



# International Amateur Radio Union, Region 1

## 26<sup>th</sup> General Conference - Zlatibor, Serbia

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| <b>Subject</b>    | Final plenary minutes |                      |                                  |
| <b>Society</b>    | IARU-R1               | <b>Country:</b>      |                                  |
| <b>Committee:</b> | Plenary               | <b>Paper number:</b> | ZL23_PIC_4 Final plenary minutes |
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#### **Present:**

Sylvain, F4GKR, President IARU Region 1 (Chairman)  
Mats Espling, SM6EAN (Secretary)

#### **Delegates from:**

AGRA, Gabon; ARABH, Bosnia and Herzegovina; ARAT, Tunisia; ARBF, Bukina Faso; ARI, Italy; BARS, Bahrain; BFRA, Bulgaria; CARS, Cyprus; CRAM, Mali; CRC, Czech Republic; DARC, Germany; EDR, Denmark; ERASD, Egypt; IARS, Iraq; IRTS, Ireland; KARS, Kuwait; LRAA, Liberia; MRASZ, Hungary; OV, Austria; PZK, Poland; RAL, Lebanon; REF, France; QARS, Qatar; ROARS, Oman; RSGB, United Kingdom; RSM, North Macedonia; SARA, Slovakia; SARL, South Africa; SRAL, Finland; Saudi Arabia; SRR, Russia; SRS, Serbia; SSA, Sweden; UBA, Belgium; URE, Spain; URA, Andorra; USKA, Switzerland; VERON, The Netherlands.

#### **By Proxy:**

AFVL, Lichtenstein; ARA, Algeria; ARAC, D. R of Congo; ARAI, Ivory Coast, ARAS, Senegal; ARRAM, Morocco; ARRSM, San Marino; ARTJ, Cameroun; BFRR, Belarus; EARS, Emirates; KFRR, Kazakhstan; MARP, Montenegro; MRSF, Mongolia; NARL, Namibia; NRRL, Norway; RAAG, Greece; RL, Luxemburg; RSFA, Azerbaijan; SARA, Seychelles; SHRAK, Kosovo.

#### **By Appointment:**

HRS, Croatia.

Note: According to Byelaw 4.8. This does not include the right to vote in the EC election.

#### **Observers:**

IARU-R1 Executive Committee, IARU-R1 Committee and WG chairs and members; IARU AC officers, GNU Radio chair.

**Opening.** F4GKR welcomed delegates and observers to the Final Plenary of the 26th General Conference of IARU Region 1.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The meeting agreed that the neutral term “chair” shall be used in all future IARU-R1 documents.

The chair of C6 explained the voting procedure during the Final plenary and EC voting.

### **Report and recommendations from C2 - Credentials and Finance Committee**

The chair DL3MBG reported from the C2 work.

To avoid confusion at future conferences, it was suggested that the working procedure for documents presented to both C2 and C3 should be in the order; first discussed in C3, then to be discussed in C2 in relation to the budget. The suggestion was accepted by the meeting.

#### **1. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_1**

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to allocate an annual budget of CHF 20.000 for activities during the Friedrichshafen HamRadio fair.**

(Document ZL23\_C2\_05r1)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: RSGB

In favour: Clear majority, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

#### **2. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_2**

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to allocate a budget of CHF 50.000 for supporting innovations. This budget will be taken out of the Shaping the Future Fund.**

(Document ZL23\_C2\_06)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: NARL

In favour: Unanimously

### **3. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_3**

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to allocate an annual budget of CHF 5.000 for YL Support for the next three years.**

(Document ZL23\_C2\_09)

Proposed: ROARS

Seconded: SRS

In favour: Unanimously

### **4. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_4**

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to allocate an annual budget of CHF 9.900 for the Youth Working Group for the next 3 years. C2 recommended for the spending of the budget a sound (Project-) Plan in advance.**

(Document ZL23\_C2\_10)

Proposed: BARS

Seconded: MRSF

In favour: Unanimously

### **5. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_5**

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to allocate an annual budget of CHF 40.000 for Youth Projects for the next 3 years. C2 recommended for the spending of the budget a sound Project-Plan in advance.**

(Document ZL23\_C2\_11)

Proposed: REF

Seconded: SRAL

In favour: Unanimously

### **6. Recommendation ZL23\_C2\_6**

It was reported from the C2 discussions regarding the membership fee vs. decrease of members. The conclusion was that we need projects for the money we have allocated (Shaping the Future) and the reserves before we raise the membership fee.

