IARU Representation in ITU

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President elect IARU Region 1

OHDXF & CCF DX & Contest Meeting

17 October 2026

IARU's mission

- to promote and coordinate amateur radio worldwide
- to encourage fraternalism
- to represent amateur radio at international telecommunications conferences

International Amateur Radio Union

- Founded in Paris 1925
- Sector member of ITU-R and ITU-D
- WRC participation
- ITU and RTO’s
- Three Regional bodies
- officers and other volunteers
- HQ in Newington, Connecticut, USA

Administrative Council

President	Tim Ellam VE6SH
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IARU R1 EC as of 31 October

President	Hans Blondeel Timmerman PB2T
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Recent WRC achievements

- WRC-03: 7100-7200 kHz and revision of art 25
- WRC-07: 135.7-137.8 kHz
- WRC-12:
  - 472-479 kHz
  - no oceanographic radars in amateur spectrum
- WRC-15: 5 MHz
- WRC-19: 50 MHz
- WRC-23: Galileo and 23cm

Regional Telecommunication Organisations

- APT Asia Pacific Telecommunity
- CITEL Inter-American Telecommunication Commission
- ATU African Telecommunications Union
- CEPT European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations
- ASMG Arab Spectrum Management Group
- RCC Regional Commonwealth in the field of communications

RTO's (1 May 2022)

RTO	Countries	source
APT	38	www.apt.int/aptmembers
CITEL	34	www.oas.org/en/member_states/default.asp
ATU	52	https://atuuat.africa/atu-member-states/
ASMG	22	https://asmg.bh/about/
CEPT	46	www.cept.org/cept/faq#3
RCC	13	en.rcc.org.ru

50 MHz in ITU

- Get item on the agenda for next WRC
- In 2007 CEPT 50 MHz proposal didn’t make it for Agenda WRC-11
- In 2015 CEPT proposal + ASMG proposal for Agenda WRC-19
- Agenda Item 1.1 for WRC-19

CEPT proposal

- IARU proposed three items to CEPT
- 3.4 GHz
- 1.8 MHz
- 50 MHz

CEPT proposal

- IARU proposed three items to CEPT:
- 3.4 GHz not enough CEPT support
- 1.8 MHz rejected by WRC-15
- 50 MHz accepted by WRC-15 > Agenda WRC-19

ITU stream

- WRC-15: on Agenda for WRC-19
- Conference Preparatory Meeting 1
- Study Groups and Working parties
- Prepare CPM Text and reports
- Conference Preparatory Meeting 2
- WRC-19

CEPT stream

- CPG and PTs
- CEPT brief
- European Common Proposal (ECP)

At the conference (WRC-19)

- RTO’s find consensus
- Views ranging from 0 – 4 MHz
- The worker bees found consensus already in first week of conference
- Final decision was taken in last week of conference

ASMG

- General support but not engaged
- North African countries vs Gulf states
- No support from North Africa
- Gulf states 4 MHz Primary

ATU

- General support
- Very different views
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - 2 MHz
  - 4 MHz

RCC

- 200 kHz secondary
- 50.080-50.280 MHz

APT

- Already a 4 MHz primary allocation

CITEL

- Already a 4 MHz primary allocation

CEPT

- 2 MHz secondary
- With 500 kHz Primary supported by a fair number of CEPT countries

Pre WRC-19

- a number of countries in Africa enjoyed a primary allocation in all or part of the band.
- A number of other countries in Region 1 had secondary allocations on a national non-interference basis.

Final Results

- RR table: secondary amateur allocation in Region 1 in the band 50 – 52 MHz
- 50-54 MHz primary (+protection) in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- 50-51 MHz primary (+protection) in Senegal
- 50-54 MHz primary in Angola, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the United Arab Emirates, Gambia, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mauritius, Mozambique, Oman, Uganda, Qatar, South Sudan and Tanzania
- 50-52 MHz primary in Djibouti and Lebanon
- 50.0-50.5 MHz primary in Guinea-Bissau
- 50.0-50.5 MHz primary in Austria, Cyprus, the Vatican, Croatia, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, Slovakia and Slovenia
- 50.080 50.280 MHz secondary in the Russian Federation

Volunteers

callsign	name	job
EI3IO	David Court (SK)	AI lead
VK1DSH	Dale Hughes	WP5A1 Chair
PB2T	Hans Blondeel Timmerman	CEPT coordinator
DK4VW	Ulrich Mueller	delegate
JA1CJP	Ken Yamamoto	delegate
VE3QN	Bryan Rawlings	delegate
WB3ERA	Jonathan Siverling	delegate
LA2RR	Ole Grapestad	IARU lead

Volunteers



Breakdown

year	ITU	CEPT
2016	WP 5A 2 x 2 weeks IRWS 3 days	CPG 2 x 1 week PTD 1 x 1 week
2017	WP 5A 2 x 2 weeks IRWS 3 days	CPG 2 x 1 week PTD 2 x 1 week
2018	WP 5A 2 x 2 weeks WRS 3 days	CPG 3 x 1 week PTD 2 x 1 week
2019	CPM 2 weeks WP 5A 2 weeks IRWS 3 days WRC 4 weeks	CPG 2 x 1 week PTD 2 x 1 week

It has been fun



4U1ITU

- A modern amateur station
  - To promote amateur radio
  - For delegates at ITU meetings
- QRV on
  - HF
  - VHF
  - QO-100
  - LEO satellites
  - EME
  - MS
  - All modes



Questions