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| <b>SUBJECT</b>    | <u>Investigating</u> the future of the different Field Day events |                      |              |
| <b>Society</b>    | UBA   | <b>Country:</b>      | Belgium      |
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### Introduction

It is proposed to **investigate** the wishes among the radio-amateurs concerning the future of the different Field Day events.

### Background

Considering that:

- More and more local clubs face problems recruiting enough CW operators to set up for the IARU Region 1 CW Field Day and therefore do not participate anymore.
- The number of participants in the National HF Phone Field Day stays on the same level.
- A number of participants in the National HF Phone Field Day regret the clash with the All Asian DX Contest on the same weekend.
- We see an increasing participation in the DIGI modes contests.
- In emergency situations all different modes can and shall be used when needed.
- There seems to be a demand for a sort of Region 1 results list.
- Significant changes need to be taken in consideration with the wishes of the Radio Amateur community

Following questions are worth **investigating**:

- For the IARU Region 1 Field Day we would like:
  - a CW only event
  - an All Mode event (CW, Phone and DIGI modes)
- what is the best day to plan the National HF Phone Field Day
  - the first weekend of september
  - any other weekend
- Would you like more unified categories and points calculations to make it possible to establish a Region 1 results list?
  - Yes
  - No

### Recommendation

The HF-committee proposes that every society will conduct a **survey** among his members concerning the 3 questions mentioned above so that these matters can be discussed and a recommendation can be proposed towards a later IARU Region 1 meeting based on the wishes of the members. UBA is prepared to coordinate the results and formulate a final conclusion.