

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, REGION I PERMANENT HF COMMITTEE



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49.1 INTRODUCTION

First of all I want to thank all members of the HF Committee in Lillehammer for their support regarding my election as chairperson of the permanent HF-Committee. I would like to address a special word of thanks to Alf, LA5QK for the excellent work he did in the past six years. He always will be my example of how things have to be done and I will do my best to march in his steps.

I am looking forward to your co-operation for the coming years. Remember that most input should come from all of you. Please send me all relevant information so that I can publish it in the next Newsletter.

49.2 IARU REGION 1 CONFERENCE

Listed below are all the recommendations that have been adopted at the Region 1 Conference in Lillehammer.

1. To approve the recommendations from the HFC Meeting in Vienna 1998.

REC/99/LH/C4.1 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that HF Beacons may be established on the 1.8, 3.5 and 7 MHz band in the regions of Africa south of Equator. [DOC/99/LH/C4. 8]

REC/99/LH/C4.2 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that, when the ITU Zones are used for Amateur Radio purposes, the definition of the border-lines shall be as in the appendix (and included in the HF Managers Handbook).

[DOC/99/LH/C4.10]

REC/99/LH/C4.3 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that IARU Region 1 General Conference 1999 approves the recommendations of the AC ad hoc Beacon Committee as outlined in DOC/99/LH/C4.14

2. 29 MHz Repeater Activity

REC/99/LH/C4.4 (adopted unanimously)

IARU Region 1 General Conference 1999 recommends that the activity of the 29 MHz Repeater Co-ordinator be terminated.

3. IARU Beacon Project

REC/99/LH/C4.5 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended

to start developing a Region 1 Frequency Sharing Beacon Network on one or more of the assigned frequencies,
that this network should be constructed such as to also be able to work on 40,86 and the 50 MHz and 70 MHz band
that smaller Societies who want to take part in the development and who do not have the financial abilities needed, should be sponsored by « bigger » Societies with better financial abilities.
[DOC/99/LH/C4.23]

4. Band Usage

REC/99/LH/C4.6 (adopted with 1 vote against)

Code of Practice for the 136 kHz band :

No sub-divisions of the band 135.7-137.8 kHz are made for local or DX contacts or specific modes.
Taking the above into consideration, and that there are LORAN C spurii present, that the 6.6 Hz segment centred on 136.45485 kHz is used for narrow band transmission.
Narrow band transmissions are also preferred above 137.6 kHz.
Stations should make use of a stable VFO or synthesiser to encourage the acceptance of common frequency working.
Transmitter testing should be carried out below 136 kHz.
Weekend mornings should be avoided for long duration transmitter testing.
Where possible, a telephone number should be incorporated in beacon messages.
[DOC/99/LH/C4.21]

5. Operating Ethics.

REC/99/LH/C4.7 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that IARU Region 1 urges its Member Societies to motivate their members to adhere to Amateur Radio ethics, and to take action against stations practising deliberated and malicious interference on the Amateur Radio Bands.
[DOC/99/LH/C4.16]

6. To approve the recommendations from the HF Contest Sub-Group.

REC/99/LH/C4.8 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that the Registration Policy for HF Contests, as given in the attached annex to DOC/99/LH/C4.9 with the following amended footnotes, should be followed when new HF Contests are established.

Step 1 to 3: If the CSG Chairman does not reply to the applicant within ninety days, the application shall be deemed to be approved.

Step 6: If the organising body does not reply to the CSG Chairman within ninety days, approval for the contest shall be deemed to have lapsed.

REC/99/LH/C4.9 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that an addition be made to Chapter 7.1 item 2.4.2 in the HF Managers Handbook.
After the present text the following should be added:

“Once operation is started on one band, the station must remain on that band for at least ten minutes.

Exception: NEW multipliers may be worked on other bands.”

[DOC/99/LH/C4.15]

REC/99/LH/C4.10 (adopted unanimously)

It is recommended that

Member Societies in IARU Region 1 who organise contests, are encouraged to formulate the contest rules in such a way that participants in other contests may be worked for contest credit.

Provisions for how this can be done, should be worked out by the Contest Sub-Group and published in the HF Managers Handbook, chapter 7.1: Guidelines for HF Contest Work. [DOC/99/LH/C4.18]

49.3 THE HF MANAGERS HANDBOOK

All these recommendations will be added to the HF Managers Handbook and I will do my best to send out to all of you an up-dated version as soon as possible. I will send the copy by E-mail to the members

with an E-mail address. All the others will receive their copy in the mail from the secretary. I would appreciate to receive feedback if the used E-mail addresses are OK.

49.4 SILENT KEY

This week I learned that SP9ZD, Henryk Cichon passed away. He was in Lillehammer but was not feeling really well. Of course, nobody imagined that things were that bad. I had the pleasure to talk a few times with him in Lillehamer. He was really very concerned and devoted to the development of Amateur radio in his country. My condolences go to his family and may he rest in peace.

49.5 CONCLUSION

To you and your family the best of season greetings.

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Chairperson.