

# ***IARU E-LETTER***

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#### **Regional Conference on Amateur Radio 2010 (RCAR 2010)**

The following information is from Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, IARU Vice-President.

The Regional Conference on Amateur Radio will be held **April 4 - 6, 2010** in Doha, State of Qatar and will be the biggest Regional Symposium on Amateur Radio in the Middle East in 2010.

The Conference is organized by the QATAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (QARS) jointly with the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). So far the kind invitation from the QARS Chairman H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, A71AU, has been accepted by a number of IARU societies in the Middle East as well as one from Region 3 together with Telecom Regulators and Administrations from the GCC area. Participation is also expected from ITU officials as well as local Qatar officials. The IARU team will consist of: IARU Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T and IARU Region 1 EC-member Hani Raad, OD5TE.

The symposium gives the delegates the opportunity to exchange information related to the Amateur Radio Service in the Arab World along with the regulatory aspects in connection with the Amateur Radio Service. The program consist of presentations on Regulatory issues, preparation for WRC-12, Amateur Radio Emergency and Disaster Communication, national regulations of Amateur Radio in the GCC States combined with panel discussions and workshops with the aim to assist in building and maintaining good working relationship between the National Regulators and the Amateur Radio Societies.

Doha has been launched by UNESCO as the capital of the Arab culture and a celebration of "Al-Doha Capital of Arab Culture 2010" with H.E. Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage will take place during the RCAR 2010 event.

More information on the invitation, program, hotel and visa may be found in related documents available on the IARU Region 1 web or obtained from any of the IARU team members listed above.

### **Wireless Institute of Australia Celebrates 100 Years**

The Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) is celebrating 100 years of organized amateur radio in Australia.

On 11 March, 1910 a meeting of like-minded people in the Hotel Australia, Martin Place, Sydney, formed the Institute of Wireless Telegraphy of Australia, and soon after dropped the word 'telegraphy' from its name. Chairman of the founding meeting, George Taylor, proposed "the formation of an institution amongst experimenters and enthusiasts in wireless for their mutual benefit."

A similar organisation was formed in Melbourne - the Amateur Wireless Society of Victoria, on 30 November 1911 at a meeting attended by 50 enthusiasts. In 1913 it changed its name to the Wireless Institute of Victoria, and then became the Wireless Institute of Australia, Victorian Division. Then followed The Wireless Institute of Queensland (1912), the West Australian Radio Club (1913) became the Wireless Institute of Australia, Western Australia Section.

In May 1924 the Institute at a federation meeting held in Melbourne resulted in a nation-wide organisation to represent the experimenters, an outcome that had been desired for some time by the Postmaster General who had responsibility for wireless. Exactly 100 years on from that first meeting in Sydney, the experimenters, now known as radio amateurs, can legitimately celebrate the establishment of their representative organisation, the Wireless Institute of Australia - the oldest such group in the world.

A range of initiatives and activities are to happen in 2010 providing an opportunity for every radio amateur to be involved in what will be a memorable celebration. Special event callsign VK100WIA will be very popular. Make it a personal aim to make contact this station, consider your plan to achieve the WIA Centenary Award and if a club member support its involvement in the celebration. A commemorative logo is now available for use by WIA members on their QSL cards. Want to know more? Full details are available on the WIA website through its homepage at [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au) and look under the 'WIA Centenary Celebrations' section. It contains a lot of information including activities, the commemorative logo, Centenary Award, the VK100WIA special event callsign -its roster, online log and QSL card - plus a range of affordable centenary merchandise. Credit-WIA web site.

### **Bill Wilson, VE3NR, SK**

The International Amateur Radio Union expresses its profound regret of the recent passing of Bill Wilson, VE3NR. Bill was a strong supporter of the amateur radio service with his work for the Canadian regulator at the International Telecommunications Union. He provided support and guidance to the Canadian IARU member society for many years. Bill mentored a number of

prominent individuals including Robert Jones VE7RWJ, the former Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau at the ITU.

IARU President Tim Ellam VE6SH remembers Bill was instrumental in assisting Canadian amateurs with planning for WARC-92. “Bill Wilson was one of the best friends amateur radio could have. His guidance and support to Radio Amateurs of Canada and its predecessor societies cannot be underestimated” Ellam said. IARU President Emeritus, Larry Price W4RA, recalled that WARC-92 was a turning point in the future relationship between CARF and CRRL when neither organisation could agree on a single spokesperson for amateurs in Canada and this eventually resulted in proposals to combine the two to have a single national Society, R.A.C. “Bill Wilson was a strong leader who did not lose sight of the eventual goal of representing well the radio amateur’s interests, he is sorely missed.”

The IARU and its member societies express its deepest sympathies to Bill Wilson’s family.