**It is proposed that C2 recommends to approve the Budget Outline for 2024 – 2026.**

(Document from treasurer to member societies)

Proposed: UBA

Seconded: NARL

In favour: Unanimously

## **Report and recommendations from C3 - Administrative and Organisational Committee**

The chair F4GKR reported from the C3 meetings, split into five sessions.

### **7. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_1**

**It is recommended to implement the proposed updates of the Terms of Reference for Youth WG as listed in document ZL23\_C3\_49.**

Proposed: OV

Seconded: CRAM

In favour: Unanimously

### **8. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_2**

**It is recommended to collect and summarise the view of the member societies about the evolution of the “Train the Trainer program” in line with document ZL23\_C3\_51.**

Proposed: KARS

Seconded: SRAL

In favour: Unanimously

### **9. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_3**

**Societies without appointed youth coordinator should appoint a dedicated Youth Coordinator within next year.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_50)

Proposed: CRC

Seconded: PZK

In favour: Unanimously

### **10. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_4**

**Societies are requested to confirm or update their different points of contact to IARU-R1.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_50)

Proposed: CRAM

Seconded: KARS

In favour: Unanimously

#### **11. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_5**

**It is recommended to carry on with the proposed STARS workshop to identify the priorities with respect to support. Paper ZL23\_C3\_08.**

Proposed: ROARS

Seconded: ARRAM

In favour: Unanimously

#### **12. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_6**

**It is recommended to keep the existing budget allocation for STARS.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_09)

Proposed: SARL

Seconded: ROARS

In favour: Unanimously

#### **13. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_7**

**It is recommended to rename IPDA to “Program for Disabled Radio Amateurs”, PDRA and to update the terms of reference according to document ZL23\_C3\_05.**

Proposed: PZK

Seconded: UBA

In favour: Unanimously

#### **14. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_8**

**It is recommended to implement the recommendations of Sustainable Development Goals according to document ZL23\_C3\_13:**

**- Update bylaws.**

**- Appoint a sustainability officer within the EC.**

Proposed: ARABH

Seconded: URE

In favour: Unanimously

#### 15. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_9

It is recommended to forward the proposal regarding Dormant and Ineffective Member Societies in document ZL23\_C3\_52 to the AC for a global coordination.

Proposed: SARS

Seconded: LRAA

In favour: Unanimously

#### 16. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_11

It is recommended, due to safety concerns, to postpone the 2024 youth ARDF championship and to task the Working Group, with full flexibility, to discuss how to go forward.

(Documents ZL23\_C3\_45 + Annex 1 + Annex 3 + Annex 3)

Proposed: KARS

Seconded: CRC

In favour: Clear majority, against: 0, abstain: 1

#### 17. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_12

It is recommended that:

- The IARU-R1 EC should publicly acknowledge that it has not handled the communication on this matter well – both with the ARDF-WG, the wider ARDF Community, and Member Societies
- The EC is invited to set out a clear plan how to handle safety concerns, dispute resolution and communication.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_35)

Proposed: SARS

Seconded: LRAA

In favour: 13, against: 6, abstain: 1

#### 18. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_17

It is recommended to form a Study Group to propose a revised and improved version of Byelaws.

This new version should be adopted by electronic votes.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_53)

Proposed: ROARS

Seconded: SARA

In favour: Unanimously

### **19. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_18**

**It is recommended to add the IARU-R1 imprint on the web page.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_24)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: BARS

In favour: Unanimously

### **20. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_19**

**It is recommended to collect statistics about visitors on the IARU-R1 website and make this information available.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_14)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: RSM

In favour: Unanimously

### **21. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_20**

**It is recommended to stop using Google Analytics and use only GDPR compliant tools on the IARU-R1 websites.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_14)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: RAL

