



IARU HF Championship and Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award.

The 2014 IARU HF World Championship Contest takes place annually on the second full weekend of July, beginning at 1200 UTC on Saturday and ending at 1200 UTC Sunday (12-13 July 2014).

Both single and multi operator stations may operate for the entire 24 hour period.

All licensed amateurs worldwide are eligible to participate in this contest. The objective is to contact as many other amateurs, and especially IARU member society HQ stations, around the world.

The 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands may be used.

Multipliers are the total number of ITU Zones plus IARU member society HQ stations worked on each band (not mode).

Region 3 has 29 potential society stations. Last year 10 societies participated in the contest from Region 3.

IARU officials represent a maximum of four multipliers per band (AC, R1, R2 and R3) Regional EC members who are not AC members must use the designator "R3". Look out for Region 3 Councillors and society stations.

The complete rules of the championship can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-championship>

This year there is an added incentive for an amateur from Region 3 as it will be the second time the Michael Owen VK3KI award is issued for the Region 3 amateur who receives the highest number of points during the championship.

The inaugural (2013) winner of the Michael Owen VK3KI award, sponsored by the Wireless Institute of Australia, was JH5GHM, Mr Katsuhiko (Don) Kondou as sole operator of station JH1GBZ. Congratulations on a fine effort.

JARL Hamfair 2014

The Amateur Radio Festival, also known as JARL Hamfair will be held in Tokyo Big Sight, Ariake, Tokyo on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24th of August 2014.

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 on display.

New JARL President appointed.

JARL had its annual assembly on 15th June 2014 and the new president and his vice-presidents were elected.

JARL New President and Vice-Presidents

President: Toshihiko Yamanouchi JA7AIW
Vice-President: Kimio Maegawa JA9BOH
Vice-President: Yoshinori Takao JG1KTC
Executive Director and IARU liaison posts were filled by Hiroyoshi Tamama JA1SLS.

Asia Pacific Telecommunity Meeting in Brisbane, Australia.

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity held a Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-15 (APG15-3) from 9 to 13 June 2014 in Brisbane, Australia.

One of the objectives of the APG meeting is to further develop APT common views on WRC-15 agenda items based on members' contributions.

From Region 3, directors Peter Lake ZL2AZ and Shizuo Endo JE1MUI attended. Prof. Rhee HL1AQQ from Korea also attended along with Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP representing JARL. IARU Region 3 expressed its views and positions on the agenda items for WRC-15 which concern the Amateur services by submitting its information paper.

IARU Region 3 Directors meet in Brisbane

The recent annual gathering of the Directors included the important Asia-Pacific Telecommunity or APT meeting of delegates to consider a bloc view on agenda matters at next year's World Radio Conference in Geneva.

All six IARU Region 3 Directors met - Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Professor Rhee HL1AQQ, Geoff Atkinson VK3TL, Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ and Chairman Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN.

They were assisted by Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP and joined by IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH, and Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman PB2T.

They reviewed progress on several tasks identified at their last meeting in August 2013 in Tokyo.

Directors reported on their various responsibilities, with coordinators and other reports read. In addition reports were tabled from the IARU in Region 1 and 2 which broadly outlined their activities.

A special report from the IARU Region 3 Directors Peter Lake ZL2AZ and Shizuo Endo JE1MUI was received on their participation at the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity meeting. Two items of special interest to Amateur Radio were considered including the possible secondary allocation near 5 MHz.

The pair reported on Memorandum of Understanding between the IARU Region 3 and APT being agreed in principle, that was due for final approval at the APT General Assembly in November this year.

Amateur Radio in some of the Pacific islands had become inactive due to the departure of expatriate operators, but the Directors noted with pleasure that some are now wanting to revive activities there.

The Region 3 Conference in Yogyakarta in October 2015 was discussed, with the venue to be decided in November 2014.

Two directors, Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN and Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ will represent IARU Region 3 at the next IARU Administrative Council meeting and IARU Region 1 Conference in Varna, Bulgaria in September.

Worldwide doyen of Amateur Radio honoured

On a trip to Melbourne Timothy Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA, IARU President of the International Amateur Radio Union, formally presented Dr David Wardlaw with the IARU's inaugural Michael J Owen Award.

