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Deadlines for all papers: **15. March 2008**

Digital Voice

Digital voice is a new mode for amateur radio. Some products and equipment from various sources are already in use in the amateur radio service (AOR / OFDM, FDMDV / QPSK, ICOM / D-Star, Motorola/TDMA, etc.).

Digital voice opens up many new opportunities of linking with the Internet and to provide additional services. But first we need new repeaters. The required frequencies, however, can only be gained by reallocating existing repeater channels.

Free (i.e. without infringing patent rights) access to the modulation schemes and the CODECs used is of paramount importance. One of the most valuable foundations of the amateur radio service is the freedom to develop and build one's own equipment, and to develop new technologies. This basis must be maintained and supported, even if it is possible and admissible to employ commercial products, but this should not be our goal.

We now face many new opportunities, and we should face them in an open way. This means that we must learn how to handle the new technological opportunities like interlinking, voice mailboxes, the parallel transmission of data and audio, etc. Our decisions ought to be forward looking, and actively support new facets of amateur activity. It goes without saying that all our deliberations must consider the need for open access to all amateur radio activities, and how to establish a clear IARU position in this respect.

Therefore, I suggest digital voice as a subject for the upcoming conference, to be discussed in a Sub Working. Of course, all Societies are cordially invited to submit proposals for discussion.

Resignation of the FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS COORDINATOR - DK2NH

With regret have I receive the respective notice from Helmut, DK2NH, who is stepping down from his post as FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS COORDINATOR. Helmut will not take part in the IARU Conference, but he will send me the current lists and documents. I herewith request suggestions how to man this position.

WRC 2007

The 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 22 October till 16 November 2007. You find an excellent summary at the [RSGP homepage](#)

Mailing List

To avoid sending e-mail from only one mailing list in the various computers, a unified mailing list was set up after the Davos conference. The operation of this mailing list has turned out to be quite reliable and has proved its worth. Participants may self-register. Please note that this service is open to all licensed hams without any restrictions; you may even define the required language.

http://www1.oevsv.at/mailman/listinfo/iaru_c5

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http://www1.oevsv.at/mailman/private/iaru_c5/

Any registered participant is free to send messages to other participants of the mailing list. Please make sure that such messages should be of interest to all participants.

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Mails from users that are not registered are blocked and submitted to the administrators of the mailing lists for further action. Please contact me if you have any questions in this respect.

Action Points Vienna 2007

The 2007 Vienna Meeting was a preparatory event for the 2008 IARU conference at Cavtat. Please refer to Newsletter 45 and review the action points. Please finalise your action points and/or support those OMs that have offered their active co-operation.