



*Preparatory work for WRC 11(now re-scheduled to 2012) is now in full swing. Region 3 was well represented at the APG meeting which was held in Hangzhou Peoples Republic of China. IARU, as mentioned earlier, will coordinate views of all 3 regions and try to ensure a successful approach on issues that are important to the amateur community. Many meetings take place leading up to any WRC and IARU tries to have representation at as many of them as possible to do the groundwork that is required to get the support that is so important*

### A Word from the Chairman of IARU Region 3-

**Michael Owen VK3KI,**

#### **Region 3 and WRC 2011**

In the January 2009 IARU Region 3 Newsletter I wrote about the growing importance of the regional telecommunications organizations, the RTOs.

IARU Secretary, David Sumner K1ZZ had written a paper, suggesting that RTO had become the mechanism by which agreement can be reached on many matters. He argued that the ITU, which tries to operate as much as possible by consensus, with 191 member states, 85% of which participate at least on a token basis, would find it very hard to reach agreement without the RTOs support.

I pointed out that the RTO in our Region was the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), and that it was the responsibility of IARU Region 3 to present the case for amateur services to the APT.

The second meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC 2011 (the APG) was held in Hangzhou, China from 22 to 26 June 2009.

IARU Region 3 participated and was represented by Director Shizuo Endo JE1MUI.

IARU Region 3 Secretary Jay Oka JA1TRC was a member of the Japanese delegation, representing the amateur service nominated by JARL. IARU Region 3 Director Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ was a member of the Korean national delegation, representing a number of interests.

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Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a more detailed report on this APG, and the position taken by a number of countries.

What is the challenge for IARU with meetings such as this?

Particularly with an agenda item that suggests the allocation of a small part of a large band, each Regional organization must speak to the same objective.

Prior to the APG meeting the draft Region 3 contribution was sent to IARU Secretary Dave Sumner, and we had the value of his comments.

But there still needs to be a better exchange of information between the International Secretariat, the IARU Regional organizations and those representing the amateur service at a national level and nominated by their national societies.

What is good is that our IARU Region 3 organization is rising to the challenge, and is participating in our RTO's work for the next WRC, and we are indeed lucky to have someone like Shizuo Endo JE1MUI to represent us.

But make no mistake; the growing importance of the RTOs, in our Region the APT APGs places a major burden on the IARU and IARU Region 3. It means that we have to have communication between the different elements of the IARU, an ongoing knowledge of the documentation, we must speak with one voice, those representing the amateurs at a national level must be part of what we do, we must have expertise and continuity in what we do, as well as the funds to do it all.

That is the challenge for the IARU at a number of levels, and for us, at the 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference in Christchurch New Zealand October 12-16 later this year.

#### **WRC-11 re-scheduled**

World Radiocommunication Conference WRC-11, originally penciled in during the latter half of 2011, will now take place in Geneva in January/February 2012.

#### **Jay Oka JA1TRC takes over as Secretary IARU Region 3**

On 1 June 2009 Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, who had served as Secretary of Region 3 for almost 15 years, resigned as Secretary of IARU Region 3 as desired by him, and Jay Oka JA1TRC became Secretary, appointed by the Directors between Conferences in accordance with the Constitution.

Keigo JA1KAB came to Region 3 with a background in satellite communication and International Telecommunications Union. He served as director of Region 3 for over 10 years before taking on the secretary's responsibilities and over the years has built up an enviable knowledge of IARU, and particularly Region 3 matters.

He has agreed to accept the position of Special Advisor to Region 3 directors, and will also be available at the Region 3 conference in Christchurch later this year

#### **IARU HF World Championship- July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2009**

The second weekend i.e., 11th and 12th July, this year, the 2009 version of the IARU HF World Championship will take place.

The objective of this unique SSB and CW contest is to contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

It is open to all radio amateurs around the world.  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/iaru.html>

IARU, which organizes the contest, have invited IARU member societies to actively participate in this 24-hour contest with their HQ stations and confirmation has been received that many societies have identified HQ stations to participate  
<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/07/06/10947/?nc=1>

## **2<sup>nd</sup> APT Conference Preparatory Group (APG2011-2) Meeting,**

### **Hangzhou, PR of China – 22-26 July 2009**

The second (“APG-2011-2”) in the series of conference meetings organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), preparing for WRC-2011 (now changed to 2012) was held in the Hotel Four Points by Sheraton in Hangzhou, P.R. China.

The meeting was organized by the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), P. R. China.

Director Shizuo Endo JE1MUI attended this meeting. This was the first time a director from IARU Region 3 had attended APG 2011 meeting series. From IARU Region 3, Prof. Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ, a director, and Jay S. Oka JA1TRC, secretary, also attended as members of their respective administrations.

