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Subject	Final Plenary meeting minutes		
Society	IARU-R1	**Country:**	
Committee:		**Paper number:**	VI26_PIC_Final Plenary
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Location: Hotel Schönbrunn, Vienna
Date: 23 September 2026
Time: 09h00 to 16h00 CEST
Present: 36 registered Member Societies plus 15 proxies
Voting requirements: 49 for amendments to the constitution (74/3*2)
38 for amendments to the bye-laws (74/2+1)

Chair of the meeting: Sylvain, F4GKR, President IARU Region 1 (Chairman)
Minute-taker: Mats Espling, SM6EAN (Secretary)

Delegates from:
AFVL, Liechtenstein (partly); ARABIH, Bosnia and Herzegovina; ARAT, Tunisia; ARI, Italy; BARS, Bahrain; BFRA, Bulgaria; CARS, Cyprus; CRC, Czech Republic; DARC, Germany; EDR, Denmark; EARS, United Arab Emirates; ERASD, Egypt; HRS, Croatia; IRA, Iceland; IRTS, Ireland; KARS, Kuwait; LRAA, Liberia; LRAL, Latvia; MARS, Mauritius; NRRL, Norway; OeVSV, Austria; PZK, Poland; REF, France; ROARS, Oman; RSGB, United Kingdom; SARA, Slovakia; SARL, South Africa; SRAL, Finland; SRR, Russia; SRS, Serbia; SSA, Sweden; UBA, Belgium; URE, Spain; USKA, Switzerland; VERON, The Netherlands; ZRS, Slovenia.

By Proxy:
ARAS, Senegal; ARRAM, Morocco; ARRSM, San Marino; CRAM, Mali; ERAU, Estonia; FRA, Faroe Islands; IARS, Iraq; LCAS, Libya; NARL, Namibia; RL, Luxemburg; RAL, Lebanon; SARS, Saudi Arabia; SARU, Sudan; SHRAK, Kosovo; URA, Andorra.

By Appointment:
AFVL, Liechtenstein (partly).
Note: Voting can be made in accordance with Bylaw 4.8 and B.4.8.2.

Observers:
IARU-R1 Executive Committee; IARU-R1 Committee and WG chairs and members; IARU AC officers; ARDC.

Opening & agenda items

The Chair asked the Conference to confirm the use of the Electronic Voting System and reminded the audience that the votes are considered as "Secret Ballot" votes. As no objection was presented, it was agreed to proceed.

C2 recommendations

- **VI26_C2_REC_01: Budget**

  Proposal to change the HST allocation for budget row 133 back to 2000 CHF per year.
  Proposed: BARS
  Seconded: SRR
  Vote Plenary 1: In favour: 21, Against: 27, Abstain: 1

  The original budget as recommended by C2 was not modified. The new budget requires a progressive increase of the Membership fee:

  - Maintain at **1.80 CHF** 2027
  - **Change to 2.30 CHF** in 2028
  - **Change to 2.60 CHF** in 2029

  And includes a withdrawal of up to 50 000 CHF from STARS funds for 2027 to finance the costs.

  The budget reflects two priorities:

  1. Increase the support to Youth Committee (C8) activities,
  2. Maintain the support to "Spectrum Defense", considering inflation

  Proposed: SARL
  Seconded: UBA
  Vote Plenary 2: In favour: 41, Against: 6, Abstain: 0

C3 recommendations

- **VI26_C3_REC_01: Ratification of the Youth Committee, C8**
  It is recommended that the Youth Working Group is transformed to a permanent committee. (Document VI26_C3_30)

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: LRAA
  Vote Plenary 3: In favour: 46, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_02: Ratification of the Open-Source Projects Coordinator**
  It is recommended to create the role of Open-Source Projects Coordinator, reporting to the Executive Committee and cooperating with the Technology Coordinator.
  (Document VI26_C3_31)

  Proposed: USKA
  Seconded: OeVSV
  Vote Plenary 4: In favour: 45, Against: 1, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_C3_REC_03: Leveraging High-Profile Ambassadors to influence national regulators and governments for the benefit of Amateur Radio**
  It is recognized that there is a need to engage with potential advocates to support influencing regulators and governments.

  It is recommended to setup a group to discuss how the target can be reached, what are the resources that need to be allocated. This group will report to the EC in the next 12 months. 3V9A volunteered to chair the group.
  (Document VI26_C3_08)

  Proposed: ARABIH
  Seconded: HRS
  Vote Plenary 5: In favour: 41, Against: 2, Abstain: 5

- **VI26_C3_REC_04: EASE Cooperation Proposal**
  It is recommended that:

  - the Executive Committee contacts EASE and initiate partnership discussions.
  - The discussion should aim at establishing a Joint IARU R1/EASE Working Group, to oversee the re-use and possible development of new educational material.
  - Member societies are invited to contribute to existing national educational materials (e.g. material already included in “50ohm”) and provide expertise to this joint Working Group.
  - The Secretary proposes a formal reporting mechanism whereby the Working Group provides progress updates to the Executive Committee.

  The Executive Committee is invited to present a full programme evaluation report, including outcomes, to the 28th IARU Region 1 General Conference in 2029.
  (Document VI26_C3_06-revised EASE Cooperation Proposal)

  Proposed: IRTS
  Seconded: PZK
  Vote Plenary 6: In favour: 40, Against: 2, Abstain: 5

- **VI26_C3_REC_05: Establishing Morse Code as an Intangible Heritage by UNESCO**
  It is recommended that the International Secretariat liaise with the ITU to help to have Morse Code recognised as an Intangible Heritage by UNESCO
  (Document VI26_C3_03 rev1)

  Proposed: DARC
  Seconded: MARS
  Vote Plenary 7: In favour: 46, Against: 0, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_C3_REC_06: Closure of the Shaping the Future Program**
  It is recommended that the "Shaping the Future programme" is closed as a central programme, including the Programme Board and the Shaping the Future Coordinator role.

  It is recommended that the "Core Values", the "Core Purpose", the "Overarching Goal" and the eight "Strategic Objectives" are maintained as reference material, and considered as the Region's **standing goals** ~~,~~ serving as a guiding framework for amateur radio in Region 1, until a future General Conference decides otherwise.
  They shall remain available to any person, group or Member Society as a source of inspiration for future work
  (Document VI26_C3_39 and Amendment from IRA)

  Proposed: CARS
  Seconded: EDR
  Vote Plenary 8: In favour: 44, Against: 1, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C3_REC_07: Shaping the Future Activities**
  It is recommended that activities from the programme continue as an independent activity led by a Project Coordinator; and that any activity with no Project Coordinator be closed.
  (Document VI26_C3_39)

  Proposed: ROARS
  Seconded: SSA
  Vote Plenary 9: In favour: 47, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_C3_REC_08: Shaping the Future Budget**
  It is recommended that the reserved Shaping the Future budget is ended, and that any unspent reserved funds are returned to the general funds of IARU Region 1; future activities to be funded through the normal budget process, once a project coordinator coming with a plan has been identified
  (Document VI26_C3_39)

  Proposed: CRC
  Seconded: LRAA
  Vote Plenary 10: In favour: 47, Against: 1, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_09: The Technology Coordinator**
  It is recommended that the Technology Working Group, as established by the Executive Committee in 2024, is changed to a "Technology Coordinator" role, in accordance with the existing ToR and priorities defined during the Zlatibor Conference.
  (Document VI26_C3_37)

  Proposed: HRS
  Seconded: OeVSV
  Vote Plenary 11: In favour: 48, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_10: IARU Centenary booklet**
  It is recommended that:
  - The available content is made available to all societies (not public)
  - Unless a society volunteers to continue, the content is archived

  (Document VI26_C3_48)

  Proposed: SARL
  Seconded: ZRS
  Vote Plenary 12: In favour: 46, Against: 0, Abstain: 3

  5B4AHZ volunteer to lead the work with finalizing the booklet.

