



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

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Dear members of IARU Region 1,

Radio Amateurs of Lebanon RAL offers to host the region 1 General Conference IARU 2008.

We wish to organize General Conference in Lebanon, Beirut the capital largest city, and main port of the Republic of Lebanon.

### General information

Country: Lebanon

Town: Beirut

Location: Lodged between the warm blue waters of the Mediterranean and the snow-capped mountain.

### Radio Amateurs of Lebanon

Radio Amateurs of Lebanon was founded in 1952 by local radio amateurs who viewed that it was necessary to establish an association which would organize their legal affairs and represent them both on the national and international level.

Today, there are about 45 HAM operators, who are members of the RAL association and belong to different social and professional groups. Our web page is [www.ral.org.lb](http://www.ral.org.lb)

RAL operators are active in all bands and satellite communication they have a repeater that cover all the country and Echo-Link and packet network.

### Lebanon

Lebanon is situated along the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, Lebanon is a country of just 10,452 km<sup>2</sup>. A predominantly mountainous country of great scenic beauty, though Lebanon, particularly its coastal region, was the site of some of the oldest human settlements in the world the Phoenicians port of Tyre, Sidon and Byblos ( where the alphabet was born ) were dominant centres of trade and culture in the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium before Christ it was not until 1920 that the contemporary state came into being. In that year France, which administered Lebanon as a League of Nations mandate, established the state of Greater Lebanon.

Lebanon then became a republic in 1926 and achieved independence in 1943. As an Arab republic, Lebanon shares many of the cultural characteristics of the Arab world yet it has attributes that differentiate it from many of its Arab neighbours. Lebanon is one of the most densely populated countries in the Mediterranean area. It has one of the highest rates of literacy. Lebanon long managed to serve as a busy commercial and cultural centre of the Middle East.

## **Beirut**

Beirut is the capital, largest city, and main port of the Republic of Lebanon. It occupies a metropolitan area of approximately 67 square kilometers on the Mediterranean coast, at the foot of Mt. Lebanon. It comprises two hills, al-Ashrafiyah East Beirut and al-Musaytibah West Beirut, that protrude into sea as a roughly triangular peninsula; in the immediate hinterland lies a narrow coastal plain that extends from the mouth of the Dog River in the north to that the Damur River in the south.

## **Climate**

There are sharp local contrast in climatic conditions .Lebanon is included in the Mediterranean climatic region, which extends westward to the Atlantic Ocean .The climate of Lebanon is generally subtropical and is characterized by hot, dry summers and mild, humid winters. Mean daily maximum temperatures on the coast 29 degrees centigrade.The annual rainfall is 680mm.

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