



# The IARU Region 3 Newsletter

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### Editor's Note

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition of the Region 3 Newsletter. The recent Region 3 Conference in Seoul has been a great success and the KARL must be congratulated on a well-run event.

One of the outcomes for the Working Groups was the recommendation that the News Letter Guideline be updated to reflect modern delivery methods and media platforms. The IARU will also be updating its website that will encompass all three regions onto one platform. This work has commenced and is due for completion in mid-2019. If any society has ideas for a better newsletter format, I welcome your ideas.

I would like to see more articles from Societies that may be of interest to other societies and regions. If a member society has an upcoming event please consider making a news item – the editor will assist you.

Contributions may be sent to me at the email address at the end of the Newsletter. Items appearing in newsletter may be used by societies freely to inform their members.

The deadline for the next edition is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

*73 Peter, VK3MV*

### A word from the outgoing Chairman September 2018

The Triennial conference of Region 3 has just concluded in Seoul, S. Korea and a number of important papers were discussed and resolutions tabled by two working groups. Details will be available on our webpage soon.

A new set of Directors were elected and is led by OM Wisnu YB0AZ from ORARI, a young dynamic and very active ham. Apart from some of the existing directors, two new directors were elected. Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP who has been working as the Secretary most efficiently has come into the board with Shizuo JE1MUI taking over as Secretary.

Just before the conference the IARU Administrative Council met to deliberate on several major issues.

A major step is the design of a new webpage which will be adopted by all three regions to make the organization uniformly identifiable all over the world- at present the three regions have vastly different styles of webpages.

The work being done towards WRC 2019 was also discussed.

I have been privileged to be a director for 12 years and Chairman for six years and I wish the new team all success.

*Gopal VU2GMN*

### A Word from the Incoming Chairman

17th IARU Region 3 Conference was experienced by all who were in Seoul, Korea in September 2018.

KARL and its organizing committee team, headed by Dr. Choi HL3OB did a wonderful job.

A new set of directors were elected. Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN and Prof Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ, who had served as Chairman of the directors and a director, decided to retire and not offer themselves for election.

Thank you Gopal and Prof Rhee for all your work over many years.

Welcome to Mohd Aris bin Bernawi 9M2IR and Jakkree Hantongkom HS1FVL who join us as directors, Peter Young VK3MV, Don Wallace ZL2TLL, continue along with me. Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP also elected as a director and his position as Secretary replaced by Shizuo Endo JE1MUI.

Several major issues were discussed in this conference in 2 working groups and finance committee such as Bandplan, IARU Brand Projects, YOTA, Educational activities, Disaster Communication, Wireless Power Transmission and etc.

A new IARU Region 3 new band plan committee also have been formed and headed by Sion Chow 9M2CQC.

I hope all societies can be more active to work with administrators in their own country to protect amateur radio spectrum from the intruders and industrial technology advancements.

The new IARU website also will be launched soon and hopes it can be a good source of informations for all amateur radios and societies in the world.

This is a hard work for all of us and a large team from various countries to working for the future of Amateur Radio and IARU.

I hope and urge all societies more active to send in your news items to the editor.

Also thanks to all the directors who have trusted me to lead.

