



# The IARU Region 3 Newsletter

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### A word from the Chairman Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN

As WRC 2015 approaches, societies in all IARU regions worldwide are working with their respective administrations to garner support for the agenda item which IARU is promoting.

The Possible New allocation to the Amateur Service within the Band 5 275 kHz to 5 450 kHz has been something that has been identified as a very important item for radio amateurs as it bridges the gap between 3.5 and 7 MHz.

Several countries already have allocated some portions of the band for radio amateurs under the provisions of Section II, Article 4.4 of the Radio Regulations and so IARU is working to make this an official allocation in Article 5 of the Radio Regulations.

All societies in Region 3 are requested to lend their support by persuading their administrations to support this agenda item

73 Gopal

### World Amateur Radio Day .

The theme for this years World Amateur Radio Day to be held on April 18, 2015 is "ITU & IARU Celebrating 150 Years of Advancing the Telecommunication Art.

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

World Amateur Radio Day activities and special events are an opportunity to spread the word about what radio amateurs are doing in the 21st century. Several IARU member-societies and associated clubs are expected to sponsor special event stations this weekend to mark the occasion.

### IARU R3 & APT Agreement.

International Amateur Radio Union Region 3 and the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to achieve further collaboration.

The agreement which had to pass through various stages of approval has been formalized by IARU Region 3 Chairman Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN and APT Secretary-General Toshiyuki Yamada.

Gopal VU2GMN explained that while the IARU Region 3 regionally looks after the development and protection of the Amateur Service, the APT based in Bangkok Thailand, sets spectrum allocation, fosters telecommunication services and information infrastructure.

He said IARU Region 3 representatives have been attending APT meetings and submitting documents for years. The MoU further strengthens the working relationship of the two regional bodies.

Gopal VU2GMN said: "The drafting of the MoU began at the IARU Region 3 directors meeting in Canberra 2010 just before the WIA Centenary. "It was felt highly desirable that there be a formal arrangement covering the presence at the various APT meetings where amateur issues are being discussed."

He said the first draft of the MoU was made in Canberra with IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH and then IARU Region 3 Chairman Michael Owen VK3KI (SK), both lawyers who greatly helped with its wording.

Gopal VU2GMN said at the IARU Region 3 conference in Ho Chi Minh City, the MoU was identified as a priority. Work began on an illustrated presentation with its first step showing to Toshiyuki Yamada and his APT colleagues in Bangkok, Thailand.

Then several APT committees had to then see it and finally the APT General Assembly held recently in Yangon, Myanmar, agreed to the MoU.

The APT was founded in 1979 out of steps taken by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the International Telecommunication Union.

It is an inter-government organisation in Asia-Pacific for communication, information and innovation technologies. It has sister organisations, the CEPT in Europe and CITELECOM for the Americas.

APT has 38 member administrations that develop a regional perspective on World Radiocommunication Conference agenda items.

### Wireless Institute of Australia Annual Conference

The next annual Conference of the WIA will be held in Canberra on May 9-10, 2015. The theme will be based on celebrating 10 years since the introduction of the Foundation Licence.

### Special event station "8N3HC"

Commemorating the reopening of World Cultural Heritage "Himeji Castle" after the extensive repair works for more than 4 years, JARL Himeji Amateur Radio Club will operate the special event station "8N3HC" as follows.

Period: March 1 - May 31, 2015

Bands: 160 meter to 70 centimeter

Modes: CW phone digital

QSL: No need to send your QSL. To be sent via JARL bureau.

8N3HC will also be active in CQ WPX Contests, SSB/CW, Mar 28-29 and May 30-31, 2015.

### IARU & Emergency Communications

The benefits of better communications during disasters has been highlighted at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World '14 held in Doha, Qatar. International Amateur Radio

Union (IARU) President Timothy Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA, told those attending of the vital role of radio amateurs during disasters.

At the 4-day international gathering that attracted some 3500 participants, he told how Amateur Radio does not rely on commercial networks, and that hams have the technical know-how to send information during disasters. Recently the volunteer radio amateur response to Typhoon Hagupit was through the HERO (Ham Radio Emergency Operation) network of the IARU member society, Philippines Amateur Radio Association.

Those attending Telecom World '14 are involved in information and communications technology.

In opening, the Director of ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau, Brahim Sanou, included statistics of 2010-2012 where natural disasters, took than 1.2 million lives and 40 per cent of the world's population was affected. Other speakers showed how their technology is helping to mitigate the effects of natural disasters and climate change.

(Jim Linton VK3PC, Chairman IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee)

### **Asia Pacific Telecommunity Meeting**

Asia-Pacific Telecommunity will hold the Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-15 (APG15-4) from 09 to 14 February 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand.

From Region 3, directors Peter Lake ZL2AZ and Shizuo Endo JE1MUI will attend. IARU Region 3 will express its views and positions on the agenda items for WRC-15 which concern the Amateur services by submitting its information paper.

A letter from IARU Region 3, calling for your support for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.4 - Possible New allocation to the Amateur Service within the Band 5 275 kHz to 5 450 kHz has been sent to all Member Societies in Dec. 2014. We encourage in the strongest possible terms, member society interaction with their authorities, to seek their support for this proposal. We are encouraged by feedback received from some societies in this matter.

### **10<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships**

The 10<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships is to be held in Gunma, Japan, 6 – 12 September 2015. The Bulletin 1 has been e-mailed to the Member Societies.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of IARU Region 3**

Invitational letters have been prepared for dispatch to Member Societies advising the dates of the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference to be held in Bali, Indonesia. The conference has been scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and will be held at Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel. The Conference will be hosted by ORARI, Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia.

### **Society Update Officials and Contact Information**

A request is extended to all Region 3 Society Liaison Officers or other responsible officers to ensure that all details about their society is up to date on the listings shown at <http://iaru-r3.org/> under member societies. Some details have not been amended or updated for a number of years and have non functional data.

Current details can be forwarded to the Secretary of Region 3 for updating of the web information.

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