



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 VHF - UHF - $\mu$ W Newsletter

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Dear Friends,  
My I wish you and your family and friends a very Happy 2017.

## New VHF managers handbook

During the last month I worked to rearrange the handbook.

The proposal in Vienna (24) contained the need to identify the purpose of the VHF-managers handbook, as a basis to verify if the purpose is fulfilled (and to prevent that it will be bigger and heavier after every meeting).

In this proposal the VHF handbook is divided in 4 parts, depending on the user:

- General information: for the average user of our bands who needs info about band planning, operating procedures and contest rules.
- Technical references about frequencies, hard and software,
- The VHF managers, committees or all interested in the IARU-R1 matters
- Historical data: a kind of archive to keep track about the history of all the work done by the IARU-R1 VHF & up commission.

Nothing of the content of the actual handbook has been changed, it was just moved to another place.

Doing this exercise it is clear that the actual handbook is a collection of different documents without any consistency. This make it very difficult to read and to understand. This made it clear that we need to define the purpose of our handbook

I know that this is a new point of view that will need another approach about writing "guidelines" and procedures.

In the first place we are doing all this work for our "basic customers": the amateur himself!

In my opinion the VHF handbook should be a general guideline, with the most common sense. The rest can be "regulated" by the national societies it they want and if there is nothing, this handbook is the guide line.

The task of the VHF manager is to translate at the best means the general rules into local rules, in concordance with the IARU-(R1) if possible.

So we will have at least 2 main discussions for our upcoming conference:

- What is the purpose of our IARU-R1 VHF Handbook?
- What will be the new division of our new Handbook?

Those will be formalised in proposals for the upcoming conference, but you are invited to discuss this on our new Wiki page, were you can find the first draft of the new VHF&up handbook

### IMPORTANT:

the actual version of the handbook (version 7.51) is still the only reference for the upcoming conference

## Mailing list VHF managers and liaison officers

In Vienna 2016 we decided to make a new mailing list for the VHF managers only (VIE16\_C5\_24). This is now operational. If you are not on this mailing list and you are VHF manager of your country please send a mail to [ON4AVJ@uba.be](mailto:ON4AVJ@uba.be)

## IARU-R1 Conference Landshut (DL)

**17 - 22 September 2017**

The reference of all proposals for the upcoming conference is still the VHF managers Handbook 7.51. **Papers must be submitted by 16 April 2017 by e-mail to the Conference Secretary at [secretary@iaru-r1.org](mailto:secretary@iaru-r1.org).**

Please send me a copy of it, for the C5 matters.

## Use of the IARU R1 C5 Wiki

There is already some discussion going on, on our Wiki. Especially about Contests and digital modes; and of course the new VHF handbook.

This Wiki is a good way to prepare papers for our upcoming conference. If you want to start a new discussion about a topic who not yet in the list, you can contact me.

If you are an official Member Society representative, but have no login and you want to participate to the discussions on the Wiki, please write a mail to [ON4AVJ@uba.be](mailto:ON4AVJ@uba.be).

## Useful Information

Website:	<a href="http://www.iau-r1.org/index.php/vhfuhsshf">http://www.iau-r1.org/index.php/vhfuhsshf</a>
Handbook:	<a href="http://www.iau-r1.org/index.php/downloads/Documents/VHF/Handbook-7.51.pdf/">http://www.iau-r1.org/index.php/downloads/Documents/VHF/Handbook-7.51.pdf/</a>
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Wiki	<a href="http://iaruwiki.oevsv.at">http://iaruwiki.oevsv.at</a>
Contest robot	<a href="http://iaru.oevsv.at/v_upld/prg_list.php">http://iaru.oevsv.at/v_upld/prg_list.php</a>