



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 2014 General Conference – Varna-Albena, Bulgaria

21 – 27 September 2014



Subject	Minutes of the Final Plenary, 23rd Region 1 General Conference
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The Final Plenary was opened at 09:00 on Thursday 25 September 2014.

Present:

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, President IARU Region 1 (Chairman)
Dennis Green, ZS4BS (Secretary)

Delegates from:

Albania, AARA; Algeria, ARA; Austria, OeVSV; Belgium, UBA; Bosnia and Herzegovina, ARABIH; Bulgaria, BFRA; Burkina Faso, ARBF; Cameroon, ARTJ; Croatia, HRS; Czech Rep, CRC; Denmark, EDR; Egypt, ERASD; Estonia, ERAU; Finland, SRAL; France, REF; Germany, DARC; Greece, RAAG; Hungary, MRASZ; Iceland, IRA; Ireland, IRTS; Israel, IARC; Italy, ARI; Kazakhstan, KFRR; Kuwait, KARS; Mali, CRAM; Monaco, ARM; Montenegro, MARP; the Netherlands, VERON; Norway, NRRL; Oman, ROARS; Poland, PZK; Qatar, QARS; Romania, FRR; Russia, SRR; Senegal, ARAS; Serbia, SRS; Slovakia, SZR; Slovenia, ZRS; Spain, URE; South Africa, SARL; Sweden, SSA; Switzerland, USKA and the United Kingdom, RSGB

By Proxy:

Andorra, URA; Bahrain, ARAB; Cote d'Ivoire, ARAI; Cyprus, CARS; DR Congo, ARAC; Faroe Islands, FRA; Jordan, RJARS; Liechtenstein, AFVL; Lithuania, LRMD; Luxembourg, RL; FYRO Macedonia, RSM; Malta, MARL; Mongolia, MRSF; Namibia, NARL; Portugal, REP; Turkey, TRAC; and the United Arab Emirates, EARS

Observers:

ON6WQ; Bahrain – Mr Salah Shamsi; Tunisia – Mr Anis Chabchoub and Mr Ashraf Chaabane; Kosovo – Mrs Vjollca Belegu-Caka, Z61VB

IARU Region 1 Executive Committee Members, IARU Region 1 Working Group Chairmen, IARU Officers, IARU Region 2 Officers and IARU Region 3 Officers.

The chairman welcomed delegates and observers to the Final Plenary of the 23rd General Conference of IARU Region 1.

The agenda for the meeting is approved.

The Election and Ballot Committee collected the voting papers for the Executive Committee elections and the 2017 venue.

Recommendations of Committee C2 – Credentials and Finance Committee

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_01

That the following budget lines are added to the IARU Region 1 accounts and

that the relevant amounts are budgeted;

- a. Youth Projects - CHF 25 000 for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017**
- b. Youth Working Group – CHF 2 000 for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017**

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_02

That CHF 5 000 is budgeted for the Future of Amateur Radio in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: ROARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_03

That the Region 1 audited financial statements for 2011, 2012 and 2013 be accepted.

Proposed by: CRAM
Seconded by: VERON
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C2_REC_04

That the outline budget, VA14_C2_07 Outline Budget 2015_2017 V2, for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 be accepted.

Proposed by: SARL
Seconded by: UBA
The motion was carried

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C2

Recommendations of Committee C3 – Administrative and Organisational

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_01

It is proposed that the two Byelaws be changed to read as follows:

Byelaw B.1.4.1. Such documents should reach the Secretariat not later than 5 months prior to the scheduled date of the General Conference. They may be submitted by electronic means, telefax, electronic mail or similar services, as indicated by the Secretariat.

Byelaw B.1.8. The Secretariat shall distribute the conference documents to all

Member Societies, the Executive Committee and Chairmen or Coordinators of Specialised Bodies at least 4 months before the scheduled date of the General Conference.

Proposed by: MRASZ
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_03

To approve the changes to the ARDF Rules as reflected in Paper VA14_C3_REC_10 d

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: ARABiH
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_06

That previous conference recommendation CT08_C3_34 be suppressed and removed.

Proposed by: MARP
Seconded by: AARA
The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_08

That the HST Working Group report and the changes to the rules will be accepted.

