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1. HF Band Planning

In preparation of the IARU Region 2 Conference the Region 2 Member Societies were informed about the outcome of the Region 1 HF Committee Interim Meeting Vienna 2016 and about the approvals then made by the last EC Meeting.

In addition, some representatives of Region 2, known to be involved in Region 2 band planning, were addressed directly. The IARU Region 2 Conference 2016 adopted the minor changes which Region 1 made on 80 and 30 m. This Conference also agreed to adopt our "usage plan" for the WRC-15 band on 5 MHz in their Region 2 HF band plan.

These actions were a good step into worldwide harmonisation of HF band plans. The HF band plan for Region 1 and Region 2 are now quite similar concerning its subdivisions.

Unfortunately, a major Region 2 Member Society (ARRL) can't follow the "divisions by bandwidth" idea of IARU, since it is still bound by another national regulation (FCC).

HF Band planning will be further an important issue, e.g. by discussing similar definitions and to get Region 3 on board. Some corresponding papers are expected for the Region 1 conference in Landshut.

2. Exchange of information

Unlike in previous times HF Newsletters as source of information are not that essential anymore. Forums and e-mail reflectors have taken over that role, but I kept my own rule to issue at least one HF Newsletter each year.

The e-mail reflector IARUR1HF was used to ask which countries already have access to the new WRC-15 band on 5 MHz and in preparation of WRC-19 for the number of licenses.

Not successful was the offer to establish another reflector for the exchange of experience in handling contests (evaluation software, SDR recordings, etc.).

3. Contest observations

In most contests, organised by a Member society, a reference is made in the contest rules to the IARU Region 1 HF band plan to keep some frequency segments free for non-contesters, but non-compliance to that specific own rule seems to be not an issue for some organizers.

Some e-mail exchange took place with organizers of CQ WW contests because some “out-of-band” operation by few contesters was observed. Since violation of the ITU Radio Regulation is damaging the reputation of the Amateur Service, such bad operation needs more attention.

4. Own plan for the future

After serving three periods (9 years), as Chairman of IARU Region 1 HF Committee and for more than 12 years as DARC HF Manager, I feel that it is appropriate to give these tasks in younger hands; so, I will not stand for re-election as HF Committee Chairman at next Conference in Landshut.

It has always been a pleasure to work in this position, supported by HF Manager Colleagues and especially because of the support I got from Ian Greenshields, G4FSU, who served as C4 Secretary at Interim Meetings and Conferences. Danke Ian!