In favour: Unanimously

### **22. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_21**

**In order to have efficiency, it is recommended that International postal carriers should be addressed directly by IARU or by a very large MS, with a high negotiation power, bringing information of world-wide Bureaux traffic data applicable every year.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_21)

Proposed: ARI

Seconded: RSM

In favour: 9, against: 3, abstain: 3

### 23. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_23

It is recommended to accept the following three recommendations to revitalize the Shaping the Future programme:

- To reconsider the role and responsibilities of the “Program Board”. Originally created to review the project funding requests, this group is proving useless as there is virtually no demand. It could be reoriented to select priority projects with the greatest contribution to the amateur radio community. This Board could act as a steering committee to initiate only projects where there are available resources and at least two societies willing to contribute.
- Establishment of a “Shaping the Future” coordinator position dedicated to the initiative with the following tasks:
  - Identification of "projects and initiatives" contact points within the Member Societies,
  - Sharing and collection, via email and newsletters, of regular information on the projects undertaken in the societies. The objective here is to make known the work that has already been done and to encourage collaboration between the National Societies, to propose to unite efforts when the number of volunteers available is insufficient,
  - To help structure these projects to make them more effective and facilitate collaboration or funding by the IARU.
  - To accept OE3MZC as coordinator
- Considering our limited capacity to set up a “Marketing and Public Relation” plan to promote our hobby, we recommend the creation of a "liaison group" dedicated to these aspects where different Member Societies could work together with IARU and support from hired professionals.

(Documents ZL23\_C3\_54 + zip annex, ZL23\_C3\_55)

Proposed: HRS

Seconded: HARS

In favour: Unanimously

### 24. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_24

It is recommended to:

**1: Thank Willi HB9AMC and the group for their work and approve the overall report concerning the Technical Working Group.**

**2: Task Mike OE3MZC to come up with a more refined and focused plan, to be voted on electronically by the MS.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_27)

Proposed: USKA

Seconded: UBA

In favour: Unanimously



## **25. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_25**

**The General Conference requests that the EC formally support the links of ARDF with Orienteering and actively encourage these links in the future.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_33)

Proposed: RSGB

Seconded: SARA

In favour: Unanimously

## **26. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_26**

**IARU-R1 should discuss the advantages and a way to actively integrate “communities and organisations that experiment using wireless technology and electromagnetic waves on a variety of frequencies” into the organisation and give them a voice. (e.g. vote and funding)**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_22)

Proposed: ARAT

Seconded: OV

In favour: 15, against: 1, abstain: 0

## **27. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_27**

**IARU-R1 website should make such a platform to share information on ELL available ASAP and a member of EC should be named as responsible person for this. Special attention should be given to this topic in the yearly report from EC.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_17)

Proposed: HRS

Seconded: CARS

In favour: Unanimously

## **28. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_28**

**All member Societies should work with their administration towards a modern interpretation of the current CEPT Rec. TR61-01 and allow their use for short time remote operation of an Amateur Radio station on their territory.**

(Document ZL23\_C3\_15)

Proposed: ARABH

Seconded: ARI

In favour: 32, against: 0, abstain: 2

### **29. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_29**

It is proposed to form a Working Group focused on countries where there are no regulations for amateur radio, or where regulations are outdated or “flawed”, as well as in countries where amateur radio associations have not gained the relevant acceptance:

- 1) To process existing information in a structured manner,
- 2) To obtain new information,
- 3) To create and publish a data base on the IARU-R1 website,
- 4) To discuss and define of how a mutual exchange between amateur radio operators and the IARU can proceed.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_20)

Proposed: ARAT

Seconded: ARABH

In favour: Unanimously

### **30. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_30**

It is recommended to

- group the Region 1 Interim Meeting and the 100 years celebration.
- To set a “IARU Centenary Team” to coordinate the activities, liaise with the other regions, and organize the Public Relationships of the events before, during and after the event.
- A specific budget should also be adopted, to be set depending on the number of VIP invited on the IARU Region 1 budget and the possible financial participation from Region 1 to the Member Societies participation

To accept Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO, as coordinator.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_12)

Proposed: ARABH

Seconded: KARS

In favour: Unanimously

### **31. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_31**

It is recommended to support the annual YL activities.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_23)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: RSGB

