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1. Vienna reporting

In Vienna I have given an oral report to the meeting of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves permanent committee. I will not repeat the content here.

2. Newsletters

Since Vienna 2004 Newsletters 39, 40 and 41 have been distributed. I hope the readers have been satisfied with the content. I have never received any reaction to the content.

3. CEPT meetings on UWB

Although not in my role as chairman of your committee, I attended meeting of the CEPT groups SE24 and TG1/3 dealing with the future UWB allocations in the 3- 10 GHz area. Although our allocation status in this part of the spectrum is secondary, a possible allocation to (unlicensed) UWB equipment is of a lower status. I, therefore, could contribute with a text on the possible interference by UWB equipment to the amateur service in the CEPT report on the matter. Due to health problems I have not been able to attend CEPT meetings since August 2004.

The UWB matter still is under full development and how our amateur activities in the 3,4/5,7 and 10 GHz bands will be affected still is to be seen. Probably other developments (radio-lan etc) will have a larger impact.
One of the problems for an amateur radio representative to CEPT discussions on such matters is that defending amateur positions in the lower microwave band is not stimulated by much amateur activities in those bands. A somewhat more active attitude of the member societies will be necessary!

4. Contest information

Through the Region 1 secretary I often received requests from amateur (societies) about the contest adjucation information. It appears that the societies responsible are not always effective in distributing the information. As they often fail to inform me, I only could refer to the VHF managers of the relevant society.

5. EC contacts

Contacts with the EC have been limited to e-mail exchanges and some national contacts with Hans, PB2T. The results of The Vienna meeting have been forwarded to the EC meeting in April 2004.

Although I have had enough experience in the past, when attendance of committee chairmen to the EC meetings was a standard procedure, it will be very useful if my successor will be more regularly invited to the EC meetings in order to get a better feeling for Region 1 matters

6. Handbook

The VHF Managers handbook has been maintained. Since the EC meeting where the Vienna decisions were endorsed only address changes have been incorporated. I think it will be worthwhile to further discuss at our DAVOS meeting what might be a good policy concerning the future updates of the handbook. My successor probably will need that.

7. **Record principles**

I have tried to convince our records coordinator that making lists of distances worked through probably one of the mechanisms of tropospheric propagation, RS, seems rather unscientific. My reason is that in case of the longest distances the main “bridging” help is superrefraction along a thunderstorm front and not scattering. Moreover I do not see a reason to make columns for only this one of the tropo propagation mechanisms. Why then not knife edge bending/refraction, mountain reflection etc.