



The IARU Region 3 Newsletter

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This edition of the Region 3 news letter reports on the recently held directors meeting in Tokyo. Just prior to the meeting, Chairman Michael Owen VK3KI and newly appointed Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP visited Ho Chi Minh City where the next triennial general meeting of Region 3 will be held. Discussions took place with members of the Vietnam Amateur Radio Society on various aspects of the conference. More details are given in the news letter. Japan experienced another major earthquake in roughly the same area as the previous one and some damage occurred. Radio amateurs extended their support wherever needed.

A Word from the Chairman of IARU Region 3-

Michael Owen VK3KI

The 15th IARU Region 3 Conference, Ho Chi Minh City 2012

IARU Region 3 Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP and I visited Ho Chi Minh City on 11 and 12 July, immediately before our Directors meeting in Tokyo.

The 14th IARU Region 3 Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand in October 2009 accepted the invitation of the Vietnam Amateur Radio Club to hold the 15th Conference in 2012 in Ho Chi Minh City.

We visited Vietnam to meet with VARC and to work with them in preparation for the Conference.

Nguyen Bac Ai XV2A, VARC President introduced us to Nguyen Minh Duc 3W6REH, VARC Chairman and VARC Secretaries Bui Quang Huy XV2B and Hong Trinh, 3W2KA, who we met with their advisors, Shunsuke Kuroda, XV3AA, Masao Kuramochi JH1EUU, XV2EU (and VK3EQK) and Hisao Yamamoto JA8NF.

I was told that in the whole of Vietnam there are only 50 licensed radio amateurs, though 150 are currently undergoing training.

We have agreed that the Conference would commence on 5th November 2012, and venues are currently being investigated.

We met with some wonderfully friendly, wonderfully helpful people, who are seeking the support of their government for the hosting of the Conference.

But amateur radio is new in Vietnam.

That is what makes the next Conference so different from our recent Conferences.

That is what makes the next Conference particularly important.

Holding a Conference in Vietnam provides the opportunity to promote amateur radio to people generally and to the Vietnam government in particular. We all know that amateur radio can bring considerable benefit to society, as an educational tool, as a provider of emergency communications and as link to international friendships.

We also know that VARC will need our help in preparing for this important event, and I can assure them and all our members that the Directors and the Secretary are enthusiastic about this opportunity to support amateur radio and will do all we can to ensure that it is a great success.

I do ask that all our members societies now put in their diaries the date of the next Conference and start planning to attend, well before the official invitations and information goes out.

Not only can we look forward to a great Conference, but I believe to a Conference that can really advance and promote amateur radio.

IARU Region 3 directors meeting

The IARU Region 3 Directors –Chairman Michael Owen VK3KI, Directors Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Shizuo Endo JE1MUI, Prof. Rhee HL1AQQ and Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN met at the offices of JARL in Sugamo, Tokyo Japan on 14th, 15th and 16th July 2011.

Also participating in his first meeting of Directors since his appointment last March as IARU Region 3 Secretary was Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP, and all were assisted by Keigo Komuro JA1KAB, Special Advisor to the Directors.

IARU President, Timothy Ellam VE6SH, IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, and IARU Region 2 President Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH also participated in the meeting.

Prior to the Directors meeting Chairman Michael Owen and Secretary Ken Yamamoto visited Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and met with members of the Vietnam Amateur Radio Club and worked with them in preparation for the 15th Regional Conference which will, it is expected, commence there on 5th November 2012.

Based on their report on their visit the IARU Region 3 Directors were enthusiastic about the planning for this Conference, which it is hoped will assist the growth of amateur radio in Vietnam.

The Directors considered the role of radio amateurs in a number of disasters that had occurred in recent times in Region 3, including the tragic fires in Victoria, Australia, the earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand and the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. They also noted that many countries in Region 3 had not yet given effect the provision included in the ITU's Radio Regulations in 2003 encouraging administrations to allow radio amateurs to prepare for and participate in disaster communications. The Directors agreed that emergency communications would be an appropriate theme for the 15th Regional Conference in Ho Chi Minh City.

The Directors spent much of their time in three working groups investigating the factual situation and exploring the options to be presented to the Member Societies in the report they were asked to present before the next Conference addressing the financial issues facing the Region that had caused such concern at the Christchurch Conference.

They were reassured by the Secretary's report that they were currently working comfortably within the budget set by the Christchurch Conference.

The Directors devoted some time to reviewing the preparations for WRC-12, including the upcoming APG meeting. It seems likely that there will be an amateur on three national delegations at WRC-12.

The Directors discussed the future of the Monitoring System, and after hearing the comments of IARU President Tim Ellam hope that a very satisfactory solution to the concerns identified in Christchurch will be

found at the next Administrative Council meeting, to be held in Sun City, South Africa next August.

Jamie (James) PYE - ZL2NN (ex-ZL2TGP) 1940 – 2011

Former NZART Councillor, IARU Liaison Officer, and NZART Honorary Life Member Jamie Pye ZL2NN became a silent key on Saturday 2nd July after a brief illness. Family, friends and many from the amateur radio community celebrated Jamie's life at a service at the Kingswood Centre in Upper Hutt on Wednesday the 6th of July.