The meeting was attended by more than 280 people from APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and International Organization including IARU Region 3.

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While more study is needed to identify the optimum allocation, Malaysia and Singapore suggested an allocation between 427 to 442 kHz.

The next APG2011-3 meeting is scheduled tentatively to be held from 8-12 March 2010 and later on APG2011-4 will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2011.

### **Emergency Frequencies all regions**

For the information of all radio amateurs the following frequencies are the recommended emergency calling frequencies:

21.360 - 18.160 - 14.300 - 7.060 - 3.760 MHz

In region 2 alone, the following frequencies may also be used as calling frequencies: 3.985 - 7.240 - 7.290

### **2012 International YL Meet in Adelaide**

This very popular meeting is a great place for YL's (and in many cases their OM's) to meet and share their experiences.

Tentative dates for this event are being looked at in May 2012

### **IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships cancelled**

The host society, the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, has made a decision that it would be prudent to cancel the championships planned to be held in Thailand from October 29 to November 3, 2009 because of unexpected possible political problems.

Efforts were made to shift the competition to another country, but it was not possible, in the limited time remaining.

### **ORARI announces IOTA plans**

As reported in the last news letter ORARI (Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia) has announced that there are plans to activate three remote islands this year under the IOTA program. These are: Miangas Island in North Sulawesi on the

Indonesian-Philippine maritime border area, and Mapia Island on Papua's northern shores, which shares a border with the Republic of Palau, Rondo Island off the northern tip of Weh Island in Aceh Province, close to the maritime borders with India and Thailand.

ORARI members have activated 60 remote islands so far under the IOTA program.

### **Expansion of 40 Metre band**

Reports have been received from many member societies that more and more broadcast stations have moved out of the range 7.1 to 7.2 MHz and several regulators have started assigning the segment to radio amateurs as per agreement arrived at earlier.

Members are encouraged to keep the Region 3 Secretary informed of the position in their countries so that a consolidated view is available. Societies, if not already done, are also requested to take up with their respective administrations, the allocation of that segment to radio amateurs,

Details of the position in various countries are available on the respective region web-pages.

Region 1: <http://www.iaru-r1.org/IARU%20R1.htm>

Region 3: <http://iaru-r3.org/news/7MHz200903.htm>

Region 2: Already have use of the full spectrum 7.0 to 7.3 MHz

### **Reminder: The 2009 Seanet**

This is another reminder all members that Seanet 2009 will be held in Seoul Korea between 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Capital Hotel, Seoul City and Mt. Sorak in Gangwon province, Korea

As reported earlier, YL Chae, HL1KDW, [hl2kdw@hotmail.com](mailto:hl2kdw@hotmail.com), is the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee. This will be sponsored by Seoul City, and Korea Tourism Organization.

For registration and other details please visit:

[http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet\\_2009.htm](http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet_2009.htm)

### **GAREC-2009**

Noting that emergency communications is becoming a key activity for the amateur radio service, the Theme of the GAREC-2009 will be "Emergency Communications across Borders.

<http://www.rientola.fi/oh3ag/garec/index.html>

The Fifth Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (GAREC) Conference will be held on 24 - 25 August 2009, in connection with the JARL Ham Fair at Tokyo Big Sight, Ariake, Tokyo Japan. The Japan Amateur Radio League (JARL) hosts the Conference. The timing will give an opportunity for a large number of radio amateurs to attend GAREC 2009

<http://www.jarl.or.jp/garec-2009/>

### **14<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 Conference Christchurch 12 – 16 October 2009**

Terry Carrel, ZL3QL conference convener for NZART reports:

“Organization of the 14<sup>th</sup> IARU R-3 Conference is well advanced and the Delegate's Web site <http://www.zl6iaru.org> continues to be updated with the latest attendance information.

All papers and official information for delegates and other attendees is available at the IARU R-3 web site; <http://www.iaru-r3.org/>. Registration information has been dispatched to all Member societies and associates. If this has not been received, or further copies are required, the form is available at [www.zl6iaru/registration.html](http://www.zl6iaru/registration.html).

Accommodation information is also on the Web site. Please note that the Hotel has been re-branded and is now known as the Heartland Hotel Cotswold. This is the only change. Delegations are advised to book early

For visitors wishing to tour our beautiful country please visit the Notice Board page at [www.zl6iaru.org/notice.html](http://www.zl6iaru.org/notice.html)

Registration fee is \$80US or \$125NZ. Payments by VISA will be converted to NZ\$ according to the rate of exchange on the day of payment. (Day trip is \$60US or \$95NZ)

We look forward to welcoming you all to our special part of the world.”

Region 3 Directors will also meet in Christchurch just before and after the conference.

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