- **VI26_C3_REC_11: T/R 61-01 Expansion**
  It is recommended that Member Societies of countries outside of CEPT with well-established amateur activity who are not T/R 61-01 participants, should engage with their national regulator regarding joining T/R 61-01 (and may seek advice from IARU-R1 SRLC).

  CEPT Member Societies in the remaining countries showing as 'no/limited implementation' should also engage with their administration regarding participation or status updates, in collaboration with IARU-R1 SRLC.
  (Document VI26_C3_19)

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: LRAA
  Vote Plenary 13: In favour: 47, Against: 1, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_12: T/R 61-02 – HAREC Syllabus Next Steps**
  It is recommended that IARU-R1 formalises a Coordinator and/or working group (and their Terms of Reference) that will focus on syllabus aspects; and who will support SRLC in their liaison with CEPT.

  Member Societies should be patient on timescales and prioritise building a good relationship and support from their administration (or to avoid an objection) when this reaches CEPT
  (Document VI26_C3_20)

  Proposed: NRRL
  Seconded: PZK
  Vote Plenary 14: In favour: 49, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C3_REC_13: HAREC Annex 6 (Examination Syllabus) Update**
  It is recommended to approve the proposed Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) T/R 61-02 Annex 6 update, subject to revising it, as appropriate, using the feedback received from the Member Societies, suitable for the 2030s**.**

  It is recommended that a "CEPT/HAREC Coordinator" is nominated to drive the introduction of the approved HAREC update to CEPT.
  (Document VI26_C3_53)

  Proposed: OeVSV
  Seconded: PZK
  Vote Plenary 15: In favour: 49, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_C3_REC_14: Online Exams**
  It is recommended that Member Societies take note of the latest online UK exam developments and consider how it may help their own domestic training and exam arrangements.

  IARU-R1 should introduce a dedicated website section for major online exam/revision resources at all three CEPT levels, with links to relevant MS and CEPT resources.
  (Document VI26_C3_16)

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: KARS
  Vote Plenary 16: In favour: 46, Against: 3, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C3_REC_15: Ratification and Byelaws Provisions of C8**
  It is recommended that the General Conference approves the adoption of the Bylaws provisions of the Youth Committee (C8) as set out in this recommendation for inclusion in the new Constitution and Bylaws of IARU Region 1:

  a) *The committee is chaired by its Chair elected at the final plenary of the previous General Conference, with a term of office the same as for members of the Executive Committee.*
  b) *Meetings may be attended by all conference participants; participants' rights depend on their status at the General Conference.*
  c) *The purpose of the committee is to examine matters and proposals related to the participation of young people in amateur radio, and to promote strategies for the engagement and retention of young amateurs across the IARU Region 1 member societies.*
  d) *The committee reports to the final plenary meeting and to the Executive Committee between General Conferences.*
  e) *Observers may participate in discussions of the committee but have no voting rights.*

  This recommendation does not address the Terms of Reference point. The terms of reference will be developed at the discretion of the Youth Committee. The committee will forward to the EC the Terms of Reference before the end of the year
  (Document VI26_C3_30)

  Proposed: UBA
  Seconded: IRTS
  Vote Plenary 17: In favour: 49, Against: 1, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_C3_REC_16: Youth Participation in Amateur Radio Fairs**
  It is recommended that Member Societies recognize that the participation of young members in Amateur Radio fairs can be valuable and contribute to the growth of Amateur Radio.

  The Youth committee is invited to propose a mechanism for Member societies to apply for funding support from the Region for this purpose.
  (Document VI26_C3_29)

  Proposed: KARS
  Seconded: PZK
  Vote Plenary 18: In favour: 46, Against: 4, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_17 and VI26_C8_REC_03: Introduction of a "Shadow Chair" Model within IARU Region 1 Committees and Working Groups**
  It is recommended to create a non-voting project-based leadership apprenticeship for younger amateurs coordinated by the Youth Committee, normally remote and limited for 24 months.

  1. Endorse in principle the implementation of the apprenticeship model as a structured pathway for incorporating younger radio amateurs into governance roles within IARU R1 working groups and committees.
  2. Mandate the Youth Committee, in consultation with the various Permanent Committee Chairs, to draft the formal criteria, operational procedures, and "Invitation to Participate" protocols within eight (8) months of the close of the General Conference.
  3. Encourage all Working Group and Committee Chairs to actively identify discrete international projects, frequency coordination tasks, or any other discrete activities that can be successfully co-managed by an apprentice.
  4. Request the Youth Committee to submit a comprehensive evaluation report on the pilot placements and the overall organizational impact of the program to the subsequent General Conference.
  5. Instruct the Executive Committee to review the pilot programme on the next General Conference, following which they may recommend continuation, modification or discontinuation.

  (Document VI26_C3_40 Rev 1)

  Proposed: REF
  Seconded: IRTS
  Vote Plenary 31: In favour: 45, Against: 2 Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C3_REC_18: Spectrum Protection**
  It is recommended that
  - The IARU-R1 EC appoints a Spectrum Coordinator to work in collaboration with SRLC, with a responsibility to liaise with Member Societies and where required to pull together task groups to address the whole range of spectrum protection issues.
  - Liaising with the IARU-R1 Spectrum Coordinator should be included as part of the updates to the Terms of Reference for SRLC, C7-EMC and IARU-R1-IWS.
  - Consideration should also be given for this Coordinator role to include resourcing, recruitment and scheduling assistance for these expert working groups.

  IARU-R1 recommends to the AC to expand the role of IARU-IWS to cover all amateur spectrum beyond its traditional HF focus. It is recognised that IARU-IWS will require new expertise/recruits in VHF/UHF/microwave and satellite monitoring for this expanded role (Document VI26_C3_18)

  Proposed: PZK
  Seconded: SRAL
  Vote Plenary 19: In favour: 25, Against: 21, Abstain: 5

- **VI26_C3_REC_19: IARU Global/Regional Structure**
  It is recommended that IARU Region-1 adopts a clear position on restructuring - that the Federated Regional approach, as largely in place today - is the only way forward

  That IARU Region-1 should support smaller, logical and easier to agree/implement enhancements to bring certainty, clarity and progress at both Regional and top (AC) levels

  That IARU Region-1 should invite the AC to provide far better clarity and reassurance on the restructure. Other topics might include updating its engagement processes; and more clearly distinguishing its contemporary international 'operational' activities (Satellites, HF-IBP, ITU WRC prep etc), which are welcome, but do not align with some of its older foundations.
  (Document VI26_C3_15)

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: SRAL
  Vote Plenary 20: In favour: 43, Against: 3, Abstain: 1

- **VI26_C3_REC_20: Introduction to the proposed revised Constitution and Bylaws of IARU Region 1**
  It is recommended that a revised Constitution and the relevant bylaws must be drafted in two separate documents.
  (Document VI26_C3_42)

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: REF
  Vote Plenary 21: In favour: 46, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C3_REC_21: Regular Review of Recommendations**
  It is recommended that:
  - The IARU-R1 EC brings to the General Conference a full list for review of all recent recommendations and their status/progress.
  - For past recommendations which are unclear or proving difficult to progress, the default should be to suppress them unless the topic is considered critical and a volunteer or team will action it. Likewise impractical/failed recommendations shall also be identified for cancellation.
  - For much older recommendations, we should agree a date beyond which they no longer apply (which can be considered to be a historic 'reset' with no impact on completed ones).
  - For future use, the Region-1 EC should introduce a more accessible tracker for current/active recommendations that clearly indicates their status/owner (especially if it is a C3 one), to enable the EC, Member Societies, Interim Meetings and General Conferences to regularly review progress and if necessary update or close recommendations or related actions.
  - The existing recommendation of 'SMART and Costed' for C3 proposals should be fully retained and be extended to all conference proposals, by an update to its entry in the "Document Disciplines" guide – as this supports clear and practical recommendations.

