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IARU Welcomes Two New Member-Societies

The IARU member-societies have voted to admit two new members for Kyrgyzstan and Bahrain. The Amateur Radio Union of the Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR) was founded in 1993; more information is available at www.qrzex.com. The Bahrain Amateur Radio Society (BARS) was organized in 2020 and replaces a previous association that no longer exists. Contact information has been posted at: www.iaru.org/reference/member-societies/.

Adoption of a proposal for membership requires the affirmative votes of a majority of the member-societies that have participated in recent votes. Currently there are 105 such member-societies. With 53 affirmative votes required for passage there were 70 for ARUKR and 71 for BARS, and no negative votes or abstentions.

Congratulations to the officers and members of our newest member-societies!

WRC-23 Preparations Continue

Volunteers representing the IARU and member-societies are participating actively in the preparations for the next ITU World Radiocommunication Conference. Virtual meetings have taken the place of travel during the pandemic, but the work continues to represent the amateur and amateur-satellite services to national administrations, regional telecommunications organizations, and ITU-R Working Parties (WPs). The WPs form the structure of the ITU-R Study Groups.

WP5A is the focal point for ITU activity on behalf of the amateur and amateur-satellite services, among others. WRC-23 preparations on agenda items potentially affecting amateur radio also are being conducted in WP4C, WP5D, and WP7C. While not directly related to WRC-23, important work is also being done in WP1A, WP1B, and WP3L. IARU is participating in each of these Working Parties.

The terms of reference of these and other ITU-R WPs as well as the Study Groups may be found at the ITU website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/Pages/default.aspx>.

A link to the preliminary IARU positions on relevant WRC-23 agenda items is at <https://www.iaru.org/spectrum/iaru-and-itu/>. WRC-23 updates will be provided at <https://www.iaru.org/spectrum/iaru-and-itu/wrc-23/> as they become available.

The Calendar is the official bulletin of the International Amateur Radio Union. It is distributed to member-societies to present proposals for their consideration and to share information about the work of the IARU to protect, promote, and advance the amateur and amateur-satellite services.

IARU Administrative Council Meets Virtually

Since *Calendar* Number 201 was issued in December 2020 the IARU Administrative Council has met three times via Zoom teleconference. The Summary Records of these and all previous AC meetings are available at <https://www.iaru.org/reference/ac-summary-records/>.

For the past two years the AC has devoted increased attention to considering what changes the IARU must make to ensure a bright future for amateur radio. A Future Committee report was received and adopted at the October 2020 annual meeting of the AC. Throughout the first half of 2021 two working groups, including members from outside the AC, have been developing recommendations regarding the core mission of the IARU and its relationships with other entities both within and beyond amateur radio, including its member-societies.

It is hoped that the conditions of the pandemic will permit an in-person meeting to be held later in 2021 so these vital issues can be discussed in depth.

2021 World Amateur Radio Day the Most Successful Yet

With the special pandemic-related theme of “Amateur Radio: Home but Never Alone,” this year’s World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April was an outstanding success. Related on-the-air activity was higher than ever, but more important were the opportunities pursued by member-societies to promote our message to the general public that amateur radio is a valuable, supportive global community. The ITU joined in publicizing our event, raising awareness in the telecommunications industry and among administrations that amateur radio is staying abreast of technology in the 21st Century.

Resignation of Radio Society of Zambia

The following has been received with regret from the Radio Society of Zambia: “As the Radio Society of Zambia has been deregistered by the Registrar of Societies, Zambia and is no longer a legal entity, the Society therefore resigns from the International Amateur Radio Union.” In accordance with the IARU Constitution, the resignation takes effect upon publication in this *Calendar*.

New IARU Secretary

The undersigned is very pleased that Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has been appointed as my successor as IARU Secretary effective on 1 July. Joel is exceptionally well qualified for the position; he is a passionate radio amateur, a past President of the ARRL, an attendee at several regional IARU conferences, and has professional experience in standards-setting bodies similar to the ITU.

It has been my great privilege to serve as IARU Secretary for three periods of time and a total of 22 years. My IARU involvement actually has extended for a much longer, continuous period beginning in May 1972 when I joined the full-time staff of ARRL with the title of Assistant Secretary for both ARRL and IARU.

The friendships I have made internationally over the past 49 years have enriched my life beyond measure. I hope to be able to continue to be of service to IARU in the background for some time to come.

Sincere 73 to all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Sumner".

David Sumner, K1ZZ
IARU Secretary