Proposed by: KARS
Seconded by: MRASZ
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_10

Responsible QSLing

For all operators

- **State your QSL policy clearly on the air, and on webpages, common online databases, etc.**
- **Consider offering OQRS (On-line QSL Request System) and electronic confirmation systems (e.g. LoTW) if you work a large number of stations**
- **Accept requests for Bureau QSL cards by e-mail**
- **IARU Member Societies should promote “Responsible QSLing.”**

Cutting QSL card waste

- **Do ask contacts if they want a QSL card and only send to those that request one either by email, OQRS or after you have received their QSL card;**
- **Do not be afraid to tell contacts if you do not want a QSL card;**
- **Avoid sending unwanted QSL cards**

Proposed by: RSGB

Seconded by: REF

The motion was carried with two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_11

It is recommended to task the Executive Committee with evaluating if a digital coding system for QSL cards as mentioned in VA14_C3_31 exists up to now in practice, including Regions 2 and 3.

Discuss and recommend a suitable digital coding to be printed on printed QSL labels to ease automatic sorting and handling in the shack. The use of the digital code is to be encouraged via all suitable media.

DARC offers support on technical issues according digital coding on QSL cards.

Proposed by: DARC

Seconded by: HRS

The motion was carried with six abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_15

To approve the Chairman's report and that the work and activities of the STARS Working Group continues for a further three year period in accordance with the IARU Region 1 Constitution and Byelaws, the Working Group Terms of Reference and its action plan as outlined

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: CRAM

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_17

- 1. To set up a Youth Working Group and appoint the Youth Coordinator as chairman of the Youth Working Group**
- 2. To make the following additions to the Terms of Reference:**
 - a. To organise and coordinate YOTA activities, including an annual special event**
 - b. The Working Group Chairman supports and advises the Youngster on the Air special event host organisation in the required manner.**

3. To allocate an annual budget as for the other Region 1 Working Groups.

Proposed by: OeVSV
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_19

To approve the Chairman's report and the work and activities of the ARSPEX Working Group

Proposed by: PZK
Seconded by: UBA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_21

1. Considering the established practise in use by the majority of amateur radio operators, IARU Region 1 recommends that well established CW procedures can still be used, in addition to the alternative procedures introduced in the book "Ethics and Procedures for the Radio Amateur" by ON4UN and ON4WW. The IARU Administrative Council endorsed the principles set out in the booklet.

2. The recommended CW (and digital mode) operating procedure involves the following:

- a) "K" is an invitation to transmit at the end of transmission.**
- b) A station ending the transmission with "AR" alone is not inviting callers.**
- c) "K" is also the most common ending of a general "CQ" call.**

3. That maximum publicity should be given, via member societies and other available channels, to this recommendation.

4. That the Region 1 Executive Committee is instructed to bring this result to the IARU Administrative Council at the first possible opportunity.

Proposed by: IRA
Seconded by: RSM
The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_22

1. To strengthen the efficiency of the IARU R1 EMC Working Group and allow detail work on standardisation issues in a reasonable timeline, we recommend to enhance the status of the EMC Working Group to a permanent Working Group or committee and taking part in the agenda of interim meetings (in Vienna) at the same time and location as the permanent committees C4 and C5.

2. To adopt the changes of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the EMC Working Group described in Annex 1 (without change in 3.).

3. To change the ToR of the EMC Committee as described in Annex 1 and the Byelaws as described in Annex 2.

Proposed by: OeVSV

Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_24

To change the Terms of Reference of the Political Relations Committee

1. The PRC deals with issues related to political, governmental and other entities, with the following Terms of Reference:

i. The Region 1 Political Relations Committee, hereinafter referred to as "PRC," is an advisory body to the Executive Committee, formed according to Art. A.5 of the Constitution and Section B.3 of the Byelaws. It is a permanent body in the sense of B.3.10.

ii. PRC shall advise the Executive Committee on matters relevant to the monitoring of, or involvement in, works of political entities affecting the interests of the Amateur Radio Services in any matter.

iii. The PRC shall process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the Executive Committee, to which it is responsible.

iv. The PRC shall consist of volunteers and persons with special knowledge from Region 1 Member Societies.

v. The PRC shall work with other permanent bodies (ERC, EMC Working Group, C4 and C5 Committees) to identify potential threats to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services from legislative, political or commercial pressures and agree with the ERC and other relevant permanent bodies, strategy and implementation to ensure that these threats are managed in a way that limits adverse impact on the Amateur Services.

