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1.   Introduction

The Bylaws of IARU Region 1 stipulate that all decisions made during the interim meetings and approved by the EC must be ratified during the next conference.

2.   Key points and proposal

Following recommendations were made during our Interim meeting in Vienna 2016 and approved by the EC. They need to be ratified on this Conference.

Some recommendations were guidelines for this conference and need no ratifications, because they need to be discussed during the conference.

VIE16_C5_Rec_02:
To Update the VHF Handbook as per proposal C5_40. The chairman will also prepare a new template/model of the handbook who will consider the actual matters without the loss of historical data. (see also point 8.2). In the meanwhile, the actual handbook (7.x) will be the reference.
Remark: this has been done, but is a separate paper.

VIE16_C5_Rec_05:
Adopt paper for 144 MHz and to review the band planning in the VHF Managers Handbook and preparing a common document for the General Conference (GC) in 2017. The objective is to create more flexibility in order to provide more opportunities for future experiments (MS to prepare this by using the Wiki).
Remark: do not need to be ratified, paper needed for this conference

VIE16_C5_Rec_07:
To review the contest rules in the Managers Handbook and preparing a common document for the General Conference (GC) in 2017 by using the Wiki. This includes the paragraph 5.2 for organizational aspects and the aspect of disqualification in paragraph 5.3.11, the