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The Conference in San Marino

Many of you will attend the C5 meeting at the IARU Region 1 conference in a few weeks time.

You all have received the many contributions for the C5 meeting (if not you can download the documents from <http://home.hccnet.nl/a.dogterom/Marino>).

The members of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee who cannot attend the conference can ask a member of their societies delegation to attend the C5 meeting.

I expect you have discussed the proposals with the active amateurs in your country. In the past the conference has made decisions on bandplanning which were not accepted by the active amateurs. Take for example the decision to move in the 24 GHz bandplan the dx segment from the secondary allocation (24.192) to the exclusive allocation (24.048). This issue will come up again in San Marino. !

IARU Contest procedures

The publication by the adjudating society of the results of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwave contests often is too late and sometimes has never been done (see the list in section 3ma1 of the handbook).

The REF has made some proposals on this subject in their contribution nr 5.40. But I think even more fundamental changes are required.

The main change required is to not having the same society adjudating the september AND the october contest. This combination has its roots in the past when both contests were at the same date. Each contest produces in the order of 1000 logs. Separating the two will halve the workload

Moreover the time between the contest and the final date for reception of the logs from the national VHF-committee by the adjudating societies committee easily can be less than the current 12 weeks.

The decision of Lillehammer to produce an informal "pre-result" on the web using the national results has not resulted in any contribution by the VHF managers. It thus seems unworkable and shall be rescinded.

I expect that such changes will make it easier for societies to express their willingness to do the job (in time). Probably a small expert committee can produce at the conference the ideal procedure.

You already know that we need the names of societies willing t do the work in the coming years. From the handbook section 3aa2 have extracted the following list of the societies having gone (or should have done) the job since 1956. Between [] the years when they have not published the results.

DARC	56,67,81,92,00	SRAL	70,88,02
VERON	58,77,87,98	SRJ	60,74
RSGB	57,72,84,99 [91]	USKA	62,94 [78]
ARI	59,76,89,01 see note	EDR	65 [80]
SSA	61,73,85	PZK	68 [82]
ÖVSV	63,75,93	REF	66
UBA	64,79,95	NRRL	83
CRCC	69,86,96	BFRA	[90]
		FRR	[97]

note: The published results still have to be corrected for the overall winners in october

It is clear that some of the larger societies (REF, URE) might consider compensating their relatively low support till now.

Successor for G3UUT

From the RSGB VHF-mager, G4ASR, I got the message that Iain Phillips, G0RDI , will take over the task of beacon allocations coordinator from John Wilson. In case this succession will not take place VERON has informed me that PE2KP also is willing to do the job.

G3UUT will anyhow assist us as the C5 secretary in San Marino.

Still no satellite coordinator

No society yet has offered a candidate for the position of satellite coordinator in our committee. In San Marino the agenda does not contain proposals concerning satellite matters . This might be due to the lack of a good link between our committee and the amateur satellite community. As almost all satellite activity takes place above 30 MHz (even on 24 GHz !) we might encounter communications problems.

Bandplanning Principles

Our current bandplanning principles might be outdated. We have manned/unmanned, dx/local, wideband/narrowband, analog/digital, etc. activities. It is no easy to make a planning supporting all wishes. Should we not try a different approach ?