In favour: Unanimously

### 32. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_32

The Youth WG recommends to:

- a) Perform an evaluation of the TTT program, by inviting MS to provide their feedback and possible improvements in a structured manner in the coming 2-4 months.
- b) Set up a structured training evaluation methodology via specific training evaluation metrics, aiming to measure the TTT program effectiveness, for future training sessions. This should also be applied to any other training programs implemented by the YWG in the future.
- c) Set up and run a pilot Train the Mentor program where the participants to this program will learn how to transfer knowledge via courses and workshops introducing the necessary techniques for working with youngsters, employing the services of education specialists, psychologists and others specialising in working with youth.

(Document ZL23\_C3\_51r1)

Proposed: SRAL

Seconded: CARS

In favour: Unanimously

### 33. Recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_33

The C3 chair pointed out that there is a vacancy for the PRC coordinator position. This position is important for the benefit of the amateur radio community, and the chair urged the member societies to assess possible candidate.

**It is recommended to accept the nominations of chairs and coordinators as presented in document ZL23\_C3\_38r4.**

One-by-one voting:

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jacques Saget, F6BEE:     | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Dennis Green, ZS4BS:      | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Rastislav Hrnko, OM3BH:   | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Matthias Klug, DH4FAJ:    | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Wolfgang Mahr, OE1MHZ:    | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Barry Lewis, G4SJH:       | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Dušan Ceha, YU1EA:        | In favour: 36, abstain: 3, against: 0 |
| Stefan Dombrowski, ON6TI: | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Greg Mossop, G0DUB:       | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO: | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Gaspar Miró, EA6AMM:      | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Riri Azrak, OD5RI:        | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Graham Shirville, G3VZV:  | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Remy Denker, PA0AGF:      | In favour: Unanimously                |
| Henni Hiirsalmi, OH1ESI:  | In favour: 36, against: 6, abstain: 5 |

The document ZL23\_C3\_38r4 is accepted by the meeting.

## **Report and recommendations from C4 - HF Committee**

The meeting Chair F6BEE gave a short report from the C4 meetings.

### **34. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_01:**

**It is recommended that C4 create a working group consisting of delegates from SARL, VERON and RSGB to continue the work and liaison with other regions on the digital band plan review.**

(Document ZL23\_C4\_12)

Proposed: VERON

Seconded: NARL

In favour: Unanimously

### **35. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_02:**

**It is recommended that IARU HF Championship contest logs be submitted by Friday 23:59 UTC following the end of the contest, and by the Monday 23:59 UTC following the end of the contest to be eligible for winning a category and award.**

(Document ZL23\_C4\_10)

Proposed: SARS

Seconded: OV

In favour: Clear majority, against: 0, abstain: 1

### **36. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_03:**

**It is recommended that the Region 1 Field Day contests move to a common set of rules and a common robot.**

(Document ZL23\_C4\_04)

Proposed: BARS

Seconded: KARS

In favour: Unanimously

### **37. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_04:**

**It is recommended that Region 1 C4 liaise with NCDXF to understand the proposals and progress for their DQRM tracking solutions.**

(Document ZL23\_C4\_09)

Proposed: PZK

Seconded: USKA

In favour: 35, against: 0, abstain: 2

**38. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_05:**

**It is recommended that societies remind their members that the QRP centres of activity exist to help low power stations and low power portable activities (SOTA and similar) and to respect low power users on these frequencies.**

(Document ZL23\_C4\_06)

Proposed: NARL

Seconded: CRC

In favour: Unanimously

**39. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_06:**

**That Jacques F6BEE is elected Chairman of Committee C4.**

See recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_27

**40. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_07:**

**That Ian Greenshields G4FSU is elected Vice Chairman of Committee C4.**

Proposed:

Seconded:

In favour: Unanimously

**41. Recommendation ZL23\_C4\_08:**

**That Dennis Green ZS4BS be elected Beacon Coordinator of Region 1**

See recommendation ZL23\_C3\_Rec\_27

## **C5 recommendations**

The chair OE1MCU thanked the committee for their support during the work and gave a short report.

