-18 April 2010. Region 3 reported that the Region 3 Directors will meet in Canberra, Australia just prior to the WIA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in May 2010.

12. The next meeting of Council will be in the vicinity of San Salvador, El Salvador, commencing at 1400 local time on Friday, 1 October 2010.

13. There being no further business, after closing comments by each participant the meeting was adjourned at 1615 local time Sunday, 18 October. The news release prepared detailing actions taken at this meeting of the Council is attached hereto.

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**IARU Administrative Council Adopts Preliminary WRC-12 Positions**

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 17-18 October 2009 in Christchurch, New Zealand and took the following actions.

1. After a detailed review, preliminary IARU positions on relevant agenda items for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) were adopted.
2. The strategic plan for the development of support for amateur radio frequency allocations was reviewed for the period through 2012. The principal focus is on preparations for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12), especially the attainment of an amateur allocation in the vicinity of 500 kHz.
3. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified, and plans for representation were reviewed.
4. The working document that sets out the spectrum requirements of the amateur and amateur-satellite services was reviewed and updated.
5. The IARU 2025 Committee was restructured with a new mandate to determine what features of the proposed new structure can be implemented in the short term and to determine whether, in the long term, the structure proposed by the committee is financially feasible.
6. A policy statement was adopted explaining the status of the Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (GAREC) Conference with respect to the IARU. GAREC is an informal meeting of IARU member-societies and of amateur radio emergency groups within or outside of the respective national IARU member-society, serving as a forum for the exchange of experience and as an advisory body for the emergency communications work of the IARU.
7. The AC noted that the three regions have reached consensus on three global Center of Activity frequencies for use in the event of emergencies: 14.300, 18.160 and 21.360 MHz.
8. In response to a study initiated by the AC last year, input was received from regional Monitoring System coordinators and the Region 3 Conference. Certain proposals to make the system more effective are being discussed and the AC has resolved to take further action after the regional executive committees have had sufficient time to consult with their experts.

9. A study of the international QSL bureau system was received. Based on the study, member-societies are encouraged to explore appropriate ways to make cards available to non-members.
10. Volunteer Expert Consultants and Technical Representatives were reappointed. There is a need for additional qualified volunteers.
11. The budget for 2010-2012 as presented by the International Secretariat (ARRL) was reviewed. The budget includes provision for financial contributions from the three regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.
12. "Amateur Radio: Combining communication experience with modern digital techniques" was selected as the theme for the next World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2010.
13. A protocol was adopted to deal with member-societies that no longer exist.
14. As a result of failure to fulfill their obligations under the IARU Constitution, the rights of the following IARU member-societies were placed temporarily in abeyance: Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Nicaragua, Paraguay, and Suriname.
15. Reports of the IARU international coordinators and advisers were received. They are International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN; Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV; EMC Adviser Christian Verholt, OZ8CY; International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS; and Interim Monitoring System International Coordinator Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG.
16. A report was received on IARU participation in Telecom World 2009 in Geneva the previous week. The IARU stand was a popular destination and an effective platform for explaining the mission of the amateur services to attendees.

Attending the Christchurch meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; regional representatives Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Dennis Green, ZS4BS, Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Shizuo Endo, JE1MUI, Peter Lake, ZL2AZ, and recording secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ.

The next scheduled in-person meeting of the AC will be held in the vicinity of San Salvador, El Salvador in conjunction with the Region 2 Conference in October 2010. The officers will investigate holding a Web-based "virtual meeting" early in 2010.

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