  (Document VI26_C3_17)

  Proposed: SARL
  Seconded: ROARS
  Vote Plenary 22: In favour: 50, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_C3_REC_22: Terms of Reference for Committees & Working Groups**
  It is recommended:
  - To undertake a full review of the primary document called "Terms of Reference (ToR)" for clarification, deduplication and consistency.
  - To ensure that all cross-references to the Terms of Reference editions are updated and refer to a single document available on the Region-1 website.

  (Document VI26_C3_14)

  Proposed: BARS
  Seconded: EDR
  Vote Plenary 23: In favour: 50, Against: 1, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_C3_REC_23: Chairs and coordinators 2026**
  It is recommended to accept the nominations and Chairs and coordinators as presented in document VI26_C3_58 rev 1.

  One-by-one voting:

Stefan Dombrowski, ON6TI:	In favour: Unanimously
Dušan Ćeha YU1EA:	In favour: Unanimously
Wolfgang Mahr, OE1MHZ:	Vote 24: In favour: 23, Against: 16, Abstain: 11
Greg Mossop, G0DUB:	In favour: Unanimously
Jacques Saget, F6BEE:	In favour: Unanimously
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO:	In favour: 48, against: 0, abstain: 2
Marc Balmer, HB9SSB:	In favour: Unanimously
Riri Azrak OD5RI:	In favour: Unanimously
Nestor Jacovides, 5B4AHZ:	In favour: Unanimously
Graham Shirville, G3VZV:	In favour: Unanimously
Barry Lewis, G4SJH (SRLC):	In favour: Unanimously
Remy Denker, PA0AGF:	In favour: Unanimously
Michael Zwingl, OE3MZC:	In favour: Unanimously
Rastislav Hrnko, OM3BH:	In favour: Unanimously
Mario Lerma Martínez, EA1JAY:	In favour: Unanimously
Barry Lewis, G4SJH (HAREC):	In favour: Unanimously
Murray Niman, G6JYB	In favour: Unanimously

C4 recommendations

- **VI26_C4_REC_01: Harmonization of Maximum Channel Bandwidth for Channels between HF and VHF/UHF Bands**
  That the 6 kHz maximum bandwidth restriction in the IARU Region 1 10 meter band plan be removed in the segment from 29000 - 29520 kHz, noting that any experimental wide bandwidth operation must be on a non-interference basis to other stations, including the amateur satellite service segment at 29300 - 29510 kHz.
  And that maximum bandwidth in the 10 meter band plan in the range 29520 to 29700 kHz be increased to 10 kHz, excluding the satellite input guard channel.

  Proposed: SARL
  Seconded: ZRS
  Vote Plenary 25: In favour: 48, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C4_REC_02: Extension of the frequency allocation for amateur radio in ITU Regions 1 and 3 from the current 7000 – 7200 kHz to 7000 – 7300 kHz**
  That Region 1 member societies engage with respective regulatory bodies to discuss the extension of the 40 meter band to 7300 kHz

  Proposed: SRR
  Seconded: UBA
  Vote Plenary 26: In favour: 43, Against: 1, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_C4_REC_03: Occupied bandwidth in the frequency range below 30 MHz**
  That C4 agrees to support experimental use of broadband modes in the frequency below 30 MHz

  Proposed: SSA
  Seconded: EDR
  Vote Plenary 27: In favour: 38, Against: 8, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_C4_REC_04: HF Spectrum Strategy / Priorities**

  1. IARU-R1 should undertake a Strategic Review of HF, principally aimed at protection against emerging threats – in collaboration with SRLC, with support from C4-HF and C7-EMC

  2. The review should also determine if there is a viable opportunity, for example within the 136-472 kHz range, such as ~270 kHz, where broadcasting has declined

  3. The Terms of Reference for SRLC and C7-EMC should be editorially updated to more clearly state that Amateur Spectrum Protection is a key priority

  4. Member Societies should support such a review, recognise the challenges to the HF Spectrum, and be vigilant of threats/trends - and be realistic in their expectations

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: DARC
  Vote Plenary 28: In favour: 46, Against: 0, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_C4_REC_05: Amateur Radio in Difficult Countries**
  1. Regarding the well intentioned ZL23_C3_Rec_29 recommendation:
     The actions proposed to C4-HF in April-2026 to implement this should be withdrawn.
  2. Instead, the implementation of this recommendation should be redirected to the existing STARS and SRLC Working Groups who are far more appropriate and better resourced to assist and collaborate in this area

  Proposed: EARS
  Seconded: VERON
  Vote Plenary 29: In favour: 38, Against: 1, Abstain: 6

- **VI26_C4_REC_06: Misuse of WARC Bands for Awards and/or Contests**
  That C4 recognises the impact of coordinated activities on the WARC bands and, noting resolution LH17-1, to monitor the situation and if necessary, write to the organisers of high impact events to encourage following the regional band plans for contests. We encourage the AC to review resolution LH17-1 and adapt as necessary

  Proposed: EDR
  Seconded: SRR
  Vote Plenary 30: In favour: 39, Against: 5, Abstain: 1

C5 recommendations

- **VIE26_C5_REC_01:**
  Member Societies (MS) are encouraged to observe national activities regarding Satellite and Ground station filings affecting amateur bands that may occur within their own country. Therefore, MS to liaise with and seek assistance from IARU-R1 spectrum experts if this occurs enabling early and coordinated response.