### **42. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_01**

**It is proposed that C5 recognized the initiative and endorsed the usage of the Segment of 1241-1250 MHz which is in accordance with the historical recommendation in the VHF-Managers Handbook for the mentioned purpose until WRC-23 gives clarification for future usage of the 23 cm-Band.**

**Additionally, C5 endorsed the identification of segments in other Bands with crossband activities.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_10)

Proposed: SARS

Seconded: BARS

In favour: Unanimously

### **43. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_03**

**It is proposed that C5 will evaluate the results of WRC-23 immediately after the conference and prepare the future usage / band plan. The results will be carried to the EC to set it in force as interim policy until approval of the next GC.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_03)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: RSGB

In favour: Unanimously

### **44. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_04**

**It is proposed that C5 recognized the initiative and emphasise that VHF-Handbook is supporting innovative wideband activities kinds of activities. C5 encourages the MS to use the 70 cm-Band accordingly.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_11)

Proposed: SRS

Seconded: OV

In favour: 36, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

#### **45. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_06**

It is proposed to amend the 430MHz band plan table in the VHF Managers Handbook as follows:

##### **430MHz:**

- 430.000-432.000MHz, all modes
- 432.000-432.400MHz, 2700Hz, CW/SSB/MGM
- 432.400-432.490MHz, CW/MGM, 500Hz, Beacons
- 432.491-432.493MHz, 500 Hz Experimental Beacons
- 432.500-432.9875MHz, all modes
- 433.000-433.3875MHz, FM/digital repeaters
- 433.400-433.5875MHz, FM/digital simplex
- 433.600-434.000MHz, all modes
- 434.000-434.5875MHz, all modes
- 434.600-434.9875MHz, FM/digital repeaters
- 435.000-436.000MHz, amateur satellite service
- 436.000-438.000MHz, amateur satellite service, digital television
- 438.000-440MHz, no maximum bandwidth, all modes

To retain most of the existing footnotes, after an editorial revision and include national dedicated information.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_16)

Proposed: KARS

Seconded: OV

In favour: Clear majority, Against: , Abstain: 1

#### **46. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_07**

It is proposed to encourage Member Societies to send information about their national allocation and restrictions to the IARU R1 Secretary / C5-Chair in order to compile all available information.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_16)

Proposed: CRAM

Seconded: EDR

In favour: Unanimously

#### **47. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_09**

It is proposed that C5 endorses the modified Annex 01 to the MoM including the format of the data. The content of the databases will be linked to the Handbook, but not be formally part of the Handbook. Hence, it can be updated frequently. The information is currently hosted on [www.iz8wnh.it](http://www.iz8wnh.it). The access to the database will be free of charge for IRAU-R1. The property rights give R1 full access to the data.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_06)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: KARS

In favour: Unanimously

#### **48. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_11**

It is proposed that C5 recommends Annex 02 to the minutes of meeting replaces the appropriate chapter (currently chapter 5) in the VHF Managers Handbook for the locator system.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_07)

Proposed: BARS

Seconded: OV

In favour: Unanimously

#### **49. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_13**

It is proposed that C5 encourages the Member Societies to publish all kind of activities and projects of interest to make them known to other Member Societies. The website [hamradio.org](http://hamradio.org) may be a suitable platform for publishing the information. This will be in future C5 Meetings a standing agenda item.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_09)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: SARS

In favour: Unanimously

#### **50. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_14**

Member Societies should promote VHF and above frequencies for activities away from standard calling frequencies on national basis, according to the existing bandplan.

(Document ZL23\_C5\_16)

Proposed: HRS

Seconded: KARS

In favour: Unanimously



#### **51. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_15**

**It is proposed that C5 endorsed the Revisions made in Annex 01 (ZL23\_C5\_18) to this MoM to update the VHF Handbook accordingly.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_18)

Proposed: ROARS

Seconded: BARS

In favour: Unanimously

#### **52. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_16**

**It is proposed that C5 recommends to prepare an IARU Region 1 VHF+ Calendar by the C5-Contest-Sub-Working Group using a web-based tool and publishing it on the IARU Region 1 webpage.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_23)

