National Coordinator profile

The IARU Monitoring System (MS) is an informal organization of volunteers whose aim is to remove from amateur bands radio signals of non-amateur stations causing harmful interference to our service.

To eliminate them, it is necessary to monitor and identify the signals. This task comprises the core work of the MS and involves the voluntary efforts of many amateurs around the world. There are never enough volunteers to report all the intrusions and that is why we need more participants every day.

Effectively addressing cases of improper use of amateur bands by non-amateur stations requires the active participation of national societies with their administrations, as ITU, having no authority to enforce directly, is unable to address this problem by itself.

To set up the IARU Monitoring System in its country, each National Society has to call all radio amateurs interested in working on intruder watching and protecting our frequency bands, to serve as National Coordinator of the Monitoring System.

Requirements:

1. To hold an intermediate or higher-level amateur radio license.
2. To be a member of the National Society of his/her country.
3. To have a radiostation, been capable of reception in the range 1.8 to 30 MHz.
4. To demonstrate that he/she has been active as amateur radio during the past two years.
5. Teamworking ability.

Desirable, but not excluding:

1. Technical knowledge/degree.
2. Knowledge of digital modes.

Responsibilities:

1. Organize and lead the National Monitoring System, according to the guidelines established by the IARU.
2. Convene and train volunteers, providing them with all information produced by IARU and any other of interest on the subject, to build and keep an updated database.
3. Establish an electronic communication system between all the members, its National Society and the Regional Monitoring Coordinator of IARU Region 2.
4. Receive, process and maintain an updated record of all reports received from the members of the Monitoring System.
5. Submit a periodical report to its National Society, in order to request the local Control Authority to get involved in those cases of intrusion or interference verified by the Monitoring System.
6. Submit a periodical report to the Regional Monitoring Coordinator of IARU Region 2, reporting on the activities developed.
7. Promote in his local amateur radio community the importance of participating in the IARU Monitoring System, the serious threat to the amateur service of the growing abuse of our bands, giving publicity of all activities and actions regularly through the National Society.