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New Caledonia Admitted to IARU

Voting has been completed on a proposal to admit Association des Radio-Amateurs de Nouvelle-Caledonie (ARANC) as a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). ARANC has been notified of its admission effective 22 March 2000.

Association des Radio-Amateurs de Nouvelle-Caledonie was established on July 25, 1961. ARANC reports that there are 130 licensed radio amateurs in the country, of whom 50 are active on radio regularly while the others pursue related information technology hobbies. ARANC has 32 members, 25 of whom are licensed to transmit. The application for IARU membership was prompted in part by increased autonomy recently granted to New Caledonia by France, including the management of telecommunications and related licenses.

The official address of ARANC is P.O. Box 3956, Nouméa 98847, NEW-CALEDONIA.

The IARU, founded in 1925, is a worldwide federation of national amateur radio societies with members in 150 countries and separate territories.

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IARU Administrative Council Meets

TOURS, FRANCE, Apr 19, 2000--Meeting in France in conjunction with the observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union, the Administrative Council of the IARU gathered April 18 and 19 in Tours at the headquarters of the IARU member-society for France, REF-Union. The meeting, the first of two scheduled for this year, was held principally to prepare final instructions for the IARU delegation to the World Radiocommunication Conference 2000 in Istanbul May 8 until June 2.

A ceremony attended by the presidents of several IARU member-societies and other distinguished guests was held at the Sorbonne in Paris, site of the founding of the IARU 75 years earlier. Robert W. Jones sent greetings and congratulations from the International Telecommunication Union. "During my 25 years of involvement with the ITU and now for the past more than five years as Director of its Radiocommunication Bureau, I have seen firsthand how effective the IARU can be in professionally representing the interests of radio amateurs the world over," Jones wrote.

In its meeting the Administrative Council took the following actions:

IARU positions on WRC-2000 agenda items were reviewed and approved. These form the basis for instructions to the IARU delegation to WRC-2000, Similarly, briefs for the IARU delegations to the 2000 Radiocommunication Assembly and the first Conference Preparatory Meeting for the next WRC to follow WRC-2000 were approved.

The ITU meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the remainder of the year were identified and the recommendations of the President and International Secretariat with regard to representatives to attend these meetings were accepted. Revised Terms of Reference for IARU delegates to ITU meetings were adopted.

Noting with considerable interest the subject of new technologies in the Amateur Service, the Administrative Council requested that the International Secretariat develop a draft plan for bringing new technologies into the Amateur Service and provide it to the Administrative Council at its next meeting.

Council representatives were urged to request their experts to review the status of data modes of various kinds in IARU band plans, in light of recent developments in this field.

A request from the United Nations Director for Outer Space Affairs, Mazlan Othman, that radio amateurs undertake special observance of UN World Space Week, October 4-10, 2000, was acknowledged with thanks and will be shared with the AMSAT organizations worldwide.

A progress report was received from the International Secretariat on efforts to document the desirability of an amateur allocation in the vicinity of 5 MHz. Interest was expressed in expanding experimental activity to countries outside the United States, site of the first authorized experiments.

An ad hoc group to review public relations activities was discharged. The Council observed that within available resources, no satisfactory means has been found to accomplish effective public relations from a central point on behalf of the IARU.

The second 2000 meeting of the Administrative Council will be held in Darwin, Australia, September 3-4, immediately following the Conference of IARU Region 3.

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. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, and Noel Donawa, 9Y4NED, were invited to be present as observers for their respective regional organizations.

**Letter to David Sumner, K1ZZ, from Robert W. Jones, VE3CTM, Director,
Radiocommunication Bureau, International Telecommunication Union**

Mr. David Sumner,
Secretary,
International Amateur Radio Union

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Seventy-five years ago, radio amateurs from 23 countries displayed extraordinary foresight by gathering in Paris to found the International Amateur Radio Union. Ever since that time and to the present day, the IARU has been a valued participant in the work of the ITU and an effective advocate for the interests of radio amateurs the world over.

During my 25 years of involvement with the ITU and now for the past more than 5 years as Director of its Radiocommunication Bureau, I have seen first hand how effective the IARU can be in professionally representing the interests of radio amateurs the world over.

On the occasion of the celebration of this important anniversary, it is my pleasure to convey greetings and congratulations to the officials of the IARU and its member-societies on behalf of the Radiocommunication Bureau.

I wish the IARU every success in the future as it continues to carry out its excellent work.

Sincerely,

{signed}
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Radiocommunication Bureau
International Telecommunication Union
VE3CTM

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IARU Administrative Council Meets

The Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union met on 3-4 September 2000 in Darwin, Australia, following the 11th Conference of IARU Region 3. The meeting was the second of two to be held this year. The first was held in April to prepare final instructions for the IARU delegation to the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) which was held in Istanbul from 8 May to 2 June 2000. The principal business at the Darwin meeting was to begin preparations for WRC-2003, which has several items of importance to the amateur services on its agenda.