*73 Wisnu YB0AZ*

## **17<sup>th</sup> IARU Region 3 Conference Seoul, Republic of Korea**

1. The triennial conference of Region 3 was inaugurated on Monday 10th September 2018.
2. The meeting observed a minute silence in memory of Shozo Hara JA1AN, Jim Linton VK3PC, Raj Singh 3D2ER, Fred Johnson ZL2AMJ and Jeong-Kuk Hyeon HL1AUG who went SK during past three years.
3. Mr. Hyeong-Su Kim, DS2HTR, as the President of Conference, welcomed everyone on behalf of the host Society, the Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL).
4. Mr. Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN, Chairman of Directors of IARU Region 3, thanked the guests for their attendance and welcomed the delegates to the 17th IARU Region 3 Conference on behalf of the IARU Region 3 Officers.
5. Mr. Timothy Ellam VE6SH, President of the IARU, welcomed the participants on behalf of the IARU Officers and the International Secretariat and thanked KARL for hosting the 17th Triennial Conference of IARU Region 3.
6. Mrs. Lee, Young-Mi, the President of Central Radio Management Service, Republic of Korea, also welcomed the participants to the Conference. She recognized the general role of amateur radio in science and education in this country. She also wished the Conference every success.
7. The conference saw participation by 13 societies in person ARRL/BDARA/CRAC/CTARL/HARTS/JARL/KARL/MARTS/NZART/ORARI/RAST/SARTS/ WIA) and three by proxy (PARA/RSSL/RSGB). Also attending was the IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH, Vice President Ole Garpestad LA2RR and Secretary Dave Sumner K1ZZ, from Region 1 President Don Beattie G3BJ and Secretary Hans Blondeel Timmerman PB2T, Region 2 President Reinaldo Leandro YV5AM and Vice President Ramon Santoyo XE1KK.
8. Two working groups were formed
  - WG1-Policy matters that included education, training, development of amateur radio and international and regional conferences involving radio administrations with special concentration on IARU Branding and threat to amateur radio spectrum from the Wireless Power Transfer (WPT).
  - WG2- Operational and Technical Matters, including emergency communications, digital modes, APRS common frequency with special attention on proposed interim band plans.
  - In addition, a separate Finance committee was formed where all delegates were invited to participate.
  - A total of 42 papers were discussed by the working groups and recommendations submitted to conference.
9. The Administrative Council of IARU also met just before the Region 3 conference with Chairman Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN and Director Peter Young VK3MV participating on behalf of Region 3 with Director Don Wallace ZL2TLL and Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP also attending as observers. The Administrative Council members also participated in the conference.
10. The following six were elected by voting following nine nominations:
  - a) Mohd Aris Bin Bernawi 9M2IR
  - b) Jakkree Hantongkom HS1FVL
  - c) Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP
  - d) Peter Young VK3MV
  - e) Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ
  - f) Don Wallace ZL2TLLThe directors then elected Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ as their Chairman, which was endorsed by conference. Shizuo Endo JE1MUI was appointed unopposed as Secretary.
11. The conference praised the KARL organizing committee, headed by Dr. Choi, Yong-Seok HL3OB and the team of volunteers, the hotel, arrangements for meetings etc.
12. The conference thanked Han, Jung-Hoon HL2AGG for taking on the role of conference chairman and conducting the meetings with efficiency.
13. One verbal invitation followed by the written invitation was received from RAST to host the 18<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference of IARU Region 3 at Bangkok in Thailand. RAST announced that he 18<sup>th</sup> Conference would be held in September/October 2021.

### *R3 Secretary*

### **IARU Administrative Council Meeting Focuses on WRC-19 Preparation and Succession Planning**

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual in-person meeting on 8 and 9 September 2018 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, immediately prior to the IARU Region 3 Conference. The AC is responsible for the policy and management of the IARU and consists of the three IARU international officers and two representatives from each of the three IARU regional organizations.

With the 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) now little more than a year away, the efforts of two dozen IARU volunteers to defend amateur radio's frequency allocations against commercial pressures and to seek worldwide harmonization of the 50-54 MHz band are reaching a critical stage. Coordination of this team is an ongoing task leading up to the ITU Conference Preparatory Meeting in Geneva in February 2019 and to WRC-19 itself in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, in October and November. The work involves presenting the IARU positions on the WRC-19 agenda items to national

administrations through the IARU member-societies and actively participating in the ongoing preparations being done in regional telecommunications organizations and the ITU Radiocommunication Sector. The potential for crippling levels of interference to radiocommunications from High Power Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) for electric vehicles is high on the list of concerns.

With these challenges in mind the AC reviewed its strategic plan to develop support for amateur spectrum allocations and approved the action plan for implementation during the remainder of 2018 and 2019. To resource the plan, the IARU budget for the years 2019-2021 was reviewed and adopted. The budget is based upon anticipated financial contributions from the IARU International Secretariat (IS) and the three regional organizations and reflects ongoing efforts to minimize expenses while maintaining the essential activities for achievement of the plan.

The IARU Constitution and Administrative Council policies define the process for filling the positions of IARU President and Vice President for five-year terms. Member-societies and the three IARU regional organizations are invited to participate in identifying qualified candidates for consideration in a consultative process between the AC and the member-society acting as the International Secretariat (IS), currently the ARRL. This process for the terms of office beginning on 9 May 2019 was initiated at the 2017 meeting of the AC and completed at the 2018 meeting. ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, formally reported that there was consensus that the incumbent President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, and Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, should be nominated for an additional term. These nominations will be submitted to the IARU member-societies for ratification by mail vote.

Looking to the future, the AC recognized the importance and urgency of succession planning and assigned it an immediate and high priority. Individuals with the qualifications, skills, and willingness to fill volunteer technical and leadership positions must be identified on an ongoing basis in order to maintain the availability of essential personnel resources. Training must be provided so that the volunteer team can function effectively in a rapidly changing regulatory environment.

