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**IARU Administrative Council Plans for WRC-15**

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 2 & 4 November 2012 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The AC is responsible for the policy and management of the IARU and consists of the three IARU international officers and two representatives from each of the three IARU regional organizations. It was a somber occasion due to the passing of Michael J. Owen VK3KI who had been a member of the Administrative Council for most of its existence and had been a longtime contributor to the efforts of IARU to promote and preserve amateur radio.

Here is a summary of the discussions and actions.

1. The Council reviewed the successes achieved at WRC-12, including the new amateur secondary allocation at 472-479 kHz, the avoidance of frequency sharing with HF radiolocation services and an agenda item for WRC-15 relating to an amateur allocation at 5 MHz.
2. The agenda items for WRC-15 were reviewed and initial IARU positions were formulated on the agenda items to the amateur and amateur-satellite services.
3. The working document that sets out the spectrum requirements of the amateur and amateur-satellite services was reviewed and updated.
4. The AC received the final report of the IARU 2025 Committee. In the current economic climate the committee was unable to develop a viable financial model that would permit the implementation of its proposed new organizational structure for the IARU. The committee did complete proposed revisions to guidelines for the election of IARU President and Vice President; these were adopted by the AC.
5. The consultative process for the election of IARU President and Vice President was initiated for the 2014-2019 terms of office. An IARU Calendar will be issued notifying the member-societies that the consultative process has begun.
6. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified, and plans for representation at these meetings were reviewed.

7. The Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award was established to recognize an individual or individuals that best exemplify the dedication and hard work of IARU volunteers.
8. The Council reviewed the work of the committee drafting an updated handbook for experts and representatives attending meetings on behalf of the IARU. The handbook will be completed by Spring 2013 and will be distributed to IARU volunteers upon completion.
9. The theme “Amateur Radio: Entering Its Second Century of Disaster Communications” was adopted for the next World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2013.
10. A revised IARU web site was introduced. International Secretariat staff, particularly Magdalena Owczarska, W1MGZ, were thanked for their efforts in revising the web site.
11. Dale E. Hughes VK1DSH and Colin J. Thomas G3PSM were selected by the AC as IARU Technical Representatives. Technical Representatives represent the IARU at ITU and other international meetings.
12. The budget for 2013-2015 as presented by the IS was reviewed and adopted. The budget is based upon anticipated financial contributions from the three regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.
13. The Monitoring System Committee (MSC) report was reviewed and accepted. With the establishment of the MSC the position of Monitoring System International Coordinator is no longer required. Chuck Skolaut K0BOG was thanked for his service in that capacity.
14. Reports of the IARU international coordinators and advisers were received. They are International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN; Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV; EMC Adviser Christian Verholt, OZ8CY; International Coordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, F5VKP/HB9AQS; and Interim Monitoring System International Coordinator Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG.

Attending the Ho Chi Minh City meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; regional representatives Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Dennis Green, ZS4BS, Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE, Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, Jay Bellows, K0QB, Peter Lake, ZL2AZ, Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, and Shizuo Endo, JE1MUI; and recording secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ.

The next scheduled in-person meeting of the AC will be held in the vicinity of Cancun, Mexico, in September 2013 in conjunction with the IARU Region 2 Conference.

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