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A word from the Chairman Gopal Madhavan
VU2GMN

At the directors meeting in Canberra in 2010, a decision was taken that
it would be advantageous for IARU to have a Memorandum of
Understanding with Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) so that a formal
relationship was established enabling tabling of information papers at
meetings where issues relating to amateur radio were being discussed.
A draft MOU, based on APT guidelines, was drafted and later submitted
to APT for consideration.

It was decided that the AWG-14 meeting of APT in Bangkok in March
2013, would be an opportunity to meet the Secretary General of APT
and move the matter further. Accordingly an appointment was obtained
and directors Shizuo Endo JE1MUI and Gopal MadhavanVU2GMN
visited Bangkok and met with the Secretary General, Toshiyuki Yamada
and his colleagues. A presentation was made demonstrating the
advantages to both IARU and APT by the signing of such an MOU.
This was well received and we are now awaiting further information
from APT.

Gopal also took the opportunity of visiting the ITU Regional
Headquarters in Bangkok to meet the Regional Director Mrs. Eun-Ju
Kim and her colleagues.

Discussions took place on several specific areas where ITU and IARU
could cooperate for furthering the amateur radio service, especially in
the field of emergency services and promotion of amateur radio.

A request was also made for the allocation of some space for IARU to
display the amateur radio service at ITU Telecom World 2013 in
Bangkok later this year. It may be remembered that IARU Region 3 had
a presence several times at ITU Telecom Asia when it was held in
Region 3 and where the opportunity to interact with several hundred
visitors, especially youngsters who could take up the hobby. This was
appreciated by ITU and it is expected that IARU could have a presence
at Telecom World.

The directors would like to call the attention of all societies to the
minutes of the 15th Conference held in Vietnam in November 2012. This
was circulated to all societies and is available on our webpage
http://www.youtu-r3.org/. It is important that the various decisions arrived
at be acted upon expeditiously.

I look forward to support from everyone to achieve our objectives.
73 Gopal

Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award.

In memory of Michael Owen VK3KI, the IARU Administrative Council
announced a new award. “The Michael J. Owen, VK3KI, Award” was
established to recognize an individual or individuals that best exemplify
the dedication and hard work of IARU volunteers.

In addition, the WIA proposed an annual award/trophy to be awarded to
the highest individual operator score located in Region 3 in the IARU
HF Contest.

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

The contest is conducted on the second full weekend of July, beginning
1200 UTC Saturday and ending 1200 UTC Sunday. Both Single and
Multi operator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.

JARI Hamfair 2013

The Amateur Radio Festival, also known as JARI Hamfair will be held
in Tokyo Big Sight, Ariake, Tokyo on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25th of
August 2013.

Displays of Industry and Club booths, Guest Speakers, Special Event
Station and many other activities to satisfy the inquisitive needs of the
amateur will be available soon.

Wireless Institute of Australia Annual Conference

The WIA Annual General meeting and Conference will be held in
Fremantle Western Australia from 24-26 May 2013.

It will be an opportunity to review the years activities of the WIA, and
participate in the Open Forum and consider the future needs of the
members, to interact with the WIA Board of Directors and members,
benefit from expert teaching sessions on many AR topics, socialize and
even extend the visit to take in the many tourist highlights of Western
Australia. www.wia.org.au

NZART 2013 Annual Conference

The 2013 NZART Conference will be held at the Copthorne Hotel
and Resort, Solway Park, Wairarapa, Masterton, New Zealand on June 1 & 2
2013, on the Queens Birthday weekend. Registration details are available from www.nzartconference2013.co.nz

World Amateur Radio Day 2013

Each year on 18 April, radio amateurs around the world celebrate World
Amateur Radio Day. On that day in 1925 the International Amateur
Radio Union was founded.

In 1913 there occurred the first recorded instance of amateur radio being
used to provide communications in a natural disaster, during severe
flooding in the Midwest of the United States.

Accordingly, the theme of the event for 2013 is “Amateur Radio:
Entering Its Second Century of Disaster Communications.”

Activities on the occasion of World Amateur Radio Day 2013 can be a
great opportunity to spread the word about what the “hams” are doing in
the field of disaster communications in the 21st Century.

Dom Bragge, VK2JNA , the President of the Manly-Warringah Radio
Society, VK2MB, in Sydney, Australia, reported there was some interest
in World Amateur Radio Day on a local community broadcast FM
station, 2NSB, and they had an interview on April 18, 2013.

The interview recording is about 13 min long and available on the

Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, SK

We are sad to record that J. Kenneth Pulfer, VE3PU, died Easter Sunday
morning March 31, 2013 after a months-long illness. He was 80.
Ken served as chair of the working group for amateur and amateur satellite services within ITU-R Working Party 5A since Paul Rinaldo's retirement from that role in 2009 through the end of the WRC-12 cycle. His chairmanship capped a long professional and volunteer career in engineering and spectrum management, and was marked by the successful effort to obtain a secondary international MF allocation for the amateur service at 472-479 kHz. Including this term, Ken spent sixteen years in his retirement representing the Radio Amateurs of Canada and the IARU at various meetings in Geneva. His professionalism, insight, and positive attitude inspired and improved all who worked with him.

In accordance with Ken's wishes, no services are planned. (N4QX)

**IARU Region 3**

IARU Region 3 includes the member societies representing amateur radio operators in Australia, most of Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Although most of their membership is located in other IARU regions, the American Radio Relay League and the Radio Society of Great Britain are full member societies of IARU Region 3.

The ARRL represents amateur radio operators in American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, and other dependent territories in the Pacific Ocean. The RSGB represents amateur radio operators in the British Indian Ocean Territory.

IARU Region 3 has a special emphasis on promoting the harmonization of license qualifications in an effort to promote easier reciprocal operations by amateur radio operators in the region. (Wikipedia.org)

Details of all Region 3 member Societies can be found at [http://www.iaru.org/region-3.html](http://www.iaru.org/region-3.html)

**Region 3 Website**

At the Conference, discussion also centred on the Region 3 website and Resolution 11-F/XV was passed.

That the Directors be requested to consider the appointment of a volunteer webmaster with the objective of modernizing the Region 3 website.

The Directors have acted on this resolution and much work has been completed towards the objective of providing a modern and user friendly web site. Keep checking to see it come online and we look forward to your positive feedback and practical suggestions of how the web pages can be developed as a regional resource.

**The RSGB Centenary 2013**

The Radio Society of Great Britain, an IARU Region 3 member society is celebrating its Centenary during 2013. A special event callsign Gx100RSGB (x is secondary location identifier) has been established and will be operated by various sites around the country.

Numerous events are planned as part of the celebration including the Centenary Conference in October.

To celebrate the formation of the RSGB in 5th July 1913 the Society will be holding a Centenary dinner on the same date in 2013. The dinner will follow the Centenary activity at Bletchley Park on the same day and will be held at the local Horwood House.


**Region 3 Newsletter**

A recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the recent Conference:

**Resolution 11-E/XV**

That Conference recommends that Member Societies support the work of the Region 3 Newsletter Editor by sending the Editor timely news items.

The newsletter is an opportunity to share news of your Societies activities and future plans. Your contributions would be most welcome and can be forwarded to the email address below marked “R3 News”.

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**The 54th All Asian DX Contest**

The contest is divided into two categories, CW & Phone with the CW contest due to be conducted from 00.00UTC on the third Saturday of June to 24.00 UTC the next day. The contest covers a period of 48 hours covering June 15 & 16, 2013.

The phone contest is held on the 7 & 8th of September.

Details of the contest can be found at [http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2013AA_rule.htm](http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2013AA_rule.htm)