  Proposed: ROARS
  Seconded: KARS
  Vote Plenary 32: In favour: 47, Against: 1, Abstain: 2

- **VIE26_C5_REC_02:**
  To adopt this supplemental 23 cm band plan according to the table below in the IARU Region 1 VHF Handbook to support those cases where the ECC Decision (25)01 has been implemented nationally:

1240.000 **1240.500**	2700Hz	All Mode	(reserved for future)
1240.500 **1240.750**	500Hz	Telegraphy MGM	Beacons (reserved for future)
1240.750 **1241.000**	20kHz	FM Digital Voice	(reserved for future)
1241.000 **1243.250**	20kHz	All mode	General mixed analogue or digital use in 25 kHz channels 1240.000-1241.000 Digital communications 1242.025-1242.250 Repeater output, ch. RS1 - RS10 1242.275-1242.700 Repeater output, ch. RS11 - RS28 1242.725-1243.250 Digital communications, ch. RS29 - RS50 Note (a)
1243.250 **1257.000**	>150kHz	Digital ATV Broadband Data	Amateur TV and Broadband data applications Note (b)
1257.000 **1257.800**	20kHz	All modes	General mixed analogue or digital use in 25 kHz channels. Repeater inputs: 1257.000MHz (RM0) to 1257.475MHz (RM19) 1257.025MHz (RS1) to 1257.975MHz (RS39) Notes (c) and (d)
1257.800 **1258.000**	20kHz	All modes	General mixed analogue or digital use in 7 x 25 kHz channels Centres: 1257.825 to 1257.975MHz

1258.000 **1260.000**	≤150kHz		Very low power applications only Note e)
1260.000 **1262.000**	≤150kHz	Amateur Satellite- Service	 Earth-to-space Note f)
1262.000 **1270.000**	≤150kHz	Amateur Satellite- Service	Very low power applications only Note e)
1270.000 **1296.000**	≤150kHz		Very low power applications only Note e)
1296.000 **1296.150**	500Hz	Telegraphy MGM	1296.00-1296.025 Moonbounce
1296.150 **1296.800**	 2700Hz	 Telegraphy SSB MGM	1296.200 Narrow-band centre of activity 1296.400-1296.600 Linear transponder input 1296.500 Image center (SSTV, Fax etc) 1296.600 Narrowband Data center (MGM, RTTY,..) 1296.600-1296.700 Linear transponder output 1296.741- 1296.743 experimental MGM (500Hz) 1296.750-1296.800 Local Beacon (10W ERP max)
1296.800 **1296.994**	500Hz	Telegraphy MGM	Beacons exclusive (g)
1296.994 **1297.481**	20kHz	FM Digital Voice Repeater OUTPUT	RM0 (1297.000) 25 KHz spacing RM19 (1297.475) Note c)
1297.494 **1297.981**	20kHz	FM (c) Digital Voice (e)	SM20 (1297.500) (25 KHz spacing - SIMPLEX) 1297.500 FM center of activity 1297.725 Digital Voice calling (25 KHz spacing - SIMPLEX) 1297.900-1297.975 Simplex FM Internet voice gateways SM39 (1297.975)
1298.000 **1299.000**	20kHz ≤150kHz	All modes	General mixed analogue or digital use in 25 kHz channels 1298.025MHz (RS1) 1298.975MHZ (RS39) (Repeater outputs – Note d)). Up to 6x150kHz (max) channels for high speed. Note h)
1299.000 **1299.650**	2700Hz	Telegraphy SSB MGM	Moonbounce Note (i), (j) 1299.200 Narrow-band centre of activity 1299.450 Image centre (SSTV, Fax etc) 1299.550 Narrowband Data centre (MGM, RTTY,..)

1299.650 **1299.850**	1000Hz	Telegraphy MGM	Beacons exclusive (g) 1299.800-1299.850 Local Beacon (10W ERP max)
1299.850 **1300.000**	20kHz	All modes	5 x 25kHz channels (available for FM/DV use) : Centres: 1299.875-1299.975MHz

Notes:

a) The 28MHz split for these repeater channels is no longer viable if ECC Decision (25)01 is implemented as they are paired with channels in the 1270 MHz part of the band. They would need to be paired with the appropriate frequencies indicated in this band plan.
b) This segment may also accommodate wideband repeater input/output channels according to national demand.
c) New wider 40 MHz pairing; 1257.000 – 1257.475MHz paired with 1297.000 – 1297.475MHz.
d) New wider 41 MHz pairing; 1257.025 – 1257.975MHz paired with 1298.025 – 1298.975MHz.
e) Refer to ECC Decision (25)01 Annex 1 and national conditions for constraints on e.i.r.p in this segment.
f) Refer to ECC Decision (25)01 Annex 1 and national conditions for constraints on e.i.r.p and antenna elevation aspects in this segment.
g) Refer to Beacons Chapter for coordination of beacons in the beacon sub-band Section.
h) In 1298 – 1299 MHz, shared use between RS1 to RS39 repeater frequencies and high-speed Digital Data channels is possible in this range planned according to national circumstances. Digital Data (DD) centres: 1298.125 to 1298.875 MHz. Repeater channels RS7 to RS29 are preferred.
i) ECC Decision (25)01 Annex 1 and national conditions may need to be consulted for Moonbounce operation.
j) Preferred frequency segment for Moonbounce operations from 1st January 2027

Proposed: SRAL
Seconded: CRC
Vote Plenary 33: In favour: 50, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

- **VIE26_C5_REC_03:**
  To add in the 430 MHz band plan the Usage column (in the 434.000 - 434.5875 MHz segment): 434.500 MHz - High altitude balloon (HAB) telemetry centre of activity.

Proposed: UBA
Seconded: HRS
Vote Plenary 34: In favour: 46, Against: 2, Abstain: 2

- **VIE26_C5_REC_04**
  To remove the bandwidth limitation in the segment from 144.500 – 144.794 MHz.

Proposed: OeVSV
Seconded: URE
Vote Plenary 35: In favour: 37, Against: 2, Abstain: 8

- **VIE26_C5_REC_05**
  Use of the DX Cluster, or any similar spotting network (e.g. ON4KST), is permitted. Entrants may spot their own station on the DX cluster. Self-spots may be made when first soliciting QSOs on a new frequency and thereafter no more frequently than every 10 minutes

  Proposed: ROARS
  Seconded: EDR
  Vote Plenary 36: In favour: 39, Against: 5, Abstain: 1

- **VIE26_C5_REC_06:**
  To create an Open-Source repeater database Working Group open to all MS to be chaired by the Open Source Projects Coordinator.

  Proposed: USKA
  Seconded: OeVSV
  Vote Plenary 37: In favour: 41, Against: 4, Abstain: 0

C7 recommendations

- **VIE26_C7_REC_01:**

  As an extension of the development project ENAMS, it is recommended to create both an operational and a development sub working group within the EMCC:
  - The operational group would take up the tasks of running the data processing center, installing and caring for units in the field.
  - The development group might undertake the task of analysing the vast treasure of data. One possible approach might be cooperation with one or more universities and other approved parties.

  Proposed: OeVSV
  Seconded: RSGB
  Vote Plenary 38: In favour: 42, Against: 3, Abstain: 3

C8 recommendations

- **VI26_C8_REC_01: National Initiatives for Amateur Radio Education and Society**
  Member Societies should be encouraged to engage with their respective administrations, educational authorities and other relevant institutions in order to promote initiatives supporting amateur radio in education, STEM/STEAM activities and community resilience, taking into account national circumstances and examples of good practice within Region 1, including the principles reflected in Portuguese Parliamentary resolution 53/2026, which recognises the educational and emergency-communications value of amateur radio and backs this with practical measures: dedicated funding for school clubs and associations, and the integration of amateur radio into national education policy through the STEAM programme, accredited teacher training and links with existing school science networks.

  Member Societies achieving progress in this area are encouraged to share relevant proposals, resolutions, official documents, educational resources, positive and negative outcomes through Youth Committee in order to facilitate the dissemination of best practices and support similar initiatives elsewhere in Region 1.

