

IARU Region 1 General Conference: Timeline and Process

The conference runs between 21st and 27th September 2014, with a deadline for papers of 1st April 2014. Of relevance to the Spectrum Forum are Standing Committees C4 (HF), C5 (VHF and above) and some aspects of C3 (Administrative and Operational)

For many years we have had an established process for development of proposals for these General Conferences and their Interim Meetings, where potential papers are discussed within the Spectrum Forum, given oversight by the RSGB IARU Committee before being approved by the RSGB Board. In the past papers have then been sent to the IARU Region 1 Secretariat and published for general discussion on two dedicated Yahoo Groups.

The RSGB published its policy on Consultation earlier this year and it would seem appropriate to bring the consultation process further forward to follow the initial consideration by this Forum. UK amateurs would have their say at the formative stage and overall policy formation improved and made more transparent. I therefore propose the following timetable:

- Nov 2013: Spectrum Forum agrees outline areas and key points on spectrum matters for C4, C5 and operational issues for C3.
- Dec 2013 to end-Jan 2014: Consultation on initial draft proposals
- Feb 2014: Final drafts prepared and cleared through Spectrum Forum and RSGB IARU Committee
- Mar 2014: Final drafts cleared through Board and submitted to IARU Region 1 Secretariat
- April 2014: RSGB papers published on RSGB website.
- July 2014: Consultation on papers published by other national societies to help form RSGB position ahead of the General Conference.
- Aug 2014: Spectrum Forum, RSGB IARU Committee and Board approval on proposed RSGB positions on C4 and C5 matters.