Born in 1940, Jamie commenced his education at the end of the war and concluded his formal education in the 1950's at Wellington Tech. He entered the Post Office as a radio cadet, trained and qualified as a Technician. He later went to work for Tisco as a TV serviceman and independently studied and gained his NZCE. Some years later Jamie left TV servicing and moved to tutoring at the Technical Correspondence Institute. Jamie retired early to care for his XYL Gael ZL2SZ when she became unwell.

Jamie was first licensed in 1966 as ZL2TGP upgrading to ZL2NN in 1970. For Jamie ham radio was a family affair. He encouraged his wife Gael ZL2SZ to obtain her ham license and also son Jim ZL2PU. While his daughters Elsa and Jan both had ZL listener call signs. Jamie and Gael were regular attendees at both NZART conferences and VHF conventions. As a family they participated in National Field Days and were very active locally in AREC and Civil Defense.

A great supporter of Upper Hutt Branch 63, Jamie was a member of the original design team for the first Mt Clime VHF Repeater. He was elected branch secretary in 1974. In 1975 he was awarded the very first "Branch 63 Merit Award" for the design, construction and commission of the Mt Clime 10 Metre Beacon. In 1978 he proposed and constructed a 6 metre beacon.

In 1980 he was elected President of the Branch. Throughout the 1980's Jamie tutored many radio classes and proudly had a 100% pass rate. He was made a Life Member of NZART Upper Hutt Branch 63.

At this time, Jamie became more involved in the administrative aspects of NZART. He was elected to NZART Council in 1983 and remained on Council until 1993. He was secretary of the first Frequency Management Working Group (FMWG) the fore-runner of FMTAG. He has since these early days continued to produce many of the repeater and beacons maps, and band plans for our annual Callbook. Jamie was also responsible for several major revisions of the NZART Basic Radio Training manual.

Whilst on NZART Council and for many years afterwards Jamie made his mark on the international stage, with solid contributions to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and IARU in Region 3. Not only was he the NZART delegate to many IARU Region 3 conferences but also the key editor and contributor to many of NZART's conference papers.

Past President and NZART Honorary Life Member Terry Carrell ZL3QL remarked in a contribution to the NZART eulogy, that Jamie on so many occasions pulled the NZART team together with his firm stance for the association and his good humored approach to the tasks. In November of 2000 Jamie had a serious accident that left him severely physically handicapped and totally wheelchair bound. Despite this new situation, Jamie came back fighting, with a keenness to undertake whatever duties he could still manage. He continued to work for our IARU overseas committee as well as producing maps and band plans for call book.

In 2005 Jamie was awarded the highest honor that our Association can bestow that of Honorary Life Member of NZART, for his valuable and distinguished service.

In June of 2006 he took over the role of editor of the association's twice monthly publication "Headquarters Info Line." Jamie's 110th and final issue was published on the 19th of June.

Not content with this role, Jamie was successful in his application for the role of NZART Webmaster being appointed to this position in 2008, a position he still held at the time of his passing.

These words cover but a fraction of the contributions to our Association and achievements by Jamie. He is best described with the following words - a family radio ham, a volunteer, a national and international ham, a technician, an editor, and dedicated webmaster. We will continue to celebrate Jamie's memory with all the great things he achieved through his dedication to our association and amateur radio.

NZART (and all of us in IARU) extends to son Jim ZL2PU, daughters Elsa and Jan and their respective families' our deepest sympathy.

2011 8th Region 3 ARDF Championships- A reminder

Host Society:

Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA)
PO Box 2042
Bayswater, Victoria, 3153
Australia
www.wia.org.au

Organizing Group Victorian ARDF Group Program:

- Friday 23rd September: Arrival Day
- Saturday 24th September: Equipment Check & Opening Ceremony
- Sunday 25th September: 2m ARDF Competition
- Monday 26th September: Tour Day
- Tuesday 27th September: 80m ARDF Competition & Closing Banquet/Prizes
- Wednesday 28th September: Departure Day

Location Bendigo District, Victoria, Australia.
Local Area Info <http://www.bendigotourism.com/>

ARDF - Rule Changes- A reminder

Those societies or individuals who are planning to participate in the ARDF, please ensure you look up the changed rules suggested

During the World ARDF Championships Mr. Bruce Paterson, VK3TJN outlined some proposed rule changes which would, if accepted, be used for the 8th Region 3 ARDF Championships in Australia. So far we have received no complaints regarding the proposed rule changes.

Event Categories

These will be based on the new Region 1 Working Group age groups.

Competitors belong to the M19 or W19 category up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 19.

Men and Women competitors aged 45 or older belong to each category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the given age.