  Existing platforms such as IARU R1's wiki or Nextcloud with public access from the main IARU R1 website should be used as a sharing platform. An appointed person by Youth Committee should be named as responsible of keeping the platform organized and up to date.
  (Document VI26_C8_05_rev1)

  Proposed: IRTS
  Seconded: CARS
  Vote Plenary 39: In favour: 46, Against: 1, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_C8_REC_02: Proposal of a Cooperation Agreement**
  Create a temporary working group in one month time from the end of the General Conference, whose aim is to explore a Cooperation Agreement between IARU Region 1 and the GYM (Global Youth Mobilisation), focused on the four thematic pillars set out in Section 3.1 of this paper.

Global Youth Mobilisation	IARU R1 Thematic Pillar
Health & Wellbeing (Mental Health Focus)	Social Connectivity & Mental Wellbeing
Climate Action & Environmental Sustainability	Emergency Comms & Environmental Monitoring
Education & Digital Skills	STEM & Wireless Digital Literacy
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	Inclusive Global Communication

  A first analysis of the requirements and progress should be done by end of year 2026.

  As a final outcome, the temporary working group should release a draft on how to approach and expected outcomes by the International Meeting at HAM RADIO Friedrichshafen 2027.
  (Document VI26_C8_03_rev1)

  Proposed: CARS
  Seconded: KARS
  Vote Plenary 40: In favour: 42, Against: 3, Abstain: 5

- **VI26_C8_REC_04 : Youth Engagement Conference**
  Recommendations:
  1. That the IARU Region 1 General Conference endorses the Youth Engagement Conference as a recurring program of IARU Region 1, under the responsibility of the Youth Committee (C8), to be organised approximately every 12 to 18 months subject to budget approval, host availability and volunteer capacity;
  2. That the program should be substantially subsidised through a dedicated base budget covering selected participants' direct conference fees as described above, and reasonable organiser, trainer and facilitator expenses;
  3. That participants or their Member Societies should normally cover travel to and from the event;
  4. That selection should be through an open, merit-based application process for volunteers and youth organisers who are actively involved in or seriously committed to youth engagement;
  5. and that Youth Committee is authorised to develop the program from a Region-wide format into sub-regional editions or modules where this would better address the local training, youth engagement and volunteer retention needs of Member Societies.
     (Document VI26_C8_08)

     Proposed: RSGB
     Seconded: ERASD
     Vote Plenary 41: In favour: 43, Against: 3, Abstain: 4

- **VI26_C8_REC_05: Child Protection Policy**
  - Establishment of a working group to take care on revising IARU R1's protection policies. Recommended timeline is as soon as possible, having revised IARU R1's protection policies and release the new version(s) as soon as practically feasible. It is recommended that the working group contains a member from EC, YC, ARDF WG and HST WG. The working group should consult for legal expertise on the topics.
  - EC should approve the necessary budget.
  - Chair of this working group has to be appointed by Member Societies in General Conference in Vienna General Conference 2026.
    Secretarial note: No chair was appointed during the conference.

  (Document VI26_C8_07_rev1)

  Proposed: MARS
  Seconded: IRTS
  Vote Plenary 42: In favour: 45, Against: 0, Abstain: 2

- **VI26_REC_PLENARY_01:**
  To create a temporary Constitution Revision Working group that will propose revisions and coordinate with the Executive Committee.
  Proposed chair: HB9JOE
  Proposed member societies: UBA; OeVSV, RSGB, IRTS, USKA, REF, ARI, PZK, BARS

  Proposed: REF
  Seconded: KARS
  Vote Plenary 43: In favour: 45, Against: 3, Abstain: 3

- **VI26_REC_PLENARY_02:**
  To accept online voting, coordinated by the Executive Committee.

  Proposed: RSGB
  Seconded: URE
  Vote Plenary 44: In favour: 49, Against: 2, Abstain: 0

- **VI26_REC_PLENARY_03:**
  That the Constitution Revision Working Group can explore alternative conference cycles and format.

  Proposed: SARL
  Seconded: VERON
  Vote Plenary 45: In favour: 50, Against: 0, Abstain: 0

Election of Executive Committee (EC) for 2026-2029

Out of the total 15 nominees, the following has been elected for the new EC. The Election and Ballot Committee presented the result of the first and second vote:

1. The first vote included 49 ballots from 35 societies and 14 proxies
2. The second vote included 49 ballots from 34 societies and 15 proxies

President:	Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T	44 votes
Vice President:	Dennis Green, ZS4BS	37 votes
Secretary:	Achraf (Ash) Chaabane, 3V9A	47 votes
Treasurer:	Elvira (Vera) Hardmeier Balmer, HB9EYH	49 votes
EC Member:	Ahmad AlHoli, 9K2DB	31 votes
EC Member:	Ana Canizares Bejarano, EI5IXB	30 votes
EC Member:	Joseph Msallam, 5B4APB	24 votes
EC Member:	Markus Großer, DL8GM	21 votes
EC Member:	Florian Zwingl, OE3FTA	21 votes

Next venue

Two proposals for hosting the next General Conference have been received: one from DARC (Landshut) and one from RSM (Skopje). The two proposals were presented and an election between the two proposals was held.

DARC: 38% of the votes
RSM: 62% of the votes.

The indication of delegate fee for the winning RSM proposal was below 900 €.

Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Trophy

ZS4BS presented the result of the G2BVN, Memorial Trophy panel. The panel was represented by members from SARL, EDR, ARI, OeVSV, PZK. The panel has awarded the following nominees the trophy for their long-term contribution to the amateur radio. The nominations can be found in annex 2:

Murray Niman, G6JYB

Panayot Danev, LZ1US

Final remarks

Although an interest for online streaming of the conference was indicated prior to the conference, very few did join the streaming. It was noted that the number was between 2 to 12 persons logged in, on average less than 5 persons. The low number needs to be considered when planning the next conference or when discussing hybrid attendance for plenaries.
Note that the numbers do not take the committees (C4 to C8) into account.

Thank you to OeVSV

The IARU-R1 president, F4GKR, thanked the OeVSV president OE1MCU, and the team, for arranging the well-organized conference and the invitation for all conference guests to the OeVSV 100-year celebration event.
The OeVSV organising team can be found in annex 1.

Closing

The chair F4GKR closed the meeting and welcomed all to Skopje in 2029.

Attached: Annex 1 – OeVSV conference support team
Annex 2 – Nominations to the Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Trophy

Annex 1

IARU-R1 would like to extend our warmest gratitude to the OeVSV conference organizing and support team.

- OeVSV president Michael, OE1MCU
- Arnold, OE1IAH
- Kurt, OE1KBC
- Alex, OE1LZS
- Charly, OE3KLU

Annex 2 Nominations for the Roy Stevens, G2BVN, Memorial Trophy

- Murray Niman, G6JYB
- Panayot Danev, LZ1US

Murray Niman, G6JYB

1. Formal recommendation

The Radio Society of Great Britain is pleased to nominate Murray Niman, G6JYB, for the Roy Stevens G2BVN Memorial Trophy. The Society believes that Murray's sustained contribution to international spectrum policy, IARU Region 1, CEPT and ITU work, together with his long service to amateur radio, closely reflects both the purpose and the published criteria of the award.

For more than two decades Murray has combined deep professional radio-frequency and microwave expertise with exceptional voluntary service to amateur radio. His contribution developed from local and national activity into sustained international work, particularly in the protection, development and responsible use of amateur spectrum.

