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INTERIM MEETING IN VIENNA

The traditional interim meeting of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee will be held in **Vienna on 7 and 8 April 2001**.

All societies, therefore, are invited to submit contributions to be discussed at that meeting. Such contributions shall be received by the Chairman not later than 1 December 2000. The chairman will arrange for distribution of a copy of those papers to all Region 1 societies before the end of the year 2000.

In case the Chairman judges that not enough contributions have been received the Interim Meeting will be cancelled. Not later than 5 December the Chairman will inform all societies about such a decision.

What can be done ?

The purpose of the interim meeting is twofold:

- It is a first stage of preparation for the 2002 General Conference
- In case of sufficient support at the meeting, decisions can be made which will become effective until the next General Conference.

The Bye-Laws give some rules for the meeting. I copy below the most relevant articles:

B.3.14 All IARU Region 1 Member Societies are entitled to participate in the work of the permanent committees.

B.3.21 A permanent working body should process questions and matters in the shortest possible time and inform interested parties about its opinion.

B.3.23

Permanent specialised bodies may hold their working meetings not more often than once a year; in the year when the General Conference is held the meetings are to be held within the framework of the General Conference.

B.3.23.1

Decisions taken at such meetings held between Conferences, which obtain a **two-thirds majority** of the Member Societies at such meetings represented, will become **interim IARU Region 1 policy only after approval by the Executive Committee**. They must be presented to the subsequent Conference for ratification.

B.4.3

Delegations, which cannot attend a meeting of committees and working groups being held simultaneously, may authorise delegations of other Member Societies to speak and vote on their behalf at such meetings. The appropriate authorization shall be established in writing and duly signed by the head of the issuing delegation and handed over to the chairman of the meeting before its beginning.

From Handbook section A:

Delegates to the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee should be national VHF Managers and/or members of their national VHF Committee or equivalent body.

Not all member societies can be represented at those interim-meetings. In case those societies wish to express their

opinion on an agenda item, they shall send (preferably by e-mail) a letter containing that opinion to the chairman. This letter will be distributed to the meeting for information.

Matters for discussion

The draft agenda will, of course, be distributed together with the copy of the contributions received. But already some items are known : We have the matter of the planning of the 435 MHz band. In Lillehammer the discussion started and I expect (one of) the "Nordic" societies to present a contribution.

From RSA I already received a contribution on recommended standards for (NB)FM systems. Furthermore I think we need contributions on the still unsolved matter of frequencies for communications with earth-satellite stations outside the satellite allocations in the current bandplanning. Then I suppose some changes should be proposed for the "centre of activity" in the microwave band plans. If we prefer that the logs of IARU R1 contests are presented in the recommended electronic form, programmes which can provide this form might be recommended.

Internet . Electronic meetings

The VHF Manager's Handbook is now available on the internet at the address: <http://people.a2000.nl/adogtero/vhf.htm> .

I have not yet got any comment on this matter. Some updating is done regularly.

Do we expect more from the internet in support of our activities? Can we in the near future replace our interim meeting by an electronic discussion forum?

Probably more member societies could participate electronically than participate personally to our meeting. Art B.4.13.1 of the bye-laws yet recognizes "telex". This might be modernized.

Members Address List

The list of "members" of our committee can be found in section 1G of the Handbook. Since the previous Newsletter several changes have taken place. Please check for the latest version. The October 2000 version

has been attached to the e-mail distribution of this Newsletter.

Hotel Information

Our host, the ÖVSV, will give the hotel information in the next Newsletter (December). They have indicated prices in the order of AUS 920 for a single or AUS 1190 for a double bed room.

From our Allocations Manager

Heinz-Günter, DK2NH, writes :

"I have not got any information from the societies about allocation changes. I think that currently the 2,3 and 3,4 Ghz bands are the problem areas, due to heavy commercial pressure.

Although formally our secondary allocations in those bands are not under attack, in practice amateur usage will suffer. In Vienna I will distribute a table with the most recent national allocations. You are requested to supply relevant information. I would like as well your opinion on the need for such tables."

Publicity

It appears many societies do not give enough publicity to our recommended bandplans. Recently I got some questions about the preferred QRG for PSK31. Well this is clearly indicated in the bandplan.

I hope to meet you all in Vienna

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