



THE CALENDAR OF THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION

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ESTONIAN IARU MEMBERSHIP REACTIVATED

The IARU membership of the Eesti Raadioamatõõride Uhing (Estonian Amateur Radio Union, abbreviated ERAU) has been reactivated after a hiatus of more than 50 years.

ERAU was first organized on September 22, 1935, and joined the IARU in 1938. It became inactive during the 1939-1945 war years, and attempts by the IARU to re-establish contact after the war were unsuccessful.

Following the recognition of Estonian independence, a meeting of Estonian radio amateurs was held on December 14, 1991, at which it was voted that the statute of ERAU from its founding in 1935 be reinstated. In a letter to Region 1 Secretary John Allaway, G3FKM, dated January 15, 1992 and signed by Enn Lohk, ES1AR, as Vice President of ERAU, the organization requested that its IARU membership be reinstated.

The letter notes that during the period 1960-1990, Estonian radio amateurs were united by the Estonian Federation of Radio Sports (ERSF). Elected representatives of this organization participated indirectly in IARU through the Radio Sport Federation of the USSR.

On May 3, 1992, the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee reviewed the request by ERAU and satisfied itself that the request is valid. Accordingly, the Region 1 Executive Committee advised reinstatement of the membership of ERAU.

While several decades have elapsed since ERAU was last shown on a list of IARU member-societies, its membership was never formally rescinded. The determination by the Region 1 Executive Committee that the ERAU today is essentially the same organization that was elected to IARU membership originally, is sufficient basis for reactivation of its membership.

Accordingly, it is with pleasure that the IARU notes the membership of ERAU. Its address is:

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