Dear Friends,

This will be the last Newsletter before our General Conference in September 2017 to be hold in Landshut, Germany. I hope to see you there personally. If you cannot join the conference feel free you give your opinion via the reflector or better, via the Wiki.

**IARU-R1 EC meeting**

This meeting was held in Landshut on 5-7 may 2017. You can find the meeting minutes on the IARU-R1 website: [http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/947/](http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/947/)

**IARU-R1 Conference Landshut (DL)**

**17 - 22 September 2017**


For C5 there are 49 papers to discuss. Some of them are treating about fundamental options for the future, others are mainly details. Personally I think we should focus on the more “high level” discussions in the C5 commission. I think we all agree that the final goal is to improve activity on our bands, and in our case those above 30 MHz.

So we need to think how we want to achieve this and how we want to communicate this to our member societies and finally to the man/women we want to get familiar with our hobby.

That is why there are some really interesting topics to be discussed:

- What is needed in the IARU-R1 bandplanning?
- What is the meaning and the purpose of the IARU-R1 VHF & up contests
- The need of procedures and technical standards

This will be also the backbone of the new VHF handbook.

**New VHF managers handbook**

One of the main topics of the 2017 C5 conference will be the new VHF handbook. We had 2 recommendations to do so:

- **vie16_c5_rec_02:** To Update the VHF Handbook as per proposal C5_40. The chairman will also prepare a new template/model of the handbook who will consider the actual matters without the loss of historical data. (see also point 8.2). In the meanwhile the actual handbook (7.x) will be the reference.
- **vie16_c5_rec_25:** The C5 chairman to review the VHF Managers Handbook and prepare a document for GC 2017 in accordance with all relevant Recommendations of VIE16_C5.
This proposal is already online since January 2017. So it would be good to consider this in the upcoming discussions. And feel also free to join the discussion on the Wiki and I know that some people are not happy with it.

**IARU-R1 contests**

Seen the many proposals about contesting it would be good to start the discussion already on the Wiki. Especially about what will we achieve at a long term to organise these contests.

**VHF Contests- final results 2016**

The final contest results from 2016 will published on the IARU-R1 website, like promised in Vienna. There are still some details to manage to set up this possibility.

**Price giving ceremony**

Like we decided during our Vienna meeting we will have a first prizing giving ceremony during the HAMFEST in Friedrichshafen Germany, with many thanks to DARC who is making this possible. This ceremony will take place at Friday 14th July at 15h on the main stage.

All winners of an award are informed by email that they can receive their award on that moment. For the winners who cannot be present at that time, the award will be sent by post.

These awards are sponsored by IARU-R1 for the first time also.

**Winners of the contests 2016**

- 50 MHz Single Operator 24h: UY1HY
- 50 MHz Multi Operator 24H: LY2AAM
- 70 MHz Single Operator 24H: LZ1ZP
- 70 MHz Multi Operator 24H: S50C
- 144 MHz Single Operator 6H: IKSAMB
- 144 MHz Single Operator 24H: HB9FAP
- 144 MHz Multi Operator 6H: IZ5ILA/4
- 144 MHz Multi Operator 24H: OE1W
- 435 MHz Single Operator 6H: IK4LFI
- 435 MHz Single Operator 24H: DK1CM
- 435 MHz Multi Operator 6H: 9A1CRS
- 435 MHz Multi Operator 24H: DR9A
- 1,3 GHz Single Operator 24H: DF4IAO
- 1,3 GHz Multi Operator 24H: DR9A
- 2,3 GHz Single Operator 24H: DK0NA
- 2,3 GHz Multi Operator 24H: DR9A
- 5,7 GHz Single Operator 24H: HA8V
- 5,7 GHz Multi Operator 24H: DL0GTH
- 10 GHz Single Operator 24H: DL3MBG
- 10 GHz Multi Operator 24H: DL0GTH
- Millimetres group Multi Operator 24H: DL0GTH
- Millimetres group Single Operator 24H:OK2BFF
- Overall winner Multi Operator: DL0GTH
- Overall winner Single Operator: OK1JHM

**Mailing list VHF managers and liaison officers**

In Vienna 2016 we decided to make a new mailing list for thee VHF managers only (VIE16_C5_24). This is now operational. If you are not on this mailing list and you are VHF manager of your country please send a mail to ON4AVJ@uba.be
Use of the IARU R1 C5 Wiki

If you are an official Member Society representative, but have no login and you want to participate to the discussions on the Wiki, please write a mail to ON4AVJ@uba.be.

**Useful Information**

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