### **IARU Region 2 Assists Member Society With Earthquake Damage**

At the 2007 Triennial IARU Region 2 Conference, the General Assembly established a Region 2 Relief Fund. Like many other areas around the world, portions of R2 are situated in areas that are subject to numerous hurricanes, severe storms, floods, earthquakes and other types of natural disasters. During some of these natural disasters, Region 2 national amateur radio societies have suffered severe or extreme damage to their society stations and buildings, including antenna systems. The societies in Region 2 felt there was a need for a process of collecting donations and distributing donations to Region 2 Member Societies who have suffered damage to their national society stations or buildings that are due to natural disaster.

The resolution passed unanimously by the Region societies at the conference directed that funds accumulated in the Region 2 Relief Fund shall be distributed by the R2 Executive Committee solely to assist Region 2 Member Societies for repairing or rebuilding stations and buildings, including antenna systems, because of damages resulting from natural disasters. Member Societies that receive funds from the Region 2 Relief Fund must provide a report with the R2 Executive Committee detailing for the use of such funds. The conference set aside an initial 5,000 USD for the fund.

In February of this year, Chile suffered a severe earthquake which registered 8.8 on the Richter scale. The headquarters station for the Chilean member-society, Radio Club de Chile, suffered major damage to its building and its antenna system. RCCH asked the R2 EC for monetary assistance from the R2 Relief Fund and the R2 EC agreed to assist the society with funds to help repair its HQ building and antenna system.

This is an excellent example of the IARU stepping in to help one of its member-societies in a time of need.

If your national society would like to assist the RCCH with a donation, please contact the Region 2 Secretary, Ramon Santoyo XE1KK at [xe1kk@iaru.org](mailto:xe1kk@iaru.org).

## **IARU Questions Whether Certain Member-Societies Still Exist**

At the IARU Administrative Council meeting in October, 2009, a procedure was adopted to deal with the situation of non-existent or non-functioning member-societies. Under this newly adopted procedure, if the IARU regional organization determines that there is no evidence of the continued existence of the society for a period of 5 years then the regional organization may request that the Administrative Council publish a notice in the IARU *Calendar* its belief that the society has ceased to exist and calling for the submission of any evidence to the contrary within 180 days of such publication. If no evidence of the continued existence is presented to the AC within the 180-day period then that Member-Society shall be deemed to no longer exist. After that, if there is an amateur organization within the country that believes it can perform the duties of an IARU Member-Society then it can apply for IARU membership.

Three IARU Member-Societies in Region 3 will be listed in the IARU *Calendar* number 189 that fall within this category of non-existent or non-functioning societies. They are: Papua New Guinea (PNGARS), French Polynesia (CORA) and Burma (BARTS). IARU *Calendar* number 189 will likely be published about the same time this E-Letter is received.

## **IARU Operating Award for Worked All Continents (WAC)**

The IARU issues Worked-All-Continents certificates to amateur radio stations around the world that work all six continental areas.

Qualification for the WAC award is based on an examination by the International Secretariat, or a member-society, of the IARU of QSL cards that the applicant has received from other amateur stations in each of the six continental areas of the world. All contacts must be made from the same country or separate territory within the same continental area of the world.

All QSL cards (no photocopies) must show the mode and/or band for any endorsement applied for.

Contacts made on 10/18/24 MHz or via satellites are void for the 5-band certificate and 6-band endorsement. All contacts for the QRP endorsement must be made on or after January 1, 1985 while running a maximum power of 5 watts output or 10 watts input.

For amateurs in the United States and in an area without IARU representation, the WAC application forms are available in MS Word and Adobe PDF format. Once completed, applications should be directed to the WAC Awards Manager, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT USA 06111. After verification, the cards will be returned and the award sent soon afterward. Also, approved DXCC card checkers can verify WAC program applications. For the latest list of DXCC card checkers visit [www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc](http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc). There is a \$13.00 fee for US applicants. Sufficient return postage, or, a self-addressed stamped envelope, is required for the return of QSL cards. US amateurs must have current ARRL membership. At the present time

credits in the ARRL LogBook of The World (LoTW) system cannot be claimed for WAC credit. Applicants who have a current DXCC award in the DXCC computer system can apply for WAC by completing the WAC application form and sending it to the address noted above, listing credits to be claimed on the application form. In this case QSL cards are not required. Send questions to [wac@arrl.org](mailto:wac@arrl.org).

For all other amateurs, applicants must be members of their national amateur radio societies affiliated with IARU, and apply through the society.

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If you have any information that would be appropriate to publish in this electronic newsletter, please contact me at [w6rod@iaru.org](mailto:w6rod@iaru.org).

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