



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 Madhavan VU2GMN 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.iaru-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.

JARL Hamfair 2013

The Amateur Radio Festival, also known as JARL 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 13min long and available on the MWRS club website at: www.mwrs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/dom-bragge-2NSB-96kpb.mp3

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>

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 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

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 call sign 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.

Further details:

<http://www.rsgb.org/aboutrsgb/rsgbcentenary2013/?id=rsgb-centenary-home>

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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