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INFORMAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN FRIEDRICHSHAVEN

Background

After the cancellation of the 2001 interim meeting in Vienna I received a lot of comments, the gist of those being "a pity that we cannot meet our colleagues to discuss important matters".

In my report to the 2001 EC meeting I, therefore, wrote

"It still is, to my opinion, useful to have some preparation for the 2002 Conference. One possibility could be to arrange an informal meeting in Friedrichshaven where some of the national experts could discuss matters."

The EC discussed this and I received from the secretary, G3GVV, the following message :

"At its recent meeting, the Region 1 Executive Committee was disappointed at the cancellation of the meeting in Vienna. The EC considered that it is important that a joint meeting of the HF and VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee, chaired by PA0EZ, is now held in Friedrichshafen in June 2001, and you are requested to encourage your Committee Members to submit papers for discussion, and to attend.....Would you also please write to your committee members, advising them of this occasion - the time, the date and the venue. SP5FM will attend, and this will give him the opportunity to address both committees on current and relevant problems."

I, therefore, arranged, with the help of Hans Berg, DJ6TJ, venue for such a meeting on June 30/July 1 in the Seehotel in Friedrichshaven. The invitation was sent by e-mail to the member societies and the members of the VHF/UH/Microwaves committee. In a later e-mail I explained the basics for this meeting :

"To my opinion it will be not less and no more than an exchange of ideas based upon the discussion papers for Vienna and possibly additional papers. Already DARC and NRRL have send me texts.

At the meeting in Friedrichshaven there will be an open discussion on the papers between representatives of member societies, which not necessarily must be the VHF Managers. If some clear opinions emerge those will be laid down in a report to be presented to committee C5 at the 2002 Conference. I hope and expect that this explanation will take away some bad feelings expressed by members of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Committee."

The Meeting

The meeting will begin at **09.00 hrs** in a room at the Seehotel, Bahnhofplatz.

As some (DARC) people are engaged elsewhere during the weekend, the main discussions will take place during the morning till about noon. The main subjects will be 145 and 435 Mhz bandplanning.

In the afternoon I think some "ad hoc committees" can convene to produce reports for committee C5 at the 2002 Conference. On Sunday morning 1 July we will again convene and the main subject then will be the past and future of our allocations. SP5FM will introduce this subject and will in detail discuss the situation and actions required by the national societies. The meeting will finish not later than at noon.

Documentation

Attached to this Newsletter are 2 contributions from DARC and one from NRRL. Moreover we still have the contributions to the 2001 Vienna meeting, which I already distributed and which can be downloaded from <http://people.a2000.nl/adogtero/VIENNA2001/2001.htm>. Although I invited you to start an electronic discussion on those papers, NOBODY has ever send any comment although that internet page has been visited 163 times. It appears that an electronic discussion is not yet feasible in our committee. Or am I wrong ??

Handbook

Please note that the VHF Managers Handbook is periodically updated. If you look at the contents page at the internet (<http://people.a2000.nl/adogtero/CONT4-22.htm>) you can easily see which sections have been updated since your latest download by looking at the renewal date of that section which is given in the form of (mmmyy).

VHF/UHF in Turkey

It is a pity that most of us do not hear much about VHF/UHF activities in the Region 1 countries near the eastern Mediterranean basin. The region where tropoducting is ver regular and strong.

I ,therefore, copy part of an interesting message I received from TRAC for your information.

"We started to experiment with a linked repeater system in order to accomplish a reliable communication in case of emergencies. We are linking one VHF repeater via crossband equipment to the next one. The UHF link qrg is simplex .

In Turkey the only available amateur repeater frequencies available are the channels between 439.150 and 439.425 MHz. The shift is -7.6 MHz . All frequencies between 438.000 and 439.150 together with the range between 439.425 and 440.000 MHz are allocated to commercial repeaters with + 10 MHz shift . As a result of this, the input frequencies of those "normal amateur repeater channels" are obsolete. Furthermore the the range between 430.000 and 430.200 MHz are allocated to commercials in addition to some spot frequencies in the 433.000 MHz vicinity.

Therefore we selected our link channel on UHF from the obsolete repeater input channels. At present we use 2 different VHF repeater frequencies in the first stage which covers 25 provinces and approximately ¼ of the country. There is no danger of interference with neighbouring countries such as Greece and Bulgaria. And we are far away from areas with high activity.

On the other hand we are badly in need of a reliable emergency communication system which is immune to propagation problems as we are highly endangered from disasters, being one of the primary responders in such circumstances.

73! vy TA1DF

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