

IARU Liaison Report #4

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How the IARU is funded

Funding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) is from more than 160 national radio societies, through a levy taken from the membership subscriptions of their transmitting members.

The Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) paid about \$3,500 in 2017 which is \$1 per head to the IARU, but also has other expenses including attending the three-yearly IARU Region 3 Conferences.

The WIA is in Region 3 which covers Asia and the Pacific. The others are Region 1 with Europe, Africa and the Middle East and parts of Asia, and Region 2 North, South and Central America. The 17th IARU Region 3 Conference is due to be in Seoul Korea late in 2018.

The IARU Administrative Council (AC) consists of the IARU President, Vice-President, Secretary and two representatives from each of the IARU regional organisations. Attending to international responsibilities it meets annually at the IARU regional conferences.

The IARU works hard protecting the interests of the amateur service and amateur satellite service in the lead up to, and at the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) World Radiocommunications Conference. The next to be held in 2019.

IARU Region 3 Michael Owen Plaque Winner

The IARU Region 3 highest scoring single operator at the IARU HF Championship was Hajime Hazuki JR2GRX, who earns the prestigious Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) plaque.

The WIA created the plaque for the Region 3 top single operator who uses any mode or bands in the contest, in memory of Michael Owen who served both the IARU and the WIA over many years.

The WIA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 4th Michael Owen Plaque winner as Hajime JR2GRX, and arranged for the trophy to be inscribed.

The plaque for 'Outstanding Individual Achievement in 2016' will be presented at the JARL Ham Fair in Tokyo 2-3 September, by IARU Region 3 Director Peter Young VK3MV.

The IARU HF Championship is held each July for 24 hours includes the exchange of RS(T), ITU zone, with IARU member society HQ stations naming their society. The WIA HQ for the 2017 event will be VK5WIA.