The presentation was at the Wireless Institute of Australia's (WIA) headquarters in Havelock Road, east suburban Bayswater before a small gathering of those involved with the IARU, WIA, family and friends.

Tim Ellam thanked those who organised the morning tea, (followed by a city luncheon later joined by Nan Owen and daughter Jen), and said, "The WIA remains one of our most important member societies in the IARU and we value your participation in our affairs."

He acknowledged the presence of IARU Region 3's President Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN and Director Geoff Atkinson VK3TL as well as Monitoring System Coordinator Peter Young VK3MV, and the Chairman of the Disaster Communications Committee Jim Linton VK3PC.

Speaking of the Michael J Owen Award, Tim said, "We were of course immensely saddened with Michael's sudden passing. (The IARU Region 3 Chairman and WIA President died on September 22, 2012.) Michael was a rock for all us and for his achievements both with Amateur Radio in Australia and those who became involved in the IARU were remarkable.

"His commitment to Amateur Radio was exemplary. Many of us here today can speak to his keen intellect and wit. Many also speak to his kindness and mentoring of new radio amateurs involved in the IARU."

Tim said one of his goals on becoming the IARU President was to recognise our volunteers. This was from a recognition that people spent long hours for the good of Amateur Radio, often with little recognition.

"With Michael's passing it seemed fitting that this recognition should incorporate his name," he said. The IARU Administrative Council (AC) felt that no other radio amateur better exemplified the IARU volunteer, and named it the Michael J Owen Award.

In 2013 the IARU AC acted to make the inaugural appointment of two radio amateurs who were the unanimous choices for dedication and work for the IARU.

Wojciech Nietyksza SP5FM (who was presented with the award by IARU Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR in Warsaw on 17 May 2014, for decades of exceptional service) and now Dr David Wardlaw VK3ADW receiving the same award.

The Australian became involved with the IARU in 1968 as part of the Secretariat provided by the WIA for the inaugural conference of the IARU Region 3 in Sydney.

While serving as WIA President he attended the 1976 IARU world meeting in Miami, in conjunction with the Region 2 conference, at which the global objectives and strategy for World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC-79) were developed.

Along with Michael Owen, David was appointed to the Australian delegation at WARC-79 to represent Amateur Radio. It was one of the most significant conferences for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in many ways.

For Amateur Radio it meant the allocation of the so-called WARC-bands for the Amateur Service, a major development that occurred during a very busy agenda. The pair returned home having played their roles in that IARU victory, but went on to serve further.

David was a Director of IARU R3 1988-1994 and 1997-99, resigning in that time to succeed Michael as IARU Vice President, serving in that

role from 1994-2004.

Tim Ellam fondly recalls that he succeeded David as IARU Vice President, and in the hand-over imparted his wisdom and guidance for this role.

He said, "David was an effective representative of both Amateur Radio and the Australian administration at the ITU.

"His expertise was such that those he encountered assumed that 'Dr Wardlaw' held a Ph. D. in some field related to physics or engineering, but in fact, he was a dentist.

"To this day, many ITU attendees speak often and highly of Dr Wardlaw, and I am continually asked when we will see him again."

In presenting the Michael J. Owen Award, the IARU President said, "I can think of no one more fitting to be presented with this award than you."

A humble David Wardlaw received the accolade, saying it was a deep privilege to be awarded. He recalled that a young Michael Owen, then a law student, had shown an interest in the way radio was regulated, and after a Sunday morning at his house interested him in Amateur Radio.

While he made many friends at the IARU, He quipped that ITU committee chairman would refer to him by his name, rather than a country like other delegates, giving him some added importance.

David is known for his quiet and diplomatic approach to important matters, but his truly thoughtful effectiveness on them can never be challenged.

By Jim Linton VK3PC

Region 3 Newsletter

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".

This Newsletter

At the recent Directors meeting it was agreed to send out the newsletter on a monthly basis, so the news is more fresh. Please ensure that information is submitted in a timely manner so it can be distributed promptly.

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