At its Darwin meeting the Administrative Council took the following actions:

1. The Council thanked the IARU WRC-2000 delegation for its diligent work in Istanbul on behalf of amateur radio.
2. The WRC-2003 agenda items of relevance to the amateur and amateur-satellite services were identified and reviewed. They include harmonization of amateur and broadcasting allocations near 7 MHz, possible revision of Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations, consequential changes to terms and definitions in Article S1, review of provisions concerning the formation of amateur call signs, additional allocations for Little LEO satellites, study of a possible allocation to the Earth-exploration satellite service near 430 MHz, and possible identification of globally harmonized frequency bands for use by agencies and organizations dealing with public protection and disaster relief.
3. A five-member core delegation for WRC-2003 was appointed and was given responsibility for preparation for WRC-2003 agenda items relating to 7 MHz.
4. The ITU meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified and the recommendations of the President and International Secretariat with regard to representatives to attend these meetings were accepted.
5. The Council noted the update on the progress towards its policy of transferring into an ITU-R Recommendation the operational and technical qualifications for an amateur license and acknowledged the input of Region 1 member-societies and the Region 3 Conference on the

subject. This input will be taken into account in the formulation of further IARU input on the subject to ITU Working Party 8A.

6. 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 in the upper part of the spectrum.

7. 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 under the joint sponsorship of the ITU and the IARU.

8. A budget for 2001-2003 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. The Council expressed its appreciation to the International Secretariat for contributions well above and beyond its constitutional obligations in support of the IARU.

9. The International Secretariat was asked to prepare a document highlighting the need for radio amateurs to support the IARU through membership in their member society in order to protect the amateur spectrum and to maintain the vitality of the Amateur Services.

10. The report of the Committee on IARU Structure and comment from the Region 3 Conference were received and noted. The topic of possible constitutional changes to the IARU structure remains open for further consideration.

11. The Council expressed its thanks to the IARU Monitoring System International Coordinator, Bob Knowles, ZL1BAD, and his colleagues for their continued excellent service to the amateur community.

12. The theme for World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2001, was selected as "Providing Disaster Communications: Amateur Radio in the 21st Century." The selection of this theme was based on two considerations: To assist in dispelling the notion held by some members of the public that technological changes have bypassed and diminished the future role of the amateur services, and to reaffirm the importance of amateur radio as a resource to help mitigate the effects of disasters by providing communications to aid humanitarian efforts.

13. The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be held in Guatemala on 6-8 October 2001, immediately after the Conference of IARU Region 2.

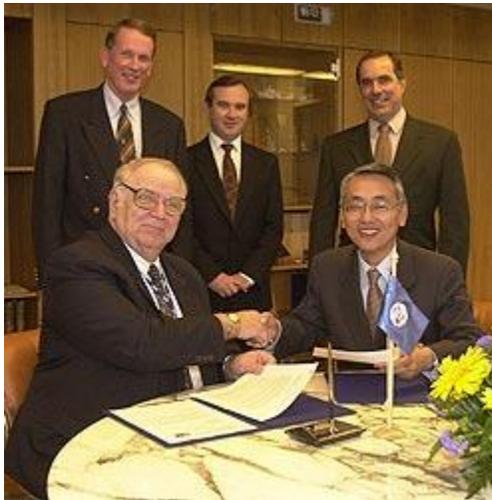
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ITU, IARU Ink Publishing Agreement

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, Nov 10, 2000--The International Telecommunication Union and the International Amateur Radio Union have agreed jointly to produce an ITU publication made up of excerpts relating to the amateur and amateur-satellite services from other ITU publications. The new publication, called a fascicle, will be available in English, French, and Spanish, and in both print and CD-ROM versions.



IARU President Larry E. Price, W4RA (seated, left) and ITU Secretary-General Yoshio Utsumi (seated, right) sign the publication agreement in Geneva with (standing, l-r) ITU Radiocommunication Bureau Director Robert Jones, VE3CTM, ITU Radiocommunication Bureau Administrator Philippe Capitaine, HB9RKG, and ITU Deputy Secretary-General Roberto Blois looking on.
[IARU Photo]

This is the second such agreement between the ITU and the IARU. The earlier agreement resulted in the publishing of a similar fascicle in 1995. Subsequent World Radiocommunication Conferences have adopted changes that have made the earlier edition obsolete.

The new fascicle will include relevant excerpts from the international Radio Regulations as amended by WRC-2000 held in Istanbul, the table of allocation of international call sign series, ITU Recommendations relating to the amateur and amateur-satellite services, and a glossary. Publication is anticipated in early 2001. The fascicle will appear on the official ITU list of publications and will be available from both the ITU and the IARU.

The agreement was signed November 9 in Geneva by ITU Secretary-General Yoshio Utsumi and IARU President Larry E. Price, W4RA.