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Election Results for IARU President and Vice President

In voting completed on Tuesday, 16 March, the member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) overwhelmingly ratified the re-election of Larry E. Price, W4RA, as President, and the election of Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, as Vice President, for five-year terms beginning 9 May 2004. There were 82 votes cast for the election of Mr. Price, with one abstention. There were 81 votes cast for the election of Mr. Ellam, with two abstentions. Mr. Ellam succeeds Dr. David A. Wardlaw, VK3ADW, who has served as Vice President since 1999 but was not available for another term.

Larry E. Price, W4RA, has served as President of the IARU since 1999. 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 now Emeritus Professor of Finance and Economics. Mr. Price was IARU Vice President in 1983-1984 and served as Secretary in 1989-1999. He has attended 17 IARU regional conferences, six each in Regions 1 and 2 and five in Region 3, and has represented the IARU at every ITU World Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Development Conference held since 1992 as well as at numerous other ITU meetings. He is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). He was first licensed at age 16 in 1951 and held elected offices in the ARRL continuously for more than 25 years, including service as President from 1984 to 1992, until stepping down as ARRL International Affairs Vice President in January 2000. He resides in Statesboro, Georgia.

Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, is a Barrister and Solicitor with the law firm of McCarthy Tetrault LLP and is a partner in the firm's Calgary, Alberta and London, UK offices. Born in England, Tim emigrated to Canada in 1972 and holds both Canadian and British/EU citizenship. He earned the degrees Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Economics from the University of Calgary and LLB, Faculty of Law from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and is a member of the Law Societies of Alberta and England & Wales as well as of the International Bar Association. He has served as an IARU Expert Consultant since 2000, represented the IARU at the 2002 meeting of the ITU Special Committee on Regulatory and Procedural Matters and the 2002 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and appeared as a speaker and panelist at the ITU Americas Telecom 2000 in Rio de Janeiro and ITU Africa Telecom 2001 in Johannesburg. First licensed in 1977 at the age of 16, he has held executive positions in the Radio Amateurs of Canada and one of its predecessor organizations, the Canadian Radio Relay League, starting in

1990. Tim was a delegate to the 1998 IARU Region 2 Conference and was elected to the Region 2 Executive Committee in 2001. He attended the IARU Region 3 Conference in Taipei, February 2004, as an observer on behalf of IARU Region 2.

Retiring IARU Vice President Dr. David A. Wardlaw, VK3ADW, was honored for his accomplishments during his term of office at the closing Plenary of the IARU Region 3 Conference in Taipei on 20 February. Dr. Wardlaw served as a member of the Australian delegation to WRC-2000 and WRC-03, and represented the IARU at preparatory meetings of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. His participation contributed substantially to the favorable outcome for the amateur services.

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**IARU Begins 80th Year With Special Recognition for
Radio Amateurs as Pioneers in Bridging Barriers to World Understanding**

Each year on the anniversary of its founding, 18 April, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) marks World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that date in 1925 that the inaugural meeting of the IARU was held in Paris.

At the time, exploration of the "short waves" was just beginning. Radio amateurs were well ahead of their commercial counterparts in exploiting the long-distance capabilities of this unique part of the radio spectrum.

The technical contributions of the amateurs were very important to subsequent telecommunication development, and remain so today. Equally significant are the personal relationships that have developed between amateurs, often across geographical, political, cultural, and other barriers.

Today there are nearly three million Amateur Service licensees located in nearly every country in the world. Radio amateurs continue to build and maintain personal ties in a world that is in ever greater need of mutual understanding.

As it begins its 80th year, the IARU is a worldwide federation of national Amateur Radio organizations representing radio amateurs in 159 countries. The IARU is a Sector Member of the International Telecommunication Union and is the recognized representative of the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services at the ITU.

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IARU Administrative Council Adopts Three-Year Plan

The Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 2-4 October 2004 in Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, following the IARU Region 2 Conference held in the same location. The Council took the following actions:

1. Continuing the strategic planning initiative begun in 2003, a three-year plan for the development of support for amateur radio frequency allocations was adopted. The plan includes maintaining and increasing contact with regional telecommunications organizations by the IARU through its regional organizations.
2. IARU positions on agenda items for the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07) were adopted. The IARU will seek an agenda item for a future conference looking toward a worldwide amateur allocation at 50 MHz, which is not presently available in all parts of the world.
3. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) meetings at which IARU representation will be required for the coming year were identified, and plans for representation were reviewed. The principal focus is on preparations for WRC-07.
4. The IARU officers were tasked with drafting a white paper to scope the environment and develop options for the long-term future role and structure of IARU.
5. Issues relating to the constitutions of the IARU and its regional organizations were also discussed, and it was agreed that these matters would be further considered when the work program initiated under item 4 is further advanced.
6. A resolution was adopted calling attention to the obligation of telecommunication administrations to take all practicable and necessary steps to avoid harmful interference to radiocommunication services from power and telecommunication distribution networks, including so-called Broadband over Power Line (BPL) systems that use the HF spectrum.
7. A working document describing the requirements for radio spectrum allocations to the amateur and amateur-satellite services was reviewed and updated.
8. A report was received on a recent meeting of Study Group 2 of the ITU Development Sector, where progress was made toward the revision of a Recommendation concerning the effective utilization of the amateur services in disaster mitigation and relief operations. Additional emphasis was placed on this role by amendments to the international Radio Regulations at the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference.
9. Council selected the 2005 theme for World Amateur Radio Day, celebrated each year on 18 April. The theme will be "Radio Amateurs Expanding the World of Wireless

Communications." World Amateur Radio Day marks the anniversary of the founding of the IARU in 1925 and provides an opportunity to present a positive image of Amateur Radio to the general public.

10. Reports were received on successful IARU participation in ITU Telecom World 2003 (Geneva), Africa Telecom 2004 (Cairo), and Asia Telecom 2004 (Busan, Republic of Korea). Initial preparations by IARU Region 2 to participate in the upcoming Americas Telecom (Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, 3-6 October 2005) were noted. Telecoms offer opportunities to demonstrate the benefits of amateur radio to telecommunications administrators and other important officials.
11. The position of IARU Disaster Communications Adviser, created in 2003, was renamed IARU International Coordinator for Emergency Communications and the terms of reference were revised accordingly. Hans Zimmermann, HB9AQS, serves the IARU in this capacity.
12. Reports of the other volunteer IARU international coordinators and advisers were received, and the incumbents were reappointed for three-year terms. They are Monitoring System International Coordinator R. E. Knowles, ZL1BAD, who has indicated his desire to retire in 2005; International Beacon Project Coordinator Peter Jennings, AB6WM/VE3SUN; Satellite Adviser Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV; and EMC Adviser Christian Verholt, OZ8CY.
13. The budget for 2005-2007 was presented by the International Secretariat (ARRL). The budget includes provision for financial contributions from the three regional organizations to defray a portion of the expenses, in accordance with previously adopted policy.
14. An interim report was received on development of a suitable memorial for radio amateurs who lost their lives while performing humanitarian service.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be held in Switzerland on 17-18 September 2005, following the Conference of IARU Region 1.

Attending the Port of Spain meeting were IARU President Larry Price, W4RA; Vice President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; regional representatives Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Don Beattie, G3BJ, Panayot Danev, LZ1US, Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Noel Donawa, 9Y4NED, Peter Naish, VK2BPN, and Yoshi Sekido, JJ1OEY; and recording secretary Paul Rinaldo, W4RI.