2. It is recommended that Member Societies of IARU Region 1 will inform the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the names and addresses of qualified persons in their Society who could participate in this committee (PRC).

3. The PRC Chairman should be a member of the Executive Committee.

Proposed by: RSGB

Seconded by: ERASD

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_26

The IARU Region 1 should update its internal communication by using cloud services instead of the use of mail services. This should be implemented by June 2015.

The Region 1 Secretary is tasked to research and implement cloud services

Proposed by: UBA

Seconded by: KARS

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_27

To organize a yearly meeting about emergency communications in IARU Region 1, not as an alternative for GAREC, but as an addition to improve Emcom in Europe. The annual Ham Radio should be utilised as a venue.

Proposed by: FRR

Seconded by: ARABiH

The motion was carried with two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_28

1. IARU Region 1 Societies should follow accepted copyright law and practice. The definition of copyright is that found in Article II of the European Union Copyright Directive (2001/29/EC). For greater certainty, the kind of works covered by copyright include: literary works such as novels, poems, plays, reference works, newspapers and computer programs; databases; films, musical compositions and choreography; artistic works such as paintings, drawings, photographs and sculpture; architecture; and advertisements, maps and technical drawings.

2. Members Societies are strongly encouraged to acquire the copyright for all published material.

3. Other Member Societies may on written approval from a publishing Society, reproduce material published in paper or digital form, for which the publishing Member Society holds the copyright. Such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.

4. Material taken from other Member Societies publications in this way shall have a source and originator acknowledgement included on publication.

5. IARU Region 1 Societies should publish their policies.

Proposed by: EARU

Seconded by: USKA

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_29

- 1. Online Archive: Region 1 puts in place a project to create an online archive of its General Conference proceedings and other key documents, in an easily accessible suitable digital format.**
- 2. Current Recommendations: Committees C3, C4, C5 and C7 should each maintain a Proceedings/Handbook that lists all standing Recommendations for prominent download on the IARU R1 website.**

Proposed by: FRR
Seconded by: RJARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_30

The Working Group recommends that Member Societies raise awareness of EMC issues amongst their members and report major EMC developments regularly by means of their membership magazine and/or electronic media.

The Working Group recommends Member Societies try to recruit members, who are willing to be active and willing to work within the forum of EMC Working Group on behalf of their society. Ideally, they should have expertise in EMC/standardisation work. All names of the members of EMC

The Working Group is/will be displayed on the IARU Region 1 website. Member's names will form the basis of a new IARU R1 EMC reflector.

Proposed by: AARA
Seconded by: RSGB
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_31

Member Societies shall report the EMC situation in their country and any major issues to the EMC Working Group Chairman on a regular basis or on request.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C3

Recommendations of Committee C4 – HF Committee

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_01

That the 'downlink only' restriction be removed from the 28 MHz amateur satellite service band plan.

Proposed by: RSGB

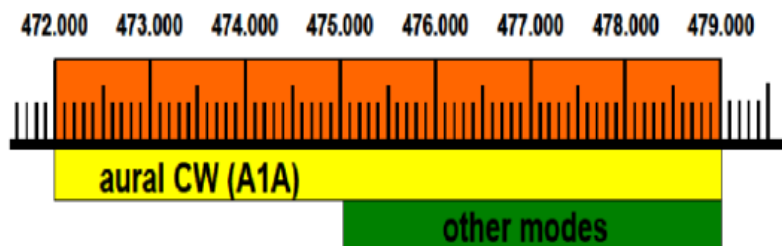
Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_02

That the plan on the proposed usage of the 472 – 479 kHz band (630 m) be accepted:

**472 - 475 kHz CW only – maximum bandwidth 200 Hz
475 – 479 kHz CW + digimodes**

Proposed Usage for the MF Band 472.000 - 479.000 kHz



Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: VERON
The motion was carried with two votes against

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_03:

That member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions.

