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Permanent HF Committee



To: Members of IARU R1 HF Committee, IARU R1 Executive Committee, Chairman of R1 VHF/UHF/MW Committee, RRWG Coordinator, IARUMS Region 1 Coordinator, Region 1 Beacon Coordinator, the President of IARU and the Secretary of IARU.

Wishing you and your families' peace and goodwill for the holidays and for the New Year 2008.

61.1 Introduction

Again it has been 12 months since the last Newsletter but with the HF Managers reflector well in use and an active Region 1 website most of the important information is distributed by these means. I do think however it is a nice touch to distribute something around the festive season.

61.2 WRC-07

The Region 1 President LA2RR, ERC Chairman PB2T and myself supported the IARU team during WRC-07 which ended on November 14th. Despite our best efforts we were unable to make any progress on the 5 MHz question due to the determined opposition of administrations outside of the CEPT block. All is not lost however as this question will again be raised at the forthcoming CEPT WGF (Working Group Frequency Management) meeting scheduled in February. As the 5 MHz proposal was included within a European Common Proposal concerning the HF bands between 4 and 10 MHz it is hoped those administrations within CEPT will again support the Amateur Service in a bid to find a segment between 5260 and 5410 kHz, even if it is only within the CEPT group.

An example of how this works can be seen by the fact that the 136 kHz band has now been accepted as a worldwide Secondary allocation within the Frequency Allocations of the Radio Regulations. It will be remembered that this first became a Secondary allocation within CEPT early in the 1990s following representations by IARU Region 1. It narrowly missed being accepted as a worldwide allocation during WRC-03 when certain administration insisted on further research being carried out.

A band around 500 kHz is the subject for a proposal placed on the WRC-11 agenda as item 1.23 (I seem to remember this was also the agenda item number for the 7 MHz proposal at WRC-03). Preparation for this has already started with Paul Rinaldo W4RI of the IARU HQ team attending the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM11-1) which was held immediately after WRC-07. WRC-11 is scheduled to be held in March 2011 with Dubai offering to act as host for this conference.

61.3 Operating Disciplines

The subject of operating disciplines was discussed during the Vienna interim conference earlier this year and the concerns were passed on to the Administrative Council with a recommendation that IARU issued operating guidelines for all Societies to adopt and publish. John ON4UN and Marc ON4WW have just completed an excellent document which is currently being proof read in English and could be used as the official guidelines. I hope to be able to give you more news on this very soon.

On an associated subject IT9RYH continues to think he owns 14195 kHz and as a result causes great problems at times. I am told that the Italian regulator has twice inspected his station and found everything to be in order. While the station setup might be in order there is little they can do about the operating tactics without continuous monitoring. Regulators are not willing to spend time and money these days on amateur radio matters and it is really our problem to try and sort out. Why DX stations continue to use this frequency I do not know and it asks for trouble. The recent 3B7C DXpedition avoided this frequency and as a result suffered very few problems. The answer maybe to remove the reference to 14195 kHz from the bandplan? This is after all only a historical reference which was associated with the US licensing restrictions.

61.4 The HF Managers & Liaison Officers Reflector

The reflector goes from strength to strength with more people taking part in the discussions. Even so only just over half the Member Societies in Region 1 have actually signed up to take part in this activity.

Any Society not participating in this reflector and wishes to do so please let me know. Contact me for more details at iarur1hfm@g3psm.net.

61.5 HF Managers Handbook

The revised HF Managers Handbook was issued during 2007 but still requires further updating. I would like to remind everyone that it was agreed during the Vienna meeting that Member Societies should look through this document to find any out of date recommendations. These will be included in a paper for the Cavtat Conference with a recommendation that they be deleted. The current version is 6.1.

61.6 Meetings

It is intended to hold an informal meeting of HF Managers and Liaison Officers during the Friedrichshafen meeting in 2008. This should be treated as a preamble for the Region 1 Conference which will be held in Croatia later in the year. At the moment it is too early to give you details of which day the meeting will be held but if there are any preferences please let me know and I will be able to make the appropriate arrangements with the organisers.

As mentioned earlier the Region 1 Conference will be held in Cavtat, Croatia between the 16th and the 21st November 2008. The venue was used for the 2006 Region 1 Executive Committee meeting and found to be very suitable. It is also a nice holiday venue for any family members that will be accompanying delegates as it is only a few minutes drive from Dubrovnik. The airport is also only about 5 minutes drive from the hotel. For more details see -

http://cavtat.hamradio.hr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22&Itemid=31

61.7 Finally

My thanks to those of you that have helped me in various ways over the past 12 months and taken part in the work of the Region. Without your help it would have been very difficult.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year and especially in Croatia.

The Seasons greetings to you and your families

73

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