His documented IARU Region 1 involvement extends back to at least the 2005 Davos General Conference, where he authored a paper on the challenges facing amateurs in the microwave bands. Subsequent work covered microwave and VHF/UHF spectrum, band planning, satellite allocations, new technologies and spectrum-sharing issues. By 2011 he had been appointed as the Region 1 representative on the IARU Future Spectrum Committee for bands above 148 MHz, and he has also contributed to IARU work in ITU-R Working Party 5A.

Murray's international service has been practical, technically rigorous and sustained. He has represented amateur-radio interests in CEPT studies and meetings on subjects including 2.3 GHz, 3.4 GHz, 5 GHz, millimetre-wave radar systems and wireless power transmission. In 2011 an IARU Region 1 response to a CEPT consultation on 3400-3800 MHz was authored in the UK by Murray for the Region 1 External Relations Committee. This is representative of a long record of translating detailed engineering issues into credible regulatory arguments for amateur radio.

A defining feature of Murray's contribution has been the preparation of the detailed technical and policy material on which effective international representation depends. Over many years he has authored, co-authored, edited or coordinated dozens of papers and submissions for IARU Region 1 conferences and interim meetings, as well as contributions to CEPT, Ofcom and related regulatory processes. These have addressed spectrum defence, band planning, emerging technologies, licensing and wider policy matters.

Examples illustrate both the breadth and longevity of that work. At the 2008 IARU Region 1 conference he authored a proposal seeking a 3400-3410 MHz amateur-satellite allocation in Region 1 and greater international harmonisation. At the 2010 Vienna Interim Meeting he was the named RSGB contact on the important paper 'Threatening Developments at 2300-2400 MHz'. In 2013 he was the RSGB contact for work on synchronised 50 MHz beacons. Later Region 1 documentation identified him as the VHF/UHF/SHF 'Spectrum expert', a concise indication of the standing he had acquired within the international amateur community.

Murray has also made a substantial contribution at World Radiocommunication Conferences. At WRC-19 he served within the UK national delegation and was identified by IARU as one of the amateurs embedded in national delegations who formed part of the wider IARU team. In the preparations for that conference he drafted the key RSGB opposition paper responding to a proposal

that threatened the 144 MHz amateur allocation. WRC-19 also dealt with major amateur interests including 50 MHz, 5 GHz, wireless power transmission and the future 23 cm studies.

At WRC-23 in Dubai, Murray again served as part of the UK Ofcom delegation. His work covered a broad range of issues affecting amateur radio, including space weather, radar sounders in the 40-50 MHz region, wireless power transmission, lunar communications and other spectrum-sharing questions. In 2024 the ARRL gave Special Recognition to the IARU WRC-23 team, including Murray, recording that the team's contribution and results had benefited the amateur radio service worldwide.

His international contribution remains current. CEPT records for the present WRC-27 preparatory cycle list Murray as an RSGB participant representing the United Kingdom administration in CPG project-team work. For the 2026 IARU Region 1 General Conference he led the RSGB expert team preparing the Society's conference papers. This demonstrates that the work described in this nomination is not simply a historic record but a continuing commitment to international amateur-radio representation.

Within the RSGB, Murray became Microwave Manager in 2006 and Chair of the Spectrum Forum in 2014. He has taken an active role in setting RSGB IARU policy on spectrum and general policy matters, supporting successive RSGB Presidents in their responsibilities as Heads of Delegation and coordinating specialist volunteers. His work therefore connects national expertise directly to the international work of IARU Region 1.

The significance of Murray's service has already been recognised by the RSGB. He received the Calcutta Key for exemplary service to spectrum management in the international arena and, in 2024, was presented with the Society's Life Vice Presidency, its highest honour, recognising his outstanding contribution to amateur radio and particularly his leadership in spectrum and international policy.

The value of spectrum work is often most apparent in what does not happen: an allocation is not lost, an interference threat is constrained, an international study reaches a workable conclusion, or a regulatory proposal is amended before it damages amateur activity. Such outcomes require years of preparation, technical credibility, patient negotiation and continuity. Murray has supplied those qualities repeatedly and over a period measured in decades.

The Society considers that the breadth, longevity and international character of Murray's work demonstrate exceptional service to IARU Region 1, to the wider International Amateur Radio Union, to radio science and spectrum management, and to amateur radio generally. Throughout that period he has consistently supported the work and objectives of IARU Region 1.

Those who have worked with Murray will also recognise the considerable personal commitment behind this record: meticulous preparation, technical rigour, continuity of involvement and a willingness to undertake the detailed work on which successful international representation depends.

For these reasons, the Radio Society of Great Britain respectfully commends Murray Niman, G6JYB, to the judging panel for the Roy Stevens G2BVN Memorial Trophy.

2. Alignment with the published award criteria

Exceptional or outstanding international service to IARU Region 1. Murray has a documented record of Region 1 work extending for more than twenty years, including conference and interim-meeting papers, VHF/UHF/microwave spectrum activity, External Relations work, Future Spectrum Committee representation, CEPT contributions and continuing leadership of RSGB input to Region 1.

Exceptional or outstanding international service to IARU. His work has extended beyond Region 1 into IARU's global spectrum activity, including ITU-R work and two World Radiocommunication

Conferences. At WRC-19 IARU explicitly identified him as one of the national-delegation members contributing to the wider IARU team; he again served at WRC-23.

Service to radio science itself. Murray has applied professional RF and microwave expertise voluntarily to spectrum sharing, compatibility studies, interference, band planning, radar, wireless power transmission, satellite allocations and microwave/millimetre-wave issues. This technical credibility has enabled effective engagement with regulators and international spectrum bodies.

Service to amateur radio generally. The benefits of his work extend across many amateur bands and activities. His national service includes spectrum leadership, licensing and band-plan work, training and presentations, specialist-group support and long-standing liaison with Ofcom.

Long and meritorious service to IARU Region 1 and consistent support for its work. The record is one of continuity rather than a single achievement: Davos 2005, subsequent Vienna interim meetings and Region 1 conferences, CEPT and ITU work, WRC-19 and WRC-23, continuing WRC-27 preparatory activity, and leadership of the RSGB expert contribution to the 2026 Region 1 General Conference.

3. Amateur radio CV - Murray Niman, G6JYB

This CV is provided in support of the RSGB nomination for the Roy Stevens G2BVN Memorial Trophy. It concentrates on amateur-radio and international service and intentionally omits unnecessary personal information.

Amateur radio and technical background

Licensed as G6JYB in 1982 after taking the Radio Amateurs' Examination in December 1981. Early practical work included home-built 4 m and 2.3 GHz equipment. His principal amateur interests have long been VHF, UHF and microwaves, complementing a professional background in RF and microwave design.

Local, training and specialist-group service

- Member of Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society from the mid-1980s; joined its training team in 2002 and developed training material subsequently used by clubs in the UK and overseas.
- Long service with the Essex Repeater Group, including committee work, Secretary duties and responsibility for repeater and 10 GHz beacon licensing.
- Long-standing links with specialist groups including the UK Microwave Group, AMSAT-UK, BATC, RSGB ETCC and the UK Six Metre Group.