Proposed: SARS

Seconded: OV

In favour: Unanimously

#### **53. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_17**

**It is proposed that C5 endorsed for all VHF to microwaves contests and the VHF Trophy organized and adjudicated by IARU, to set the date for submitting logs to the robot not later than three days after the event (Wednesday 23:59:59 UTC).**

**This being applicable from January 1st 2024.**

(Documents ZL23\_C5\_21, ZL23\_C5\_24, ZL23\_C5\_25)

Proposed: PZK

Seconded: SARA

In favour: Clear majority, Against: , Abstain: 2

#### **54. Recommendation ZL23\_C5\_Rec\_18**

**It is proposed that C5 recommends avoiding organising any contest where is permitted either the use of digital modes and analogue modes (phone-cw), with the main goal to increase the use of the spectrum efficiently during any contest activity. Member Societies are encouraged to follow for the Subregional Contests.**

(Document ZL23\_C5\_26)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: SARA

In favour: Unanimously

## **C7 recommendations**

### **55. Recommendation ZL23\_C7\_Rec\_01**

It is proposed that C7 creates materials to be used to educate the community (IARU, Members, Radio amateurs, other interested parties) on the setup of non-interfering PV-Installations by detailing and further carrying out the ideas below:

Translate the basic bakom.ch documents and use these for information on IARU and MS websites;

Create an operational installers (or consumers) document which should be followed to build and deliver a PV installation guaranteed for safety and quality in relation to interference;

Create materials to get attention from controlling organizations by stressing safety issues like failing emergency service communications in the VHF bands;

Include ENAMS in the IARU 'Shaping the future' program;

Create summaries from the most relevant standards in more simple terms to educate our community and offer these via the website.

(Documents ZL23\_C7\_04, ZL23\_C7\_08)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: URE

In favour: Unanimously

### **56. Recommendation ZL23\_C7\_Rec\_02**

It is proposed that DARC, the DARC ENAMS Team and the IARU R1 EC together find a way to make a second batch of ENAMS units available to be delivered to requesting/committed MS by the 3rd/4th quarter of 2024. C7 Committee secretary PE3ES will be available to support this effort. Cost per unit to be defined and to be budgeted by the MS.

(Documents ZL23\_C7\_06, ZL23\_C7\_07)

Proposed: DARC

Seconded: SRS

In favour: Unanimously

**57. Recommendation ZL23\_C7\_Rec\_03**

A comment was made that readers may also be less technical but should still be able to understand the material.

**Take the suggestion to create a bi-monthly EMC Newsletter back to the C7 meeting scheduled for November 27, 2023.**

**Find support to produce a first version as a kind of proof-of-concept with relevant content being also used to fulfill the requirements for ZL23\_C7\_Rec\_01 and present this first result via the IARU-R1 Website. Expected delivery February/March 2024.**

(Document ZL23\_C7\_05)

Proposed: OV

Seconded: SARL

In favour: Unanimously

### **Membership development**

The treasurer HB9JOE presented the development membership figures for regions and countries of region 1. Austria, OV, is in the lead for growth in members and OE3MZC commented the experiences in Austria. The presentation will be included in email to MS after the conference.

### **Reports from the working groups**

#### SRLC/PRC

G4SJH reported from the combined WG hybrid meeting. The minutes and presentation will be available in the SRLC/PRC folder on the conference website.

#### Youth WG

The chair OK2YLQ reported from the WG meeting. The minutes and presentations will be available in the Working Group folder on the conference website.

Also, some very nice promotional videos were presented and shared on the conference server. Check out the YouTube channel

<https://youtube.com/@HAMYOTA?si=IZp07R8VLnChsEMA> or contact the YWG for the other more general promotional videos about ham radio and Train The Trainer etc.

#### EMCOMM

G0DUB reported from the hybrid meeting. The presentations will be available in the EMCOMM folder on the conference website.

#### STARS

PA0AGF reported about the workshop and meetings held during the conference.

Presentation and minutes will be available in the STARS folder on the conference website.

### **General meeting remark**

IARS requested respect for presented different views during the conference meetings discussions. Region 1 is large with different cultures and experiences and respect should be given to the speakers that take the floor.

