



# THE IARU REGION 3 NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from IARU Region 3*



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After an amazing Conference in Bangkok - Thailand, where we had the opportunity to meet together and share experiences, our region demonstrated an exceptional example of cooperation and friendship as a fundamental pillar to construct benefits for all our Member Societies. We expect, with your help, to keep these initiatives running to enhance the purpose of the Amateur Radio Service.

#### Request

***This Newsletter is not possible without you!*** We would like to receive information about amateur radio related activities from our Member Societies to be used as a feeding material and be able to produce this publication. As you have noticed, due to the lack of participation and circulation of information, this valuable resource stopped its production. Please contact the "Editor" if you can assist.

#### Next Newsletter

Societies are invited to submit news items that may interest readers. The deadline for the next edition is 28th February 2025.

## 19th International Amateur Radio Union Region 3 Conference 2024

By IARU Region 3

The IARU Region 3 Conference is held every 3 years. This year, the 19th International Amateur Radio Union Conference was held from 4 November 2024 to 8 November 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The Radio Amateur Society of Thailand under The Royal Patronage of His Majesty The King of Thailand served as a host.

The opening of the conference was addressed by:

- AM. Thanapant Raicharoen, E24PAM, NBTC Commissioner, Government of Thailand,
- Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Director, Radio Communication Bureau, International Telecommunications Union.
- Mr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity.
- Mr. Timothy Ellam, VE6SH, President, International Amateur Radio Union.

A welcome speech was also given by Mr. Wahyudi Hasbi, YB1PRY, and Mr. Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, IARU R3 Chairs.

29 member societies of our region had the opportunity to participate sending one delegate to the triennial conference along with observers.

The purpose of the IARU Region 3 is:

-To promote, represent and advance in whatsoever manner IARU Region 3 thinks fit, the interests of Radio Amateurs in all countries of Region 3 of the International Telecommunications Union (and without limiting the generality of the foregoing).

-By the furtherance of the objectives of the International Amateur Radio Union and having regard to the special interest of radio amateurs in Asia and Oceania which interests are to protect and enhance radio amateur privileges in all of the countries in the Region.

-To encourage an awareness of the value of radio amateurs by the administrations of all the countries in the Region.

-To educate and encourage potential radio amateurs in all of the countries of the Region.

-To represent radio amateurs both nationally and internationally.

-To protect and retain amateur radio frequency allocation as frequencies allocated for the sole use of radio amateurs.



## New Structure of The International Amateur Radio Union Region 3

By IARU Region 3

At the 2021 conference, it was agreed that IARU Region 3 should:

- Investigate a new Executive structure.
- Arrange voting to cope whether or not there is a change.
- Revise the IARU Region 3 Strategic Plan;
- Make better use of modern communications technologies,
- Prepare documents for the 2024 conference showing how this could be accomplished.

Arrangements in place at the beginning of the 2024 Conference were:

- Chairman chosen by Directors
- (No Vice Chairman)
- Secretary is also Treasurer but has no voting rights
- Six Directors elected

Total Members = 7

After the approval from the conference to adopt the abovementioned changes, a new Executive Committee figure was agreed in alignment with the new IARU Region 3 Constitution:

- President elected by Conference
- Vice-President elected
- Secretary is also Treasurer but has no voting rights
- Five Ordinary Members elected

Total Members = 8



## 19<sup>th</sup> International Amateur Radio Union Region 3 Conference 2024

Bangkok • Thailand

November 4 – 8, 2024

As a result of these changes, a new leadership organisational structure was elected by the Conference and established as follows:

President:

Wisnu Widjaja – YB0AZ

Vice-President:

Mohd Aris Bernawi – 9M2IR

Secretary-Treasurer:

Ken Yamamoto – JA1CJP

Ordinary Members:

Taro Asao – JA1BJI

Jakkree Hantongkom – HS1FVL

Dr. Sung-Ki Lee – HL1IWD

Oscar Reyes – VK3TX

Johnny Siu – VR2XMC



## The 61st meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3, 2024 in Bangkok

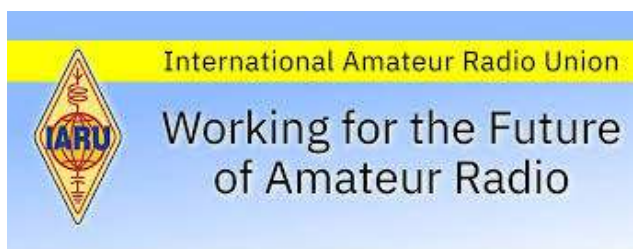
By IARU AC

The 61st meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held on Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. Members participating in the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, in the Chair; Vice President Thomas Wrede, DF2OO; Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN; Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR, President, and Mats Espling, SM6EAN, Secretary, IARU Region 1; George Gorsline, VE3YV, President IARU Region 2; Wahyudi Hasbi, YB1PRY, Chairman, and Don Wallace, ZL2TLL, Director IARU Region 3. Also participating by invitation were Region 1 Vice President Hani Raad, OD5TE/A65TE, Past Region 2 President Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, Region 3 Co-Chair Katsumi (Ken) Yamamoto, JA1CJP, Region 3 Director Aris bin Bernawi, 9M2IR, and Region 3 Secretary Yosuke (Yuki) Uchiyama, JH1NBN.