RSGB national responsibilities

- Joined the RSGB Spectrum Forum in 2004 during major Ofcom and European spectrum consultations.
- RSGB Microwave Manager from 2006; responsible for microwave spectrum activity and beacon coordination.
- Chair of the RSGB Spectrum Forum from 2014, with broad responsibility for spectrum, licensing and band-plan matters.
- Long-standing participant in RSGB-Ofcom liaison and international spectrum work.
- Contributor to UK amateur licence development, band-plan reviews and major regulatory consultations.
- Led or coordinated expert RSGB input to successive IARU Region 1 conferences and interim meetings, including leadership of the RSGB expert team preparing papers for the 2026 General Conference.

IARU Region 1 and international service

- Documented IARU Region 1 conference contribution from at least 2005.
- Active in Region 1 VHF/UHF/microwave work and later identified in the Region 1 VHF Handbook as its Spectrum expert.
- Member/contributor to Region 1 external and political relations activity, bringing spectrum expertise to European policy and regulatory issues.
- Contributor in CEPT work on amateur-relevant spectrum matters, including 2.3 GHz, 3.4 GHz, 5 GHz, radar systems and wireless power transmission.
- Appointed in 2011 as the Region 1 representative on the IARU Future Spectrum Committee for bands above 148 MHz.
- Contributor to IARU activity in ITU-R Working Party 5A.
- Author, co-author, editor or coordinator of dozens of IARU Region 1 conference/interim papers and related international submissions over many years.

World Radiocommunication Conferences

- Member of the UK national delegation at WRC-19; identified by IARU as one of the national-delegation members forming part of the wider IARU team.
- Prepared significant spectrum-defence material during the WRC-19 cycle, including the key RSGB opposition paper concerning the proposed aeronautical threat to 144 MHz.
- Member of the UK Ofcom delegation at WRC-23, working on matters including space weather, 40-50 MHz radar sounders, wireless power transmission, lunar communications and other spectrum issues.
- Continues to participate in CEPT preparatory activity for the WRC-27 cycle.

Recognition

- RSGB Calcutta Key - exemplary service to spectrum management in the international arena.
- RSGB Life Vice President - the Society's highest honour, presented in 2024 in recognition of an outstanding contribution to amateur radio, particularly spectrum leadership and international policy.
- Member of the IARU WRC-23 team given ARRL Special Recognition in 2024 for contribution and results benefiting amateur radio worldwide.

4. Selected international contributions and documentary trail

2005 - IARU Region 1 General Conference, Davos. DV05_C5_06, 'Challenges to Amateurs in the Microwave Bands' - Murray Niman G6JYB. An early documented example of his Region 1 spectrum work.

2008 - IARU Region 1. CT08_C5_17, '3400 MHz Amateur Satellite Allocation' - author Murray Niman G6JYB. The paper argued for a 3400-3410 MHz amateur-satellite allocation in Region 1 and greater global harmonisation.

2010 - IARU Region 1 Vienna Interim Meeting. B01, 'Threatening Developments at 2300-2400 MHz' - RSGB; contact Murray Niman G6JYB, Microwave Manager. The paper addressed growing IMT/commercial pressure on a band supporting a wide range of amateur activity.

2011 - IARU Region 1 / CEPT. Response concerning the 3400-3800 MHz regulatory framework, authored in the UK by Murray for the IARU Region 1 External Relations Committee, supporting continued amateur access and spectrum compatibility.

2011 - IARU Future Spectrum Committee. Appointed Region 1 representative for bands above 148 MHz, following his advocacy of a more strategic approach to growing commercial pressure on amateur spectrum.

2013 - IARU Region 1 Vienna Interim Meeting. VIE13_C5_34, '50 MHz Synchronised Beacons' - RSGB; contact Murray G6JYB. This forms part of the Region 1 work on coordinated beacon planning.

2014 onwards - IARU Region 1 spectrum coordination. Continued involvement in Region 1 conference outcomes and band-plan work; subsequent Region 1 VHF Handbook editions identify Murray as the VHF/UHF/SHF Spectrum expert.

2019 - IARU Region 1 Vienna Interim Meeting. VIE19 C5 INFO1, 'Innovation Bands & Activities' - source RSGB, Murray Niman G6JYB, Spectrum Chair. The paper described experimental access and the regulatory conditions supporting innovation.

2019 - WRC-19. Served on the UK national delegation and was identified by IARU as one of the national-delegation members contributing to the wider IARU team. Preparatory work included the RSGB response opposing the proposed aeronautical threat to 144 MHz.

2023 - WRC-23. Served as part of the UK Ofcom delegation, contributing to negotiations on a range of matters affecting amateur radio, including space weather, radar sounders, WPT and lunar communications.

2024 - International recognition. Included in the IARU WRC-23 team receiving ARRL Special Recognition for contribution and results benefiting the amateur radio service worldwide.

2026 - CEPT and IARU Region 1. Listed in CEPT WRC-27 preparatory activity as an RSGB participant representing the United Kingdom administration; led the RSGB expert team preparing the Society's papers for the 2026 IARU Region 1 General Conference.

5. Sources for verification

The following sources were used to verify and update the supplied amateur-radio CV. They are included for review and can be retained as an appendix to the formal nomination if desired.

Primary material

Rules for the Roy Stevens G2BVN Memorial Trophy, IARU Region 1 (supplied nomination rules).

Murray Niman G6JYB – CV on Amateur Radio Interests, Experience, Activities (supplied CV).

IARU Region 1

WRC-19 Week 2 – IARU reporting identifying Murray as a UK national-delegation member contributing to the wider IARU team: www.iaru-r1.org/2019/wrc-19-week-2/

VHF Handbook, Version 9.01 (2021) – listing Murray Niman G6JYB as Spectrum expert: www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/VHF_Handbook_V9.01.pdf

VHF/UHF/Microwave Newsletter 53 / Vienna 2010 documents – including B01, “Threatening Developments at 2300–2400 MHz”: www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Newsletter_53.pdf

Vienna 2013 documents – including VIE13_C5_34, “50 MHz Synchronised Beacons”: rsgb.org/main/files/2013/03/2013_C5_Vienna_Documents_final_II.pdf

Selected conference and spectrum papers

UK Microwave Group paper archive – including DV05_C5_06, “Challenges to Amateurs in the Microwave Bands”: www.microwavers.org/papers.htm

CT08_C5_17, “3400 MHz Amateur Satellite Allocation”: www.microwavers.org/files/3400MHz/3400_Amateur_Satellite_Allocation.pdf

RSGB and international recognition

RSGB AGM Trophy Recipients – Life Vice President, Murray Niman G6JYB: rsgb.org/main/operating/amateur-radio-awards/rsgb-trophies/agm-trophy-recipients/

RSGB Strategic Priorities Update, February 2024 – WRC-23: rsgb.org/main/blog/news/rsgb-notices/2024/01/26/february-2024-strategic-priorities-update/

RSGB, “Special Recognition for ITU WRC-23 contribution”, 1 November 2024: rsgb.org/main/blog/news/rsgb-notices/2024/11/01/rsgb-representatives-awarded-a-special-recognition-for-itu-wrc-23-contribution/

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6. Submission note

This pack has been prepared from the nominee's supplied amateur-radio CV, the published G2BVN award criteria, information supplied by the nominating Society, and publicly available IARU, CEPT and RSGB records. Personal information not relevant to the award has deliberately been excluded.

