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For the first time in a decade, the International Amateur Radio Union is about to experience a change in its officers. In voting completed on Friday, March 12, the member-societies of the IARU overwhelmingly ratified the election of Larry E. Price, W4RA, as President, and David A. Wardlaw, VK3ADW, as Vice President, for five-year terms beginning May 9, 1999. There were 80 votes cast for the election of Mr. Price, with one abstention and one nay vote. There were 79 votes cast for the election of Mr. Wardlaw, with two abstentions and one nay vote. Mr. Price succeeds Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, who served as IARU President from 1982; Mr. Wardlaw succeeds Michael J. Owen, VK3KI, who served as Vice President from 1989.

President-Elect Larry Price, W4RA, has served as IARU Secretary since 1989 and was Vice President in 1983-84. He holds the degrees Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (electronics major), Master of Business Administration (management major), and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) (finance major). Professionally, he retired as Professor and Department Head, Georgia Southern University, in 1991 and is presently Emeritus Professor of Finance and Economics. He has attended 13 IARU regional conferences, four each in Regions 1 and 3 and five in Region 2, and has served as an IARU delegate at every ITU World Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Development Conference held since 1992 as well as at numerous other ITU meetings. Recently he was elevated to the grade of Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). He was first licensed at age 16 in 1951 and has held elected offices in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) continuously for the past 27 years, including service as President from 1984 to 1992. He resides in Statesboro, Georgia.

Under the IARU Constitution, the responsibility for designating the Secretary of the IARU rests with the International Secretariat, presently the ARRL. A replacement for Mr. Price will be designated prior to May 9.

Vice President-Elect David A. Wardlaw, VK3ADW, is a Dental Surgeon in private practice in Melbourne, Australia. He holds the degrees Bachelor of Dental Science, Licentiate of Dental Surgery, and Doctor of Dental Surgery, and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He joined the Wireless Institute of Australia in 1947, was first licensed in 1948, and while living overseas in the 1960s held the call signs G3RYW (still current) and VE3CAY. He has served in numerous WIA posts, including President 1973-1979 and 1984-1988, and presently serves in several government liaison capacities for the WIA. In 1968, Dr. Wardlaw was present at the meeting that inaugurated the IARU Region 3 Association and was a member of the first Secretariat of the Region 3 Association. He has served as Region 3 Director, 1988-1994 and 1997-present, and has attended six meetings of the IARU Administrative Council. In addition to regular participation in Region 3 Conferences, he has attended three

Region 2 Conferences. Dr. Wardlaw has attended numerous ITU meetings and conferences since 1978, including WARC-79, WARC-92, WRC-95, and WRC-97, as a member of the Australian delegation. He has attended other ITU meetings as an appointed IARU Expert.

Retiring IARU President Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, has served organized amateur radio for more than a half-century. In 1948 he joined the headquarters staff of the ARRL, advancing to the position of General Manager in 1975. In the early 1960s he was given primary responsibility for the League's international programs, that even then were geared toward success at what eventually became WARC-79. He served as IARU Secretary from 1976 until his retirement from ARRL employment in 1982, and since that time has devoted much of his time to the IARU as a volunteer. He inaugurated the Amateur Radio Administration Course for telecommunications administrators, and has taught the course in every corner of the world.

Retiring IARU Vice President Michael J. Owen, VK3KI, has been involved in IARU affairs for 30 years. He was Federal President of the Wireless Institute of Australia for four years, and a member of the Australian delegation to WARC-79. He served as a Director of IARU Region 3 from its inception until 1988 and became the first IARU officer from outside North America when he was elected Vice President in 1989, serving two five-year terms in that post. He headed the IARU delegation to WRC-97 and has served as the chairman of several key IARU committees.