The growth of amateur radio, especially how to attract young people, is a common concern of IARU member-societies. The AC will set out to identify those barriers to growth that the IARU can assist member-societies to address and will encourage member-societies to share successful strategies for growth with one another.

The AC noted with pleasure that considerable progress has been made to develop consistent branding across the IARU and its three regional organizations and thanked the team that has been working on a common design for the four websites. The design was agreed and plans are underway for implementation in the coming months.

The IARU policy on QSL bureaus has been under review for several years. While the IARU QSL bureau system continues to be important for many member-societies and individual amateurs, escalating expenses represent a growing financial burden for others. Unwanted and undeliverable QSL cards are increasingly recognized as an environmental concern. Possible

amendments to the policy continue to be developed for consideration.

In addition to the ITU Radiocommunication Sector the IARU is engaged with the Development Sector, particularly with regard to emergency communication. Additional areas of continuing activity that represent significant effort by volunteer coordinators, advisors, and others include amateur satellite frequency coordination, electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), and the International Beacon Project. Reports from these coordinators and advisors were received with thanks. The AC agreed to maintain its modest annual financial support of the Beacon Project.

The AC noted the actions taken by the IS and the regions to address the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) of the European Union and agreed to review its implications on an ongoing basis.

After consideration of several possible alternatives the theme for World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2019, was confirmed as “Celebrating Amateur Radio’s Contribution to Society.”

Attending the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; regional representatives Don Beattie, G3BJ, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, Gopal Madhavan, VU2GMN, and Peter Young, VK3MV. Present as observers were regional executive committee members Jay Bellows, K0QB, Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, and Don Wallace, ZL2TLL.

The next in-person meeting of the AC is scheduled to be held immediately prior to the IARU Region 2 Conference in Lima, Peru at the end of September 2019. Virtual AC meetings will be held by teleconference as required.

#### *IARU Administrative Council*

#### **To IARU Member-Societies**

At its September 2018 meeting in Seoul the IARU Administrative Council discussed the past, present, and future of the IARU QSL bureau system.

The exchange of QSL cards by radio amateurs is a practice that is almost as old as radio itself. It began as postcard reports of distant reception at a time when two-way contacts over significant distances were relatively rare and the reports were valued as the best evidence of a transmitting station’s range. It developed into a social gesture – “A QSL is the final courtesy of a QSO” – as well as a means of documenting achievements.

IARU QSL bureaus – national-level clearinghouses for cards sent in bulk from one country to another – came about initially because the addresses of individual stations were not widely available (in part because amateurs in some countries operated without the benefit of a license) and international postage for individual cards was relatively expensive.

For many years the QSL bureau system was reliable, inexpensive, and almost universal for countries with more than a handful of amateurs.

In recent years several developments have impacted the QSL bureau system:

- Computer-generated QSLs have flooded the system with cards that are not desired by the intended recipients.
- Amateurs have become more environmentally conscious and regret the large volume of undeliverable and unwanted cards.
- Electronic confirmation systems, including but by no means limited to the ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW), have reduced the necessity of collecting cards to earn awards.
- Newer, younger amateur licensees are not as wedded to the tradition of QSL card exchange as their older counterparts.
- The cost of sending packages of QSL cards internationally has increased dramatically.
- Holiday-style "DXpeditions" and contest operations by visitors have burdened smaller bureaus with cards that cannot be delivered locally, causing some to cease operation entirely.
- Budgetary pressures are forcing member-societies to reassess their priorities, especially in countries with declining amateur populations.
- Some member-societies find it increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers or to pay staff or contractors to operate their QSL bureaus.

Administrative Council policy on QSL bureaus is set out in Resolution 85-9, first adopted in 1985 and revised most recently in 2009. In 2016 the Administrative Council sought the views of member-societies on the possible suppression of Resolution 85-9. With the exception of the IARU Region 2 Conference that year, which expressed support for the resolution while also endorsing electronic confirmation, there was very little response.

In Seoul the Administrative Council concluded that Resolution 85-9 should be replaced with a new Resolution 18-1 that better reflects the current situation. Because this represents a significant change in policy it is being communicated to member-societies in advance of the effective date of 1 January 2019.

Member-societies are invited to direct any questions or concerns regarding this change to IARU Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ: [secretary@iaru.org](mailto:secretary@iaru.org). Any expressed concerns will be addressed by the Administrative Council prior to the effective date.

### **IARU Region 3 Directory**

Official R3 Directory. Further information can be found on the Region 3 website: <http://iaru-r3.org/secretariat/>

### **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 nonfunctional data.

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

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