



## The IARU Region 3 Newsletter

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*Emphasis is now moving to preparation for the next WRC as defense of our spectrum takes priority with so many demands on radio spectrum from numerous directions. The three regions have started work in the preparation of papers and zeroing in on representation at regional telecom groups where the preliminary work is mostly done. The experience of WRC 07 has demonstrated that it is essential that a co-ordinated effort from all three regions is required if our objectives are to be achieved. Continuous coverage of all regional telecom groups, this being mainly APT in region 3, will have to be done over the next few years so that by the time WRC comes a favorable position for radio amateurs would have been established*

### A Word from the Chairman of IARU Region 3 -

**Michael Owen VK3KI,**

#### Has the RTO become more important?

IARU Secretary, David Sumner K1ZZ, has distributed a paper he has written, describing the current state of the evolution of the process by which the international Radio Regulations of the ITU are amended by a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC).

David stresses the growing importance of the regional telecommunications organizations (RTOs), suggesting that it is now the RTO that has become the mechanism by which agreement can be reached on many matters. He argues that the ITU, which tries to operate as much as possible by consensus, with 191 member states, 85% of which participate at least on a token basis, would find it very hard to reach agreement without the RTOs.

The six RTOs that participate actively in the WRC process are:

- African Telecommunications Union (ATU)
- Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)
- Conference of European Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)
- Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)
- Arab Spectrum Management Group (ASMG)
- Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC)

The RCC is comprised of the countries in and around the former Soviet Union.

Certainly, in our region, the APT has grown significantly in importance, finding new ways to achieve common positions.

But what does that mean for the IARU?

Under the current structure of the IARU, the Regional organization is responsible for representing the amateur services to its RTO(s).

That means that Region 1 is responsible for CEPT, as well as the ATU, ASMG and the RCC.

No one doubts its strength in CEPT, but the ASMG and ATU may present greater challenges.

Closer to home, what does all this mean for Region 3?

It means an allocation of resource, in terms of people and money to support those people, by Region 3 to the APT, particularly the WRC preparatory meetings. It must do that against a background of less certainty of the basis of its participation in the APT than is the case, for example, of the participation of IARU Region 1 in CEPT.

It means that we must have the people who can provide the continuity and expertise so that they become part of the "APT scene", in the same way as the IARU is part of the WRC scene. To be effective, we must participate in almost all the preparatory meetings. We must be seen to

contribute.

Saying that may disguise the difficulties that the emerging importance of the RTOs present to the IARU generally, and for this region.

We must find and develop the expertise, and ensure the continuity. That we have done with two directors taking responsibility for the APT since the last Regional Conference.

Then, we have to fund their participation. That means that the budget must allow for the regular APT meetings.

We must be prepared to submit appropriate written material to the meetings.

But, with 6 RTOs, how do we ensure that each Regional organization presents a common position, both written and its arguments, to each of the RTOs? And, the position may change very quickly, particularly as a Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Report is developed.

A CPM is held immediately after a WRC to establish a work plan for the next WRC. Following technical studies assigned to various Working Parties in the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R). The outcome is an agreed text for a comprehensive technical report that is adopted at a second CPM held about eight months prior to the WRC. That CPM develops a Report that sets out various summaries and an analysis of the results of the studies, setting various methods to satisfy each agenda item of the WRC, and regulatory and procedural considerations.

The problem of coordination is not simply ensuring that the IARU Regional organizations speak to a common outcome. At the level below the Regional organization, a number of national societies participate at their national level in the preparation for the next WRC. And some may be able to participate, directly or indirectly, in the studies undertaken in the ITU-R structure. How do we ensure a common position at this level?

I believe that these issues are very important, and present a challenge to the IARU and Region 3. I hope that they are addressed at the Regional Conference in Christchurch New Zealand next October.

### Region 3 participates in Region 1 General meeting

Chairman Michael Owen VK3KI and Director Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN attended the Region 1 General meeting at Cavtat, Croatia representing Region 3. Many issues discussed and decided on have much bearing for Region 3.

Full details are available from the conference web page:

<http://cavtat.hamradio.hr/>

### Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) 2008

The 51st JOTA / 12th JOTI took place on 18 and 19 October 2008. This year saw a number of new countries taking part in this activity between scouts and guide groups worldwide.