### **Election of Executive Committee (EC) for 2023-2026**

After the voting of the nomination of Z32TO, the unusual current situation is an exact number of nominations for the EC. As the constitution does not cover this situation, the proposed voting with the EC secret ballot vote in one step was proposed by the EBC (C6).

The vote is with the only choice to support a nominee, or not (leave un-checked). 58 votes were given, and the result is the following:

|                 |                             |          |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| President:      | Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR      | 55 votes |
| Vice President: | Hani Raad, OD5TE            | 55 votes |
| Secretary:      | Mats Espling, SM6EAN        | 58 votes |
| Treasurer:      | Andreas Thiemann, HB9JOE    | 57 votes |
| EC Member:      | Ahmad AlHoli, 9K2DB         | 51 votes |
| EC Member:      | Joerg Jaehrig, DJ3HW        | 56 votes |
| EC Member:      | Alessandro Carletti, IV3KKW | 53 votes |
| EC Member:      | Lisa Kieft-Leenders, PA2LS  | 54 votes |
| EC Member:      | Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO    | 43 votes |

### **2026 IARU-R1 General Conference venue**

After opening the agenda item, the chair asked the floor for comments regarding the length of the conference. Comments showed there are different opinions and no clear choice. While some have more difficult to be travelling for longer periods and recommend a 4-day conference, others prefer the longer conference with 5 days to allow for enough time for discussions.

#### Paper ZL23 C3 16, IARU conference

The paper was presented by OV. After discussion, the paper was revised and put forward to voting.

**It is recommended that the following criteria are considered when hosting a conference:**

- 1. The venue of the conferences may not be more than one-and-a-half-hour drive from an international airport.**
- 2. The hotel must be large enough and have rooms to accommodate all participants**
- 3. It must have suitably sized conference rooms for all meetings.**
- 4. Accessibility should be provided in all the rooms and facilities**
- 5. High-capacity Wireless network is required in all rooms and facilities**
- 6. Visa delays and procedures should be known and communicated in due time**
- 7. Price for the IARU and for participants should be considered too**

Proposed: HRS

Seconded: NARL

In favour: Unanimously

### Next conference venue

The chair opened for presentation of the received three proposals for next conference venue:

- **ZL23\_C3\_61 OV proposal to host Conference 2026**  
OE1MCU presented the proposal of Vienna as venue for the next conference.  
First cost estimate per delegate around 1000 EUR.
- **ZL23\_C3\_62 RSM proposal to host Conference 2026**  
Z32TO presented the RSM proposal of Skopje as venue.  
Target is to be the cheapest conference ever.
- **ZL23\_C3\_65 DARC proposal to host Conference 2026**  
DL3MBG presented the DARC proposal of Landshut as venue.  
The 2017 IARU-R1 conference was held at this conference centre.  
Estimated costs 5d: 720, 6d: 820 EUR

According to the Byelaws/Standing Recommendations, when more than one proposal have been submitted, a first round of votes shall reduce the number of proposals to two. Then a second vote will be made between the two remaining proposals.

First round of secret ballot

- DARC: 10 votes
- RSM: 22 votes
- OV: 26 votes

Second round of votes

- RSM: 22 votes
- OV: 37 votes

### **The Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Trophy**

The panel have unanimously agreed to award Séamus McCague, EI8BP, the G2BVN Memorial Trophy for his outstanding service for amateur radio. The motivation and information can be found in Annex 1 to the minutes.

### **Request for vote**

SSA and NRRL challenge the C3 close vote of paper “Hybrid IARU R1 General Conferences”, ZL23\_C3\_07 (vote: 25 against vs. 24 in favour) regarding a study of hybrid meetings, with reference to Byelaw. B.4.13.4.

It was proposed that the EC continues the discussions with the Region Member Societies through email.

### **Any other business**

No other business

### **Thanks to SRS**

F4GKR thanked the SRS team for the hosting of the conference. It has been challenging with all changes due to the COVID situation. IARU is grateful for the patience and motivation from the SRS team.

List of the SRS team in Annex 2.

### **Final remarks**

IARS commented about awareness of amateur radio within ITU and with governmental officials. Sharing of best practice between societies and IARU officials is important for good results.