Panayot Danev, LZ1US

1. On the Air :

- First QSO from the club station LZ1KSA (1962)

- SWL LZ1A317 from 1963

- LZ1US from 1969

- One of the founders of the club LZ1KBU at the Technical School of Radio and Television (1965)

- With more than 50 international diplomas

- Participant in numerous HF competitions, incl. with prizes (most recent LZDX Contest 2021 and national CW Championship 2024)

- Made QSOs with all 7 continents (including Antarctica) and from 6 continents (excluding Antarctica)

- Offered for exchange in contests etc. formula 001000 (1988), which is still used in Bulgaria and other countries (explanation - in each QSO the consecutive number plus the first three digits received by the previous correspondent is transmitted; the digits above are transmitted in the first QSO)

- Member of LZ CW Club

- Member of SOTA

- Initiator and first organizer of the annual Balkan HF Contest (since 2014), sponsor of almost all Balkan Contests over the years, winner of a silver medal at the Tenth Contest (2023);

2. Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF)

- First participation in a competition 1965

- Permanent participant in Bulgarian competitions from 1965 to the present

- Several times national champion (1976 and onwards)

- Participant in the team that won the Druzhba-Bratstvo (Friendship-Brotherhood) Cup (1972, Poland)

- First place in the Championship of socialist capitals (1985)

- First place in the Championship of socialist countries (1986)

- Participant in almost all European and World Championships from 1984 to now with the highest achievement second place at the World Championship (1990)

- Master of sports (1985)

- Athlete number 10 of the Bulgarian Defense Assistance Organization (DOSO) for 1990

- National coach with first world champions (1984), awarded with the Order of Labor - gold for this achievement

- Won over 20 cups and over 100 medals in 16 countries (on 4 continents)

- Participant (with first places) in several IARU-R2 and IARU-R3 Championships (1993, 1996, 1999)

- Participant in TAFISA (The Association For International Sports for All) Games with third place (2012)

- With personal photo on the covers of CQ DL and Radio, TV, Electronics magazines, as well as photos in QST, RadCom and 100 Watts

- Quoted in a book in South Korea and in a book in North Macedonia

- Initiator and first organizer of the annual Balkan ARDF Championships (since 2006)

- Leading organizer of European and World Championships held in Bulgaria (1996, 2002, 2006, 2009), incl. logo and medals designer

- International category referee (since 1994), refereed (including as Chairman of the Jury) at many World Championships and IARU-R1 Championships (most recently 2025, Lithuania);

3. High Speed Telegraphy (HST)

- Multiple participant in national, European and World Championships

- With medals from a competition in Italy (2016) and from four Balkan Championships (2017, 2018, 2019, 2023)

- Initiator and first organizer of the annual Balkan HST Championship (2013)

- Leading organizer of European and World Championships held in Bulgaria (1997, 2006, 2009), incl. logo and medals designer

- International category referee (since 2014)

- One of the three international evaluators who certified with their signatures the world record of EU7KI for entry in the Guinness Book of Records (2003);

4. Emergency Communications

- Initiator and participant in Bulgarian emergency communications exercises on the air

- Participant in 5 GAREC (Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications) conferences

- Multiple participant in GlobalSET (Global Simulated Emergency Test) exercises

- Participation with a lecture "How are radio amateurs useful in natural disasters" at the European seminar in Gaziantep, Turkey (2012)

- Participation with a lecture "Why radio amateurs?" at the ITU/Focus Group Disaster Relief Systems Seminar in Kyrgyzstan (2013)

- Initiator of the Memorandum of Understanding and Mutual Assistance in Emergency Situations between BFRA (Bulgaria), RAAG (Greece) and TRAC (Turkey), signed by the presidents of the three societies (2013)

5. Books and Publications

- Author of the book "Amateur Radio in Bulgaria - History, Facts, Memories" (1998)

- Co-author of the books "Amateur Radio Direction Finding - A Guide for Radio Amateurs" (two different editions - 1980 and 1988)

- Author of 3 books for preparing for the exam for amateur radio classes D - A (1997 and 1998)

- Author of the brochure "General Amateur Radio License - 50 Most Frequently Asked Questions and Their Answers" (2000)

- With more than 20 publications in magazines and websites, including foreign ones (USA, Thailand, Italy);

6. Activity in Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA)

- Two terms as a member of the BFRA Management Board (1997-2001)

- President of Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (2001-2003)

- For several years the organizer of the celebrations in Sofia on World Amateur Radio Day, April 18th

- Convinced the management of the national regulator, the Bulgarian Communications Regulation Commission (CRC), that Radio Amateurs do not have to pay an annual fee for using the Amateur Radio bands (1999)

- Obtained a license for the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs as a sports organization in the Ministry of Youth and Sports (2003)

- Founder and Manager of the Central Radio Club (member of BFRA) from 2003 to the present

- Secretary of Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs from 2016 to the present;

7. Activity in IARU

- Designer of the IARU-R1 logo (2005)



- Participant in 9 IARU-R1 General Conferences (1996-2023) and one IARU-R2 General Conference (as an official guest)

- 12 years member of the IARU-R1 Executive Committee (2002-2014 – the maximum term allowed by the Constitution), awarded with an honorary medal at the end of the term

- Member of the IARU-R1 External Relations Committee, later renamed the Spectrum and Regulatory Liaison Committee (from 2002 to the present)

- IARU-R1 representative in the CEPT Frequency Management Working Group (2007-2015) and in the Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) (of the former USSR countries) (from 2014 to the present)

- Total of more than 50 participations in meetings of these two working bodies

- Three participations in the Global / Regional Spectrum Management Forum Conferences (2017, 2018, 2019)

- Organizer of meetings of the IARU-R1 Executive Committee in Sofia (2004 and 2010)

- IARU-R1 representative at the ceremonial celebration of 100 years of the national Amateur Radio society of Australia WIA (Canberra, 2010)

- Carried out the overall organization of the IARU-R1 General Conference in Albena (2014), incl. and designer of the Conference logo

- One of the main organizers of YOTA in Bulgaria (Bankya, 2019)

- Proposed at a meeting of RCC a compromise version of the new amateur radio band 60 m – **15 kHz/15 W**, subsequently adopted at an ITU Conference (2015)

- With major merits in attracting new members of IARU (Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan)

- Participant in the celebration of 100 years of IARU (Paris, 2025);

8. Others

- Participant (with the family) in the Family Amateur Radio games "Mom, Dad and I - Radio Amateurs" (1984)

- Compiler of the exam questions for radio amateurs Class 2 and Class 1 (on behalf of Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs, 1999)

- Contribution with articles and photos to the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HAM RADIO and IARU European, Region 1, World, EYAC ARDF Championships 1961–2017

- Translation into Bulgarian of "Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur" (2009)

- Translation into Bulgarian of "DX Code of Conduct" (2011)

- 19 participations in HAM RADIO Friedrichshafen (with the unique QLF diploma won there, 2016)

- Three participations in YOTA (as head of the Bulgarian team) with lectures and practical ARDF training (2013, 2014 and 2015)

- Participant in the Amateur Radio Service exhibition and the meeting with Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva in the European Parliament (2010)

- Initiator of the idea, supported and implemented by the national regulator Communications Regulation Commission, for Bulgaria to officially be included in the list of countries that proposed to CEPT the legalization of the 70 MHz band in Europe (2014)

- Awarded for particularly great services to Amateur Radio in Bulgaria on the occasion of 90 years of Amateur Radio in Bulgaria (2016)

- Awarded with the medal "100 years of Amateur Radio in Bulgaria" (2026).

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