

## **CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE IARU REGION 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves COMMITTEE**

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Opatija (1966) the VHF Committee (Committee B) submitted recommendations to the final Plenary Session concerning the constitution and terms of reference for a IARU Region 1 VHF Committee and for an IARU Region 1 VHF Working Group which would continue the work in the intervals between successive Conferences. The Plenary Session decided to refer these recommendations (H and I) to the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee for further consideration.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of IARU Region 1, held on 28 October 1967, the above recommendations were approved with minor alterations.

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Noordwijkerhout (1987) a completely re-written IARU Region 1 Constitution was adopted. As a consequence the VHF Committee and the VHF Working Group were transformed into a so-called Specialised (Permanent) Body, the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee, with the same terms of reference as the previously existing VHF Committee c.q. Working Group.

For reference purposes the IARU Region 1 Constitution and its Bye-laws are attached to this section la as Appendix 1, and the IARU Constitution and Bye-laws as Appendix 2. In these basic documents the whole structure as well as the working procedures of IARU Region 1 and the IARU can be found. Consequently, this is **recommended reading!**

### **Constitution of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee**

The following articles in the IARU Region 1 Constitution and Bye-laws relate to the permanent IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee:

#### **In the Constitution:**

A.1.4.7 Definition of specialised bodies

A.5 Nomination, period of office etc. of specialised bodies

N.B. Article A4.11 allows the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee to invite the Chairmen of the permanent HF and VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committees to their meetings - as has been the custom since 1975.

#### **In the Bye-laws:**

B.1.14 Steering Committee at Conferences: membership Chairmen Permanent Committees  
B.1.18 Function of Permanent VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee

B.3.10-29 Procedures for set-up and work of Permanent Specialised Bodies

N.B. *Section B.1. of the Bye-laws deals with the procedures for organising a General Conference. Especially the articles dealing with the submission of papers containing proposals and of papers only containing information merit attention!*

Delegates to the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee should be national VHF Managers and/or members of their national VHF Committee or equivalent body.

For the office of Chairman of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee an amateur who is not a national VHF Manager nor a member of a national VHF Committee or equivalent body is eligible, provided he has previously been a member of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee, but only for a period of six years from the time he is no longer the VHF Manager or member of the VHF Committee or equivalent body of his society <sup>1</sup>.

At the IARU Region 1 Conference in Noordwijkerhout (1987) the following recommendation was adopted:

In view of the heavy work pressure and many items to be discussed the IARU Region 1

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<sup>1</sup> Wording brought in accordance with the IARU Region 1 Constitution adopted at the IARU Region 1 Conference in Noordwijkerhout (1987).

VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee should have annual meetings (i.e. two meetings between successive IARU Region 1 General Conferences) <sup>(1)</sup>.

A list of members of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee is given in section Ig.

### **Terms of reference of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee**

The tasks of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee are:

1. To co-ordinate the activities of amateurs in IARU Region 1 with respect to frequency allocations above 30 MHz.
2. To ensure that adequate use is made of existing allocations and to consider possible new allocations.
3. To co-ordinate and promote scientific investigations by member societies of IARU Region 1 on all frequencies above 30 MHz.
4. To recommend IARU Region 1 individual bandplans aimed at promoting greater effectiveness both for local and long distance communications.
5. To encourage special projects on the frequency allocations above 30 MHz aimed at advancing amateur radio communication techniques, e.g. amateur satellite projects.
6. To assist in the protection of the amateur allocations above 30 MHz from possible loss by stimulating activity and demonstrating the effective use by amateurs (see note below).
7. To plan and conduct IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves contests and to coordinate sub-regional contests on these bands.
8. To advise on interference problems especially relating to the VHF/UHF/Microwaves bands.

Exchange of information will be provided by :

- a) complimentary exchange of society journals between VHF Managers, already decided upon at the IARU Region 1 Conference in Lausanne (1953);
- b) the Region 1 News bulletin produced by the Secretary of IARU Region 1;
- c) a Newsletter by the Chairman of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee for urgent items.