CARS thanked the Youth WG for all their good work in promotion of amateur radio.

### **Closing**

The President thanked the delegates for their time and engagement to join the conference and the different meetings. He also thanked the remote attendees.

### **IARU Region 1 medal**

During the Gala dinner, IARU-R1 president presented and handed over two Region 1 medals. The 2023 awards are given for outstanding work for amateur radio.

- Nestor Jacovides, 5B4AHZ
- Klaus Eichel, DL6SES

### Attached:

Annex 1: Roy Stevens, GB2BVN Memorial Trophy Award

Annex 2: SRS conference hosting team:

## Annex 1



International Amateur Radio Union  
Region 1  
26<sup>th</sup> General Conference  
Zlatibor, Serbia 1 to 4 November 2023

Zlatibor, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Panel:** Roy Stevens, GB2BVN Memorial Trophy Award

### **Members:**

- Hugolin Pooda, XT2HB President ARBF (Bukina Faso)
- Fawaz Sulaibeekh, A92AA Chairman BARS (Bahrain)
- Jiri Sanda, OK1RI President CRC (Czech Republic)
- Manfred Mauler, OE7AAI Vice-president OV (Austria)
- Abdalla Darwish Al Qasmi, A41KB IARU liaison officer ROARS (Oman)

**Subject:** Decision of award the GB2BVN Memorial Trophy to **Séamus McCague EI8BP**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the National Board of the IARU Region 1 member society A.R.I. (Associazione Radioamatori Italiani) proposed

### **Séamus McCague, EI8BP**

for the G2BVN Memorial Trophy for his outstanding service for amateur radio communication as chairman of the Political Relations Committee (PRC) in IARU Region 1.

Séamus McCague EI8BP is a long-experienced member of our ham community, currently Chair of the Public Relations Committee (PRC) of IARU region 1. He also spent a lot of efforts in initiatives to spread point of view of amateur radio in the world. He diffuses amateur radio technical competence in initiatives like his consolidated mentorship to ARISS.

In the meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 the above members of the panel decided unanimously to agree completely with the proposal of A.R.I. and agrees that Séamus McCague, EI8BP has rendered long and meritorious service to the IARU Region 1 and at all times has fully supported the IARU, Region 1 and the member societies in matters pertaining to it.

Séamus, born in 1948 holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from University College Dublin (UCD) and is awarded a Master of Engineering Degree for research on “Coherent demodulation methods for dsb and ssb signals” in 1972 by the University of Dublin.

After a career in industry he was an external examiner for the Computer Science Degree at the Technical University of Dublin (TUD)



He is licenced since 1967 as EI8BP.

Séamus is involved in the Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) at committee level for many years and became President from 2012-2015.

As President of the IRTS he took a particular interest in promoting amateur radio. He ran an outreach programme to teach children for several years focussing on the uses of radio and the construction of simple circuits. He also created a CD Guide for the Irish HAREC examination.

In 2015 he first became involved with IARU and represented IARU at the EMC Working Party what is now the Expert Group on Radio Equipment at the European Commission. He was member of the sub-group tasked with producing the Guide to the Radio Equipment Directive (RED).

He is Ireland's mentor for ARISS and was pleased to have organised a direct contact between local schools, TUD (Technical University of Dublin) and the ISS recently.

Séamus has served two full terms as Chairman of the Political Relations Committee (PRC) of IARU Region 1 until today.

We would like to thank him very much for his unrestingly service for the IARU, Region 1 and all radio amateurs for so many years as chairman of the Political Relations Committee (PRC) in IARU Region 1 and wish him all the best for the future.

For the Panel:

Manfred Mauler, OE7AAI

Vice-president Austrian Amateur Radio Society

## Annex 2

### SRS team:

- YT2SS Slobodan Stanković
- YU1EA Dušan Ćeha
- YU1RA Siniša Radulović
- YU5EEA Ljubomir Živković
- YT1WA Zvonko Colja
- YT1BD Dragomir Bobić
- YU1ZZ Milan Milovanović
- YT9A Slobodan Kojić
- YT1XX Vaso Nastasić
- YT3EWW Luka Slović
- YU2MS Momo Spasenić