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VHF Handbook version 8.12

During our interim meeting in Vienna 2016 we agreed to reorganise the VHF managers handbook to make it more readable for all interested users. The content was reorganized in function of the customer (user of our bands, VJF managers, technical information).

The General Conference in Landshut 2017 decided that the partitioning should be changed in a clearly part about contesting, bandplanning and other, rather than to focus on the customer. In the meantime the actual version would be the reference (version 8.02).

The version 8.02 was divided in 4 parts:

- PART 1: this is mend for all the users who are interested in the practical use of the our bands above 30 MHz and more specific about bandplanning, contesting and operating practice
- PART 2: contains technical information for developers, technical guidelines and details about research.
- PART 3: is mend for all readers who want to know more about the organisation and the working of IARU-R1; specific for VHF managers of the member societies
- PART 4: contains historical data, to keep track about the evolution from this handbook.

Although it was not a formal recommendation during the General Conference in Landshut the C5 concluded to have another partition, about bandplanning and contesting.

This version (8.12) is a try to achieve this, but there are not only items about contesting and bandplanning. So this new division is now:

- PART 1: IARU-R1 VHF& up Organisation
- PART 2: Bandplanning
- PART 3: Contesting
- PART 4: Technical and operational references
- PART 5: archive

Nothing has been changed in the content. It was just being reorganised, like some people wanted during our Conference in Landshut 2017.

You can find both hands books on the IARU-R1 website on following links:

- Version 8.02: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/1008/>
- Version 8.12: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/1009/>

Personally I'm not convinced that this new partition is the wright one. This need to be discussed during our Interim Meeting in Vienna. There we can choose which version is the most accurate and practical in use. If you not agree with one of those two versions(8.02 or 8.12), feel free to make your own proposal for the next General Conference in 2020 or during our Interim meeting in Vienna 2019.

Meanwhile all remarks and suggestions can be given via the wiki: <http://iaruwiki.oevsv.at> or by mail to ON4AVJ@uba.be. All those remarks will be centralized in one document for our Vienna meeting.

Vienna Interim Meeting 2019

The next interim meeting of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Committee (C5), the HF Committee (C4) and the EMC Committee (C7) will be convened on 27th and 28th of April 2019 at the InterCity Hotel in Vienna. The Austrian society, ÖVSV, has kindly invited us to Vienna.

The timing and organisational details can be found in the previous Newsletter(79).

Any contributions for this meeting shall be received by the secretary of IARU-R1, Hans Blondeel PB2T at following mail address: interim-mtg@iaru-r1.org no later than 15 January 2019. The contributions and the draft meeting agenda will be distributed to you and the member societies before 15 February 2019. Please send also a copy of the paper to the chairman of the concerning committee. Please help the organizational committee by observing the deadlines!

Proposals about contesting details will be centralized and commented by the Contest Working Group, so that we will save some time and we can discuss on a more strategic level.

But I want to reserve our Sunday morning meeting for a very important topic: ***How to improve activity on the VHF bands!*** Seen the results of our survey begin 2018 I think we need to get ready to defend, but mainly promote the use of our dedicated bands. This will be a major challenge for our upcoming conference in Nova Sad 2020.

This will be done in an open discussion, prepared by some case studies. If you did already actions to promote VHF&up in your country, you are welcome to present this. In this case feel free to contact me.

Useful Information

C5 Chairman: Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ
C5 Vice chairman: Jann Traschewski, DG8NGN
Contest co-ordinator: Robert Vilhar, S53WW
Beacons co-ordinator: Mathias Klug, DH4FAJ
Satellite co-ordinator: Graham Shirville, G3VZV
Spectrum specialist: Murray Niman, G6JYB

Website: <http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/vhfuhsshf>

Handbook: Current Edition: v8.02:
<https://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/1008/>

Newsletters: <http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/documents/Documents/Newsletters/VHF-Newsletters>

Wiki <http://iaruwiki.oevsv.at>

Contest robot http://iaru.oevsv.at/v_upld/prg_list.php

Mailing list VHF managers and liaison officers

If you are not on this mailing list and you are a VHF manager of your country please send a mail to ON4AVJ@uba.be

Use of the IARU R1 C5 Wiki

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.