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The Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union has voted unanimously to adopt a resolution conferring the title of President Emeritus upon Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU. Voting by mail was completed on 14 July. The resolution reads:

Whereas, the service of Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, to organized amateur radio spans more than a half-century, and

Whereas, he served for six years as Secretary of the IARU, from 1976 to 1982, and played a vital role in the success enjoyed by the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services at the 1979 ITU World Administrative Radio Conference, and

Whereas, he also served for 17 years as President of the IARU, from 1982 to 1999, and led the development and adoption of a new IARU Constitution and a general strengthening of the IARU as the spokesman for amateur radio at the ITU and in regional telecommunications organizations, and

Whereas, as principal instructor of the Amateur Radio Administration Course he brought a greater understanding of the value of amateur radio to hundreds of telecommunications administrators throughout the world, be it

Resolved by the IARU Administrative Council that Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, in recognition of his outstanding contributions and exemplary leadership of the world's 2.7 million radio amateurs, is hereby and with immediate effect named **President Emeritus of the IARU**.

In accepting the title, Mr. Baldwin observed: "It has been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with IARU for so many years and I am delighted to learn that the connection continues. I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the members of the Administrative Council in naming me as President Emeritus, and I am ready to continue providing whatever aid in support of IARU goals that may be appropriate, remembering of course that whatever may have been accomplished in the past was the result of superb teamwork on the part of a number of enthusiastic and devoted people."

Mr. Baldwin has been invited to attend the IARU Region 1 Conference in Lillehammer, Norway, in September as a guest of the Region.

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World Amateur Radio Day Celebrates Digital Success

World Amateur Radio Day is observed each year by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). The theme of this year's event on 18 September, *Celebrating Success in Amateur Digital Communication*, highlights the impressive contributions by the world's 2.7 million radio amateurs to progress in digital radiocommunication.

Radio amateurs began experimenting with packet radio more than 20 years ago. A number of different ways of sending digital data by radio were tried before a protocol known as AX.25 was devised. By the mid-1980s, long before its popularization in commercial and government services, packet radio had become a mainstay of Amateur Radio communication.

More recently, amateurs have developed and introduced to the world a number of improved systems for transmitting digital data reliably in the difficult high-frequency (HF) radio environment. HF communication depends on the ionosphere, which is in a state of constant and sometimes very rapid change. Sending error-free digital signals through the HF environment, where noise and distortion are nearly always present, is a significant engineering challenge. Digital modes developed by amateurs, including PACTOR, CLOVER, G-TOR, PACTOR II, and PSK 31, are recognized as having contributed enormously to the HF communications art.

Radio amateurs commonly use what they have learned through their avocation in contributing to other telecommunications services. The broadcasting, mobile, and satellite services, to name but a few, would be far less advanced were it not for the skills of radio amateurs who happen also to be radio professionals.

The IARU is a worldwide federation of national Amateur Radio organizations representing radio amateurs in 150 countries, and is a Sector Member of the International Telecommunication Union. Next year's World Amateur Radio Day will be held on 18 April 2000 to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the IARU in Paris on that date in 1925.

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Convening for the first time under the chairmanship of President Larry E. Price, W4RA, the Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) met in Lillehammer, Norway, September 26-28, 1999. The meeting was held immediately after the IARU Region 1 Conference. The following actions were taken:

1. To reduce the possibility of inappropriate use of the Amateur-Satellite Service an information paper for prospective owners and operators of amateur satellites was adopted. The paper is a joint project of the IARU and AMSAT and is intended to ensure that the operation of satellites in the Amateur-Satellite Service is consistent with the objectives of the Service. It will be placed on the IARU Web site, www.iaru.org.
2. Responding to growing threats of interference from broadband telecommunications over unshielded power and telephone lines, the Council affirmed the seriousness of the threats and resolved that the IARU and its member-societies must develop appropriate responses. The IARU will develop an input paper to Working Parties of ITU-R Study Group 1, which is studying the acceptable levels of radiation from such systems so as not to impair the performance of radiocommunication systems; measurement techniques, and techniques which may be used to minimize the effects of such radiation.
3. Following up on previous work of the Future of the Amateur Service Committee (FASC), the Council prepared a draft Recommendation defining the operational and technical qualifications for persons wishing to operate an amateur station. If a review of Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations is put on the agenda for the next World Radiocommunication Conference after WRC-2000, the draft Recommendation will form the basis for a submission to the appropriate ITU Study Group.
4. An updated Action Plan for the development of support for Amateur Radio in Africa was reviewed and approved. The Plan includes several courses in Amateur Radio Administration to be taught in Africa under the joint sponsorship of the ITU and the IARU.
5. The IARU positions on WRC-2000 agenda items were reviewed and approved. These form the basis for instructions to the IARU delegation to WRC-2000.
6. A report on the status of preparations for the eventual harmonization of the 7 MHz allocation between amateurs and broadcasters was received. The item is on the preliminary agenda for WRC-2003, but the preliminary agenda is expected to be extensively revised at WRC-2000.

