



# The International Amateur Radio Union

Since 1925, the Federation of National Amateur Radio Societies  
Representing the Interests of Two-Way Amateur Radio Communication

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### IARU Emergency Telecommunications Guide Available Online

At the 2014 IARU Administrative Council meeting, the Council approved the IARU Emergency Telecommunications Guide and the Guide is now available on the IARU web site. This emergency telecommunications guide was developed to provide the IARU member-societies with materials suitable for training their members to participate in emergency events. It is also designed to provide guidance to the individual amateur radio operator who has little or no experience in handling emergency communications but desires to enhance their ability to participate in such events or to simply have a better understanding of the process.

IARU member-societies are encouraged to distribute this guide among its membership and, if necessary, to provide a translation into a language used within their own country.

This guide can also be used in conjunction with other training materials by leaders within the emergency communication community to train radio operators in the basic theory and practice of handling emergency communications traffic.

The IARU Emergency Telecommunications Guide can be found at:

<http://www.iaru.org/emergency-telecommunications-guide.html>

The IARU International Secretariat would be interested in hearing any feedback, comments or suggestions regarding the Guide. Comments to the Secretary at [w6rod@iaru.org](mailto:w6rod@iaru.org)

### IARU Proposal 253 Voting Is Currently Underway

The Executive Committee of IARU Region 1 forwarded to the Administrative Council an application for membership submitted by the Association Burundaise des Amateurs Radio et Télévision (ABART). Region 1 found it to be in order and made a favorable finding with regard to the application.

In IARU Proposal 253, it is proposed that the Association Burundaise des Amateurs Radio et Télévision (ABART) be elected to membership.

The vote sheet for Proposal No. 253 was mailed to all IARU Member-Societies by the International Secretariat on 2 February, 2015. All of the IARU Member-Societies should have received their voting sheets. If your society has not received a voting sheet please contact the IARU Secretary for a replacement vote sheet. The closing date for receipt by the International Secretariat of votes on Proposal 253 is five months after mailing, or 2 July 2015. Please note that votes received after this date cannot be counted.

The IARU Constitution requires that a member-society shall cast its vote in writing and the vote sheets must be signed by an authorized official of the member-society. Vote sheets must be received by the International Secretariat no later than 2 July 2015.

Vote sheets for Proposal 253 may be returned by any of the following methods:

1. As a PDF or similar scanned attachment to an email sent to [iaru@iaru.org](mailto:iaru@iaru.org).
2. By fax to +1 860-594-0259.
3. By postal mail addressed to IARU, P.O. Box 310905, Newington CT 06131-0905 USA.

The International Secretariat recommends that vote sheets be sent as an attachment to an email or by fax as soon as possible so that the fax or email is received by the International Secretariat before the deadline for voting.

All votes sheets sent by fax or as an email attachment should also be mailed to the International Secretariat in the enclosed air-mail envelope that was included with the vote sheets from the International Secretariat.

If the vote sheet is returned to the International Secretariat by email or by fax before the closing date the vote will be counted even if the postal mail copy is received after the vote closing date.

If your society has already forwarded the vote sheet to the International Secretariat thank you for your quick response.

### **World Amateur Radio Day, 18 April 2015**

Every April 18, radio amateurs worldwide take to the airwaves in celebration of World Amateur Radio Day. It was on that day in 1925 that the International Amateur Radio Union was formed in Paris.

Since its founding, the IARU has worked tirelessly to defend and expand the frequency allocations for Amateur Radio. Thanks to the support of enlightened administrations in every part of the globe, radio amateurs are now able to experiment and communicate in frequency bands strategically located throughout the radio spectrum. From the 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925, the IARU has grown to include over 160 member-societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Northern Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas, and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations, and most of Asia. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of Amateur Radio.

Today, Amateur Radio is more popular than ever, with over 3,000,000 licensed operators!

World Amateur Radio Day is the day when IARU Member-Societies can show our capabilities

to the public and enjoy global friendship with other Amateurs worldwide.

IARU has provided a downloadable poster for World Amateur Radio Day 2015. Any group may download it and have it printed locally for promoting WARD in their area. The poster comes in two sizes:

a. 61 cm x 91 cm poster which can be found at:

<http://www.iaru.org/uploads/1/3/0/7/13073366/ward2015-61x91cm.pdf>

b. A smaller (A4 size) flyer which can be found at:

<http://www.iaru.org/uploads/1/3/0/7/13073366/ward2015-a4.pdf>

April 18 is the day for all of Amateur Radio to celebrate and tell the world about the science we can help teach, the community service we can provide and the fun we have.

We hope you will join in the fun and education that is World Amateur Radio Day!

### **Distribution Of This E-Letter**

This electronic newsletter is sent to IARU member-societies headquarters and to many individual amateurs around the world. Individual amateurs should encourage their IARU national society to forward the newsletter to its own members.

If you are an ARRL member, you can subscribe to this E-Letter directly on the ARRL web site. When you log into the ARRL web site, go to the page where you can edit your profile and edit the email subscriptions that are available.

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