Proposed by: MARP
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_04:

That the following text be published in the VHF and HF Managers Handbook:

Remote Controlled Operation

Remote controlled operation is defined to mean operation where a licensed operator controls an amateur radio station from a remote control terminal.

Where a station is operated remotely, the following conditions shall apply:

- 1. Remote operation must be permitted, or not objected to, by the Regulatory Authority of the country where the station is located.**

2. The call sign to be used should be the call sign issued by the Regulatory Authority of the country in which the station is located. This applies irrespective of the location of the operator.

3. It should be noted that Recommendation SC11_C4_07 states that member societies bring to their members attention that the T/R 61-01 agreement only applies to people using their own call sign, with the appropriate country prefix, when the operator is actually visiting that country, not for remote operation.

4. Any further requirements regarding the participation of remotely controlled stations in contests or award programmes are a matter for the various contest or award programme organisers.

Proposed by: CRC

Seconded by: HRS

The motion was carried with one vote against and two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_05:

That a Region 1 Amateur Radio Observation Service (AROS) Coordinator is appointed to:

- a. **Coordinate the establishment of independent AROS operations in around six member societies**
- b. **Commence the monitoring of DXpeditions for malicious QRM**
- c. **Coordinate operation with the aim of identifying any patterns and possible sources of jamming, and**
- d. **Report back by the next Interim Meeting**

Proposed by: ROARS

Seconded by: SZR

The motion was carried with three votes against and four abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_06:

Member Societies are reminded of the recommendation in the IARU Region 1 HF Band Plan 'that any unmanned transmitting stations on HF shall only be activated under operator control, except for beacons agreed with the IARU Region 1 Beacon Coordinator'. This recommendation does not apply to ARDF transmitters.

Unmanned transmitting stations, and operation involving unmanned transmitting stations, must adhere to the frequency and bandwidth limits of the band plan.

The operator connecting to an automatically controlled unmanned transmitting station is responsible for not causing interference. This is particularly im-

portant in the 30 metre band where the amateur service only has secondary status.

Amateur radio operators may transmit messages via unmanned transmitting stations during coordinated emergency, and disaster preparedness exercises, limited to the duration of such exercises, using a bandwidth not exceeding 2 700 Hz.

Such communication should be announced regularly on the frequency, and radio amateurs not participating in the communication should cooperate by not transmitting on the frequency.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried with three abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_07:

**That the 28 MHz band plan be amended in Region 1 to add to the table:
29 000 – 29 100 6 000 Hz All modes**

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: SZR
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_08:

That C4 recognises the use of different HQ call signs per band mode in the IARU World Championship is required in some countries and requests the Executive Committee to ask the Administrative Council to investigate if this is possible within the scoring software.

Proposed by: URE
Seconded by: REF
The motion was carried with one vote against and five abstentions

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C4.

The meeting adjourns for tea.

The meeting resumes at 11:00 and the Election and Ballot Committee collects the voting papers for the election of the Executive Committee members and the second vote for the 2017 venue.

Recommendations of Committee C5 – VHF/UHF/Microwave Committee

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_01

That the current Region 1 proposal in CEPT for future WRC-18 agenda item for harmonised allocations at 1,8, 50 and 3 400 MHz be strongly supported by

Member Societies and the IARU Administrative Council. It is further recommended that the changes to the WRC preparation process and pressures on spectrum that led to this proposal be noted and that we adapt the IARU approach to both WRC and Spectrum Strategy at both Regional and Administrative Council level.

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_02

The IARU Region 1 web site should include a compilation of information on various areas of amateur activity through hypertext links to relevant web pages identified by member societies. One such activity should be the provision of repeater information on the IARU Region 1 web site. National Societies should provide their information to SM6EAN.

Proposed by: EDR
Seconded by: IARC
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_03

The IARU Region 1 web site should include a hypertext link (to be inserted by the Chairman of C5) to a stable page on the South African Radio League web site, which describes the RaDAR concept.