President Ellam called the meeting to order at 0900 Bangkok local time, November 2, 2024 and welcomed Vice President Wrede to his first AC meeting followed by introduction of the invited guests.

A moment of silence was observed for radio amateurs and friends who have died since the January virtual meeting, especially Jean-Jacques Maintoux, F1EHN.

More details about the AC meeting, reports and discussions can be found here:  
<https://www.iaru.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2024-November-Summary-Record-Official.pdf>



### **IARU Region 3 Extends MoU with APT**

By IARU Region 3

Under Ref. APT/2024/MOU-IARUR3 18 December 2024, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was pleased to confirm that APT agreed to renew the MoU with IARU Region 3 for another five years following Clause 8 of the previous MoU, which allows for an extension through the exchange of letters.

This renewal took effect on 8 December 2024, for a period of five (5) years, and will remain valid until 7 December 2029.

On behalf of the APT, Mr Masanori Kondo - General Secretary, also extended congratulations to Mr. Wisnu Widjaja on his recent election as President of IARU Region 3.

APT looks forward to working closely with him and the new leadership team to further strengthen our collaboration and mutual interests.

Please note that while this extension is now in place to ensure continuity of our cooperative activities, it will still be subject to formal approval by the 49th Session of the Management Committee of the APT (MC-49), scheduled to take place in 2025.

APT looks forward to continuing our partnership with IARU Region 3 and working together toward shared objectives.

### **VHF+ IARU Region 3 Bandplan Modified**

By IARU Region 3

The Chairman of the VHF+ Band Plan Committee Mr Sion Chow - 9M2CQC presented his report, at the past IARU Region 3 conference, and put into consideration the elimination of the restriction on bandwidth in the 50.5-54 MHz segment.

The reason to remove this restriction is to cater for emerging modes that might require larger bandwidth such as narrow-band Digital Amateur Television (NB-DATV), when permitted by national administrations. This proposal was approved by the conference and now is in place and will be reflected in a new version of the band plan document.

The VHF+ Band Plan Chairman encouraged more Member Societies in Region 3 to be active on the bands above 1 GHz. He suggests as a starting point, to establish beacon stations on these bands.



**Message to all IARU Region 3 Member Societies**

By IARU Region 3

Dear Member Societies of IARU Region 3,

As we approach the end of another year, I would like to extend my warmest holiday greetings to all our members and supporters of IARU Region 3. This season is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to look forward to new opportunities for collaboration and growth in the coming year.

We appreciate active participation to discuss the many issues at the 19th IARU Region 3 Conference held in November 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand. The revised constitution was approved and the new Executive Committee (EC) members including the President, Vice-President and Secretary were elected according to it.

The new EC members have started its term on December 15th, 2024 and would like to seek your active contribution in IARU Region 3 tasks in general and especially to IARU Region 3 Newsletter, Intruder Watch report and recently started Region 3 HF SSB Net at 21.350 MHz, 10:00 UTC on every Sunday.

For the IARU Region 3 HF SSB Net, I would like to ask all Member Societies to take turns acting as the Net Control Station (NCS) starting in January 2025. Please contact the IARU Region 3 secretary to obtain your assignment schedule.

The Secretary would send out a separate request to update your contact information such as e-mail and WhatsApp number for improved communications between IARU Region 3 and the Member Societies. Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

I look forward to working together in 2025.  
Sincerely,

Wisnu Widjaja, YBØAZ  
President, IARU Region 3



### **IARU Region 3 Contacts**

Official R3 Contacts. Further information can be found on the Region 3 website:

<http://iaru-r3.org/contacts/>

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

As a part of the move to new International and Regional websites, all IARU Member Society information will be hosted on the International Secretariat website. A request is extended to all Region 3 Society Liaison Officers or other responsible officers to ensure that all details about their society are up to date on the listings shown at <http://www.iaru.org> under member societies. Some details have not been amended or updated for several years and have non-functional data.

Please send any updates to the IARU International Secretariat ([secretary@iaru.org](mailto:secretary@iaru.org)) with a copy to the Region 3 Secretary ([secretary@iaru-r3.org](mailto:secretary@iaru-r3.org))

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