7. The present and anticipated future requirements for radio spectrum allocations to the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services were reviewed, updated, and approved, with special emphasis on the frequencies above 71 GHz.
8. The ITU meetings at which IARU representation will be required in the coming year were identified and the recommendations of the President and International Secretariat with regard to representatives to attend these meetings were accepted.
9. Recognizing the importance of intellectual property rights in the development of new technologies, the Council adopted key points to be included in an intellectual rights policy for Amateur Radio. Tim Ellam, VE6SH, was thanked for his significant contributions to this work.
10. Initial plans were reviewed and approved for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the IARU in Paris, April 18, 1925. The Council additionally noted that April 18, 2000 is also the 50th anniversary of the founding of IARU Region 1.
11. Planning for IARU participation in next month's TELECOM exposition in Geneva was reviewed. There will be an IARU stand where Amateur Radio's accomplishments will be on display to hundreds of thousands of visitors to TELECOM.
12. Reports of regional organizations' plans for IARU participation in the TELECOM of the Americas, Rio de Janeiro, and Asia TELECOM, Hong Kong, were received.
13. A budget for 2000-2002 was adopted as submitted by the International Secretariat. The budget includes provision for financial contributions from the three regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses that are assumed by the International Secretariat beyond its constitutional obligation.
14. The President announced the signing of an operational agreement between the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the International Secretariat of the IARU. The agreement calls for close cooperation on matters concerning the facilitation of emergency communications.
15. Reports were received from the international coordinators and advisers who report to the Council on specialized areas of interest. They are Robert E. Knowles, ZL1BAD, IARU Monitoring System; Robert S. Fabry, N6EK, IARU Beacon Project; Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS5AKV, IARU Satellite Adviser; and Christian M. Verholt, OZ8CY, IARU EMC Adviser.
16. Next year's meeting of the Council will be held in two parts. The first part, in Paris on April 18-19, will include a final review of plans and positions for WRC-2000 which is scheduled to open two weeks later in Istanbul. The second part will be held in Darwin, Australia, September 3-4, immediately following the Conference of IARU Region 3.
17. Policies for the IARU Monitoring System were streamlined and updated to reflect the work of the Monitoring System Review Committee, completed in 1998. The IARU Monitoring System is Amateur Radio's front-line defense against intruders operating in the amateur bands contrary to the international Radio Regulations.
18. A new committee is to be made up of experts in future trends related to telecommunications technology and regulation. The members will be selected with due regard to achieving geographic balance in the representation of views. The committee is to prepare a report by June 2001 describing the future telecommunications environment and the committee's views as to the implications for the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services.

19. Another new committee takes over from the IARU Structural Review Committee, which submitted its report on the issues related to the structure of the IARU. The Council ordered that the IARU member-societies be invited to review and comment upon the issues identified in the report. The new Committee on IARU Structure will review the responses received and will prepare a further report based on distillation of the views expressed.
20. A four-person working group was appointed to review public relations activities and report to the next meeting of Council.

The members of the Administrative Council are IARU President Larry Price, W4RA, Vice President David Wardlaw, VK3ADW, Secretary David Sumner K1ZZ, and regional representatives Lou van de Nadort, PA0LOU, Tim Hughes, G3GVV, Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, Eduardo Estrada, HC2EE, Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, and Sangat Singh, 9M2SS. Technical assistance was provided by Paul Rinaldo, W4RI. Additional regional observers invited to be present were Hans Ehlers, DF5UG, and, for a portion of the meeting, Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS5AKV. Thus, all six continents were represented at the meeting.