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Web Meeting

We held three preparatory Web Meetings for the South Africa Conference (Sun City, 12 - 19 August 2011). Unfortunately, attendance was low, despite the fact that the technical conditions were met, and the link quality was fine. In the future, however, such Web Meetings will become more important, will need more attention, and deserve more participants.

Results of the Web Meetings

The Web Meetings were dominated by two issues – the changes in the 6 m Bandplan, and the Contest Evaluation. With respect to the changes in the 6 m Bandplan, many details were addressed, all of which do influence the changeover process. We all agree that changes in the 6 m Bandplan are needed and must be implemented. The Conference, however, must set the parameters and harmonize matters with the other Regions. For this purpose, the idea has been brought forward to break down the new beacon band into segments, inside of which the respective Region can co-ordinate its beacons. The first day of the Conference will already see a Sub Working Group to deal with the 6m Band.

As to Contest Evaluation, at least the central collection of logs is needed, so that no logs are lost or left behind. We must make absolutely sure that logs from active contesters are not omitted due to human error. The automatic evaluation of logs is desirable, but here a compromise between evaluation speed and the consideration of special cases must be found.

Personal remark of OE1MCU: During the last 6 months, I have received about 20 e-mails asking for the IARU Contest results. This is why I would favour a fast publication of results with tolerated, but limited mistakes, over no results at all and general frustration.

Sun City 2011 Additional Papers (by Dennis, ZS4BS)

I would like to tender my apologies for the late submission of the additional papers (items for C2, C3, C4 and C5). The papers have been uploaded to the Documents Page on the IARU Region 1 web site.

QSO Definition

Ulrich Mueller, DK4VW will deal with the two papers SC11_C4_15 NRRL and SC11_C5_24 NRRL at the Conference. Both papers deal with the definition of QSOs. Ulrich will preside the overarching Working Group. Due to time constraints of the C5 Committee, the harmonized results of the Ad hoc Working Group will not be discussed in the C5 Committee any further, but directly submitted to the Plenary Meeting for voting. Ulrich and I will schedule the Sub Working in such a way that everybody can participate.

Status of the 24 GHz Radar (by Panayot Danev, LZ1US)

The latest ECO Bulletin announced that Japan has, at the ETSI ITS workshop, confirmed plans to make a proposal for 77-81 GHz Short Range Radars via APT to WRC'12 for worldwide harmonisation of the 79 GHz Short Range Radars (seen in Japan directly under the radiolocation service) and to put it on the agenda of the WRC'16. It has been noted that there is a European proposal that is almost identical.

The latest confirm the tendency 24 GHz Amateur band be completely freed from SRR and all producers to go to 79 GHz.

Remember: Streaming the Conference in the Web

All meetings of the C5 Committee will be made available as audio streams in the Internet. In this way, all VHF managers unable to attend in person can still follow the events. All technical preparations have been made, and the server is ready for action.

The audio link address will be: `live.datamatix.at:8032`
In iTunes please "open stream" and copy the link to the field.

A test audio stream will be available 10 days prior the Conference for testing. If you are successful, you can hear the following text: "Welcome to the IARU Region one audio stream from the general conference in Sun City. The live transmission will start with the opening meeting".