More details are also available from: JOTI: [joti.org](http://joti.org) for JOTA: [jota.sub.cc](http://jota.sub.cc)

**GlobalSET continues to grow** - Jim Linton VK3PC  
Chairman IARU R3 Disaster Communications Committee

The Global Simulated Emergency Test on 8 November 2008 was the 5<sup>th</sup> such emergency communications exercise organized by IARU Region 1 in the past two years.

The broad aim is to promote emergency communications and raise awareness of the Emergency Centre of Activity Frequencies – which in Region 3 are 3760 (under review), 7060, 14300, 18160, 21360.

In all there were 54 national radio societies and 245 stations registered. GlobalSET Organizer Greg Mossop G0DUB advises having received only 10 logs out of the expected 27 from Region 3.

This is disappointing because of the more favorable timing of the event for R3. Logs were still being accepted for a short time even if just to report little or no activity and should be sent to [globalset08@raynet-hf.net](mailto:globalset08@raynet-hf.net)

The IARU Region 3 headquarters station was BY7PP. The others registered from within Region 3 were 9M2/V8BDI, 9M2SQL, 9M4CJS, 9M4CME, 9M4CMR, 9M8DB, BV2Y, BY4RSA, DU1BP, DU2LX, DX2AAA, FK8KAB, JA1RL/D, S21AM, VK4WIS, VK5ABN, VR2HK, VR2/KQ6XA, VU2ACK, VU2DSI, VU2RBI, VU2IAU, VU2SMN, VU3TYG, ZK6R and ZL3BCC.

While there is increased interest as shown by the higher number of registered stations in November, it would be good if more member societies are able to provide support through participation. The next GlobalSET is on 2 May, 2009 1100-1500UTC.

Full details available at: <http://www.iaru3.org/dcom/r3dcom.htm>

#### **SEANET 2008/ SEANET 2009**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Seanet was held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

The **2009 Seanet** will be held in Seoul Korea between 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Capital Hotel, Seoul city and Mt. Sorak in Gangwon province, Korea

The event will be organized by the Korea Ladies Amateur Radio Club sponsored by Korea Amateur Radio League and supported by Ministry of Korea Communications Commission, Seoul city, KDXC, Korea Tourism Cooperation.

Details available at:

[http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet\\_2009.htm](http://www.sabah.net.my/seanet/seanet_2009.htm)

#### **14<sup>th</sup> IARU R3 Conference Christchurch 12 – 16 October 2009**

##### **News from Terry, ZL3QL Conference Committee Coordinator**

NZART's organizing team is well advanced in their planning for the next Association conference which will be held in Christchurch in October 2009.

They have started a website with basic information for those looking to attend. The domain name, [www.zl6iaru.org](http://www.zl6iaru.org) uses the unique callsign ZL6IARU which is the callsign assigned for use in conjunction with this Conference.

Full conference details will be available on the IARU Region-3 Association website and the Christchurch system is for general information only.

The web pages will be changed and updated as planning continues.

On-line registration information will be available in due course and it is hoped that all region 3 societies will be well represented

Details at <http://www.zl6iaru.org/>

#### **News from Bangladesh**

##### **Belayet Robin - S21RB General Secretary- Bangladesh Amateur Radio League – BARL**

Since 2004, the amateur radio license issuing authority in Bangladesh had stopped conducting examinations and issuing licenses. After continuous lobbying for the last four years, executive members of the Bangladesh Amateur Radio League - BARL have finally been able to make the concerned authorities understand the significance of Ham Radio Operators in a country with frequent natural disasters like floods and cyclones.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission - BTRC has re-started the Amateur Radio License Test after a gap of 4 years. The second test was on 27th November 2008.

The test has been conducted through a Computer Based Testing (CBT) System and a total of 84 candidates wrote the exam and 62 candidates passed.

More details at: <http://belayet.info> and <http://www.barl.org>

#### **Expansion of 7 MHz band in Korea**

KCC (Korean Communications Commission) issued a Notice 2008-136 on the 31st of December, 2008, allowing 7.1 - 7.2 MHz band to the amateurs starting from March 30, 2009. Detailed administrative procedures are under negotiation between KARL and KCC at present.

#### **Expansion of 7 MHz band in Japan**

On the same date, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009, Japan will also extend 7 MHz from 7.1 to 7.2 in accordance with the international Radio Regulations (RR). A 135 kHz allocation will be also announced shortly.

This is good news and hopefully will enable other societies to work with their administrations and get access to increased spectrum on this band.

**The Region 3 Web Site:** Go to: <http://www.iaru-r3.org>

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