Proposed by: SARL
Seconded by: ERAU
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_04

Add a footnote concerning WSPR transmissions in chapter 2.1 of the VHF Handbook and in the band plans. The frequencies in the band plan are the centre of the transmitted frequency (not the suppressed carrier frequency or necessarily the VFO dial setting). This may also be applicable to HF WSPR usage.

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_05

To promote more flexible 'centres of activity' for data transmission amend band plans as follows:

6 m - 50,600 MHz – no change proposed – but review in future

4 m – 70,300 MHz – Delete RTTY – leave channel free for usage that is more flexible

2 m – 144,600 MHz - Change to ‘Data centre of activity (MGM, RTTY, etc.,)’ and remove footnote (n)

2 m – 145,300 MHz (RTTY Local) - Delete - leave channel free for more general usage

70 cm – 432,600 RTTY (ASK/PSK) - Delete

70 cm – 433,600 RTTY (AFSK/FM) - Delete

Proposed by: RSGB

Seconded by: SARL

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_06

In order to facilitate inter-Regional sharing amend band plan as follows:

Main Table: 144,000 – 144,025 MHz, 2,7 kHz Max Bandwidth, Satellite space-to-Earth (downlink) x

Footnote x: No transmission shall be made below 144,0025 MHz

Further, recommend provision of an update to IARU Regions 2 and 3, regarding the Region 1 implementation

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: HRS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_07

– To take account of redundant spectrum usage:

For 144 MHz band

o **Delete 144,700 MHz FAX calling**

o **Change 144,500 MHz from ‘SSTV calling’ to ‘Image Modes centre (SSTV, Fax etc.,)’**

For 430 MHz band

o **Delete 432,700 MHz FAX (ASK)**

o **Delete 433,700 MHz FAX channel (FM/AFSK)**

Proposed by: MRASZ

Seconded by: KARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_08

To promote centres of activity and amend redundant usage:

144,300 MHz (SSB Calling) - update to SSB Centre of Activity

144,525 MHz (ATV SSB talk back) - Delete
144,660 MHz – Delete (Editorial correction) – National footnote h to be retained.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_09. The recommendation was withdrawn.

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_10

Continue to focus all 24 GHz activity in that segment of the band having primary status, and:

Utilize 24,025 GHz as the new wideband centre of activity
Delete the ‘preferred’ status of 24,125 GHz for wideband usage

Proposed by: URA
Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_11

National and sub-regional activity contest rules should be complementary and activity contests should be open to all (National and International contesters) to encourage and promote activity on the VHF, UHF and SHF bands.

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: FRR
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_12

In order to avoid confusion and improve efficiency, the submission of contest entries shall be no later than the second Monday after the contest, which is in accordance with the rules approved by IARU Region 1. This requirement shall be implemented by all member societies without further delay.

Proposed by: HRS
Seconded by: EDR
The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_13

- 1. That member societies encourage the use of the 70 MHz frequency band.**
- 2. That every year an IARU Region 1 70 MHz contest shall be held on the same weekend as the 50 MHz contest.**
- 3. The contest will be a 70 MHz all mode contest.**
- 4. The contest shall run for 24 hours from 14:00 to 14:00 UTC.**

5. Stations must exchange a signal report, serial contest number and a 6-character locator.

Procedure and scoring are the same as the other IARU Region 1 contests.

6. There will be two sections. One including MGM and the other excluding MGM.

7. The rules, with the exception of the two sections mentioned above, will follow the 50 MHz IARU Region 1 contest rules

8. The rules for this contest shall be placed in the VHF Managers Handbook.

9. The chairman of the VHF/UHF and Microwaves committee shall update the VHF Managers Handbook.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: USKA

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_14

1. It is recommended that the text “Stations operated by a single operator, with no assistance of another person during the contest” should be changed to “Stations operated by a single operator, with no operational assistance of another person during the contest.”

2. It is recommended that the Rover category should be removed from the contest rules.

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: ZRS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_15

It is recommended that the text in the VHF/UHF and Microwave managers handbook, chapter 5.2 will be amended to read, “All QSOs including unique QSOs shall count for points even if they only appear in the log of one contest entrant. The number of unique QSOs for every contest entrant should be included in the published contest results.”

A disclaimer shall also be introduced into the submission process that the contester accepts that all data in the log will be published.

Proposed by: NRRL

Seconded by: ERAU

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_16

Recognising that the numbers of contest entries are dropping and in order *inter alia* to encourage members of national societies to enter contests, a 6-hour

operating category for single and multi operator classes to be introduced in IARU Region 1 144 MHz and 435 MHz contests.

Proposed by: URA

Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried with one vote against and one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_17

It is recommended that the text in the VHF/UHF and Microwave managers handbook, chapter 5.2 will be amended to read, “Any error in the exchanged information logged by a station is liable to result in the loss of all points for that contact for both correspondents (receiving and transmitting station); subject to review and confirmation by the contest organizer.” should be changed to “Any error in the exchanged information logged by a station is liable to result in the loss of all points for that contact; subject to review and confirmation by the contest organizer.

Proposed by: ARI

Seconded by: CRC

The motion was carried with two votes against

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_18

The 144,500 – 144,700 MHz segment which to date could also be used for some contest QSOs should not be extended after 31 December 2014,

Proposed by: SZR

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_19

To add a footnote in chapter 11.1.5 saying that the picture of the transmitted sequences is an example, but the timing should be adapted to suit the MGM mode deployed.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_20

Noting that the migration of Region 1 50 MHz beacons is progressing (with good propagation reports):

The deadline for migration the remainder shall now be 31 December 2015, noting that the default for QSY is usually + 400 kHz unless a specific request is sent to the IARU Region 1 beacon coordinator.

The coordination of new beacons below 50,4 MHz shall no longer be possible, except for the members of the Synchronised Beacon Project (SBP)

For the SBP - That both VA14_C5_14 and VA14_C5_15 papers be adopted in C5

As per VA14_C5_15, the Synchronised beacons will now use – ‘once every 5 minute’ slots, instead of ‘once every 4 minutes’

Member Societies are invited to participate in the pilot programme as outlined in VA14_C5_14 and to consider the best locations for SBP (e.g. an existing site or new strategic site)

Opportunities for a 50 MHz space-borne receiver should be sought for monitoring both standard beacons and the SBP. This will enable assessments of propagation, band usage; support for further research; and support potential future frequency allocation requests.

Proposed by: REF

Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried with one vote against and two abstentions

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_21

C5 recommends that in order to underpin an exciting future for amateur data communications that the IARU Administrative Council considers the draft paper from Region 1 and provides support for obtaining an IPv6 allocation for global amateur radio

Proposed by: ZRS

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_22

Addition of a footnote to Chapter 4.5.2 of VHF Managers Handbook concerning the 430 – 440 MHz Band Plan. In countries without access to the full 70 cm band, the following 12,5 kHz repeater channels with a 1,6 MHz separation between uplink and downlink can be implemented:

Input Frequencies (uplink) 431,225 – 431,600 MHz

Output Frequencies (downlink) 432,825 – 433,200 MHz

It is further recommended that if such usage is likely to cause harmful interference in neighbouring countries, co-ordination shall be initiated between affected national societies.

Proposed by: AFVL

Seconded by: KARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_23 - The recommendation was withdrawn.

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_24

Chapters 5.2 and 5.3 of the VHF Manager's Handbook require revision (see Annex 1). As extensive modifications have been made under time pressure, the C5 Chairman should check and review before making the necessary changes.

Proposed by: ZRS

Seconded by: ARI

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_25

The rules for the IARU Region 1 ATV contest should be amended as proposed in Document VA14_C5_19.

Proposed by: VERON

Seconded by: RSGB

The motion was carried with one abstention

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_26

It is recommended that the detailed recommendations provided in Annex 3 to the C5 minutes be implemented in respect of DATV issues and shall be integrated into the VHF Managers Handbook.

Proposed by: OeVSV

Seconded by: CRC

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_27

The text of Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_03 shall also be included in the VHF Managers Handbook.

That member societies endorse and promote the DX Code of Conduct for DXpeditions.

Proposed by: ERAU

Seconded by: FRR

The motion was carried with one vote against

This concluded the discussion of matters from Committee C5.

Appointment of Committee and Working Group Chairmen and Coordinators

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_02

That Colin Thomas, G3PSM, be appointed as the ERC Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: VERON
Seconded by: DARC
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_04

That Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN, be appointed as the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: SZR
Seconded by: ARA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_05

That Greg Mossup G0DUB, be appointed as IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: REF
Seconded by: SRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_07

That Martin Harrison, G3USF, be appointed HF Beacon Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: PZK
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_09

That Ivan Ivanov, LZ1PJ, be appointed as chairman of the HST Working Group for the next three-year period

Proposed by: RSM
Seconded by: USKA
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_12

That Wolfgang Hadel, DK2OM, be appointed chairman of the IARU MS Working Group for the next three-year period

Proposed by: REF
Seconded by: URE

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_13

That Rizkallah Azrak, OD5RI, be appointed IPHA Coordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: ARA

Seconded by: ROARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_14

That Peter W. Frey, HB9MQM, be appointed as Regulatory Affairs co-ordinator for the next three-year period

Proposed by: ARTJ

Seconded by: EARS

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_16

That Jean-Jacques Niava, TU2OP, be appointed as chairman of the STARS Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: ARA

Seconded by: ARBF

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_18

That Lisa Leenders, PA2LS, be appointed as chairman of the Youth Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: VERON

Seconded by: NRRL

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_20

That Stefan Dombrowski, ON6TI, be appointed as chairman of the ARSPEX Working Group for the next three-year period.

Proposed by: UBA

Seconded by: MRSF

The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_23

That Christian Verholt, OZ8CY, be appointed as EMC Committee Chairman for the next three-year period

Proposed by: DARC
Seconded by: KARS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C3_REC_25

That Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE, be appointed as chairman of the Political Relations Committee for the next three-year period

Proposed by: RSGB
Seconded by: OeVSV
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_09:

That Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW, is elected as Chairman of the HF Committee

Proposed by: NRRL
Seconded by: FRR
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C5_REC_28

That Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ, be appointed Chairman of the VHF/UHF and Microwave Committee

Proposed by: IRTS
Seconded by: ZRS
The motion was carried

Recommendation VA14_C4_REC_18:

That Mark Jones, G0MGX, be appointed as AROS coordinator

Proposed by:RSGB
Seconded by: SARL
The motion was carried with one abstention

This concludes the appointments as agreed at Conference

Election and Ballot Committee

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the 2017 Conference Venue

Munich, Germany – 20 votes
Dublin, Ireland – 14 votes

Novi Sad, Serbia – 23 votes

Total votes: 60

Valid votes: 57

Invalid votes: 3

Since there is no clear winner, Dublin, Ireland is removed from the list and a new voting sheet is produced.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the Region 1 President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

IARU Region 1 President

Don Beattie, G3BJ – 41 votes

Michael Kastelic, OE1MCU – 19 votes

IARU Region 1 Vice President

Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR – 58 votes and two invalid votes

IARU Region 1 Secretary

Dennis Green, ZS4BS - 60

IARU Region 1 Treasurer

Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM / OK3QE - 60

Thus, Don Beattie, G3BJ, Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR, Dennis Green, ZS4BS, and Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM are duly elected to the Executive Committee.

The Election and Ballot Committee issues voting papers for the election of the Executive Committee members and the second vote for the 2017 venue.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the second voting for the 2017 Conference Venue

Munich, Germany – 35 votes

Novi Sad, Serbia – 24 votes

Total votes: 60

Valid votes: 59

Invalid votes: 1

The 2017 IARU Region 1 General Conference will be held in September 2017 at Wildbad Kreuth, near Munich Germany, hosted by the DARC.

The Election and Ballot Committee releases the results of the voting for the members of the Region 1 Executive Committee:

Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE – 50 votes

David Court, EI3IO – 39 votes

Ranko Boca, 4O3A – 37 votes

Salvador Domenech Fernandez, EA5DY – 17 votes
Manos Darkadakis, SV1IW – 13 votes
Mitrut Marius, YO3CZW – 7 votes
Jiri Sanda, OK1RI – 27 votes
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO – 28 votes
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS – 33 votes
Afif Benlagha, 7X2RO – 22 votes
Total: 60 votes
Valid: 59 votes
Invalid: 1 vote

The Executive Committee for the next three years will therefore comprise

Don Beattie, G3BJ
Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR
Dennis Green, ZS4BS
Eva Thiemann, HB9FPM
Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE
David Court, EI3IO
Ranko Boca, 4O3A
Ivan Stauning, OZ7IS
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO

Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Award

The Roy Stevens panel, after consideration of the nomination by UBA and VERON, award the Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Award to Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, for his meritorious service to amateur radio in Region 1.

The meeting closes at 12:50

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE IARU REGION 1 ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) WORKING GROUP

- 1. The EMC Working Group is a specialised body of IARU, Region 1 and is set up by the General Conference. It acts under the provisions of the IARU Region 1 Constitution and Byelaws.**
- 2. Its aims are:**
 - a. to exchange information related to all aspects of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)**
 - b. to provide advice on EMC questions to IARU Region 1 Member Societies (MS)**
 - c. to prepare papers on EMC, presenting the interests of radio amateurs with respect to EMC**
 - d. to influence EMC related standards for the benefit of radio amateurs**
 - e. to bring potential EMC threats to the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services, from emerging technologies, to the attention of the ERC and PRC, tasking the latter through the Executive Committee to influence relevant legislative changes and implementation, internationally and nationally**
 - f. to work in close and regular contact with specialists in Member Societies. Its strategies will be in the main, because of proper consultation with MS**
- 3. The EMC Working Group Chairman shall be appointed at each triennial General Conference and shall act in accordance with the procedures described in the Region 1 ByeLaws. It is a permanent body in the sense of B.3.10.**
- 4. The EMC Working Group Chairman Coordinates the work of the EMC Working Group and may – after approval of the budget – participate in meetings / symposia either himself or by an appointed representative.**
- 5. The EMC Working Group Chairman shall report annually to the Executive Committee and to the General Conference. He shall attend the Region 1 General Conference.**
- 6. The EMC Working Group Chairman's expenses will be reimbursed according to the appropriate parts of the Region 1 ByeLaws.**
- 7. A member of the EMC Working Group shall be nominated to provide EMC expertise on the PRC.**
- 8. The work of the EMC Working Group shall be carried out mainly by correspondence. If it is deemed necessary by the Chairman or by the Executive Committee. A meeting of the EMC Working Group may be convened after approval of and in consultation with the Executive Committee**

B.3.13.1 There are five permanent committees, which are acting in an advisory capacity with the aim of considering policies and coordinating activities in the relevant parts of the radio frequency spectrum. They may set up sub-committees if necessary. The Chairman or Convenor of such a sub-committee, elected out of the participants on the main committee, reports to the Chairman of his main Committee and is entitled to claim reasonable out-of-pocket expenses only as per paragraph B.3.28.

The permanent HF Committee (C4) deals with matters relating to frequencies below 30 MHz;

The permanent VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee (C5) deals with matters relating to frequencies above 30 MHz.

The permanent EMC Committee (C7) deals with matters relating to electromagnetic compatibility issues.

B.1.13 The General Conference comprises the following Committees:

B.1.13.1 - the Steering Committee (C.1)

B.1.13.2 - the Credentials and Finance Committee (C.2)

B.1.13.3 - the General Administrative and Organisational Committee (C.3)

B.1.13.4 - the permanent HF Committee (C.4)

B.1.13.5 - the permanent VHF/UHF/MICROWAVES Committee (C.5)

B.1.13.6 - the Election and Ballot Committee (C.6)

B.1.13.7 – the permanent EMC Committee (C.7)

B.1.13.8 - other Committees or Working Groups set up for the duration of the General Conference only.

Insert a new section B 1.20 in the Byelaws as follows and adjust any following numbering.

B.1.20 The permanent EMC Committee meetings may be attended by each conference participant; participants' rights shall depend upon their status at the General Conference.

B. 1.20.1 The Committee is chaired by its Chairman elected by the Final Plenary of the previous General Conference. His term of office shall be the same as for the members of the Executive Committee.

B. 1.20.2 The Committee shall discuss all relevant information relating to aspects of electromagnetic compatibility.

Proposed by: DARC

Seconded by: NRRL

The motion was carried with one abstention