

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **IARU Administrative Council Updates WRC-12 Plans**

The Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) held its annual meeting on 1-2 October 2010 in Salinitas, El Salvador. 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. Here is a summary of the discussions and actions.

1. IARU positions on relevant agenda items for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-12) were reviewed and updated in light of developments since the 2009 AC meeting. Desired agenda items for future WRCs were considered. Progress on the action plan for developing support for amateur radio frequency allocations was reviewed and the plan was updated for the period through WRC-12.
2. 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 as well as at WRC-12 were reviewed.
3. The working document that sets out the spectrum requirements of the amateur and amateur-satellite services was reviewed and updated. A need was identified for a new strategy with regard to retaining access to bands above 148 MHz. It was agreed that a committee of experts will be formed to develop recommendations for the AC.
4. A report was received from the IARU 2025 Committee, which is developing a concept for a new organizational structure for the IARU. The committee was thanked for its work and was asked to refine its report into a form that can be presented to member-societies for their consideration.
5. A need was identified for an IARU coordinator with a broad focus with respect to electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) issues. A subcommittee of the AC is to develop suitable terms of reference.
6. It was agreed that the President will serve as facilitator for discussions between the regional organizations, including the regional Monitoring System coordinators, to develop improvements in the IARU Monitoring System.
7. The Qatar Amateur Radio Society, IARU Region 1 and everyone else who contributed to its success were congratulated for the Regional Conference on Amateur Radio held in Doha in April. Followup work is proceeding.

8. The DX Code of Conduct Project, a group of amateur radio operators who have taken the initiative to improve on-the-air operating practices and The Arcala Project which has developed an innovative program to reach young people were thanked for their efforts and encouraged to continue their work.
9. The administration of the IARU HF World Championship by the ARRL as International Secretariat (IS) was affirmed. It was noted that if proposals for changes in the contest rules are proposed, the IS may wish to consult with the AC.
10. Future involvement by the IARU in the Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (GAREC) Conference was discussed. Additional information will be sought from the organizers.
11. The budget for 2011-2013 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. IARU participation in ITU Telecom World 2011 and support for the maintenance and continued development of the International Beacon Project are included in the budget.
12. The theme ♦Amateur Radio: The first technology-based social network♦ was adopted for the next World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2011.
13. At its 2009 meeting the AC had adopted a protocol to deal with cases where member-societies appear to have ceased to exist and had implemented the protocol with respect to member-societies in Papua New Guinea, Burma/Myanmar and French Polynesia. In the case of French Polynesia, a communication was received indicating the continued existence of the member-society. The AC noted that the Papua New Guinea Amateur Radio Society (PNGARS) and Burma Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (BARTS) are deemed to no longer exist.
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. The coordinators and advisers had agreed to continue to serve and all were reappointed, with Mr. Skolaut continuing to serve until a replacement is appointed.

Attending the El Salvador 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, Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH, Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, Noel Donawa, 9Y4NED, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Jay Oka, JA1TRC; and recording secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ.

The next scheduled in-person meeting of the AC will be held in the vicinity of Sun City, South Africa, on 19-20 August 2011 in conjunction with the IARU Region 1 Conference that will take place on 13-18 August.

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