At this stage we have teams from the following Region 3 Societies attending China (CRSA), Korea (KARL), New Zealand (NZART), Japan (JARL), Malaysia (MARTS). Non Region 3 teams to attending the event are from Czech Radio Club (CRC) and Kazakhstan Federation of Radio Sport. (KFRR). Entries are expected from ARRL USA, VK and CRC Croatia. In all it is expected that over 100 internationals will attend.

Contact: For more information regarding the event please email VK3WWW Jack Bramham Chairman of the Organizing Committee. vk3www@wia.org.au

The 54th JOTA 2011

The 54th Jamboree On The Air will take place on 15 and 16 October 2011.

This year's theme is: **Peace, Environment and Natural Disasters.**

An exciting activity that focuses on the strength of Scouting: to act and support in unforeseen circumstances. Scouts are prepared.

How can the use of modern means of communication help save lives? How can each Scout prepare to intervene to save his or her fellowman or woman during great natural or climatic disasters? During the earthquakes and Tsunamis that affected Thailand in December 2004, Haiti last year, or more recently Japan, Scouts have shown that they know how to quickly and efficiently react. Scouts are often the key contact people for professionals that work in the field, thanks to their self-sacrifice and determination; they are often in the front line during disasters that affect their immediate environment.

To act accordingly to prepare youth to be confronted to difficult circumstances and reinforce the existing partnerships with National or International Humanitarian Organizations, the National Scout Organizations are invited to organize activities in partnership with locally active NGOs which operate in these three areas (Peace, Environment and Natural Disasters).

This year's JOTA activity is enjoying the specialist support of the International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](http://www.iaru.org)), material made available by the International Telecommunications Union [ITU](http://www.itu.int) and the UN Refugee Agency ([UNHCR](http://www.unhcr.org)), as well as support from various amateur radio emergency communications teams. Representatives of these organizations can be involved at the National and local group level.

Why are Scouts always there first when disaster strikes? There are Scout groups nearly everywhere, well organized, with good contacts in the local community. The Scouts are usually trained in basic first-aid medical techniques, orienteering and they have the material that is needed to set up a temporary shelter real quick: tents, cooking material, construction material, it is all there, waiting for the next troop camp, or, yes, it can be used in case of emergency.

http://scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/the_54th_jota_2011

Rugby World Cup 2011: a reminder

NZART Council has declared the Rugby World Cup being held in New Zealand to be a Special Event and is encouraging amateurs to use the "ZM" prefix during this event. The regulator, the Ministry of Economic Development's Radio Spectrum Management group has officially declared that: *"To Promote the Rugby World Cup, New Zealand Amateurs are encouraged to use the ZM call sign prefix during September and October 2011"*.

A Map of New Zealand has been placed on the NZART website (see: <http://www.nzart.org.nz/home/>) with game locations linked to contact details of local branches, any planned special events, on air events, and local repeater frequencies.

ITU Telecom World 2011- a reminder

ITU Telecom World 2011 to convene leading lights from public and private sectors - Players from all walks of life to collaboratively design a Manifesto for a Connected World

This year's forthcoming ITU Telecom World 2011 event will play host to industry CEOs and world leaders, government ministers and technology gurus, city mayors and grassroots technology pioneers, who will come together to share vision, knowledge and build consensus and solutions to real world challenges.

Taking place at Geneva Palexpo from October 24-27, ITU Telecom World 2011 will welcome major players such as Airtel, Alcatel-Lucent,

AT&T, China Mobile, Cisco, Ericsson, Fujitsu, Intel, Qualcomm, Research in Motion, Samsung, Swisscom, Verizon and more.

For full text see

http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/2011/05.aspx

WRC-12 –Region 3 Preparations

To continue with our information on this important event, WRC-12, which will be held in Geneva from January 23-February 17, 2012, will review the international treaty that governs Radiocommunication -- the ITU Radio Regulations

<http://www.itu.int/publ/R-REG-RR-2008/en>.

The WRC-12 conference will be preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-12), also to be held in Geneva, January 16-20, 2012.

Much activity has started in preparing for this important conference and this was discussed in detail at the recently concluded Administrative Council Meeting so that all regions make a concerted effort for amateur radio.

APG Meeting- Busan Korea

As described in the Issue 21 of IARU Region 3 Newsletter released in April 2011, the 5th and last APG meeting in the cycle of meetings before WRC-12, will be held in Busan, Korea, from 29 August to 3 September 2011. In the meeting an APT common proposal on Agenda item 1.23 relating to an allocation to the amateur service at 500 kHz frequency band will be worked out. IARU Region 3 is to submit a brief input paper on the Agenda item. Contributions from your administration would be very much appreciated.

Seanet 2011- a reminder

The Seanet 2011 will be hosted by BDARA, Brunei Darussalam Amateur Radio Association at the Center Point Hotel between the 17 and 21 November 2011. Registrations have started coming in for this very informal event which has many regular visitors.

Full details at: <http://seanet2011.com/>

The 2012 International YL Meet- a reminder

This meeting is now scheduled from the 3rd to 9th May 2012 at Adelaide

Full details are available at

http://ylinternational2012.com/index.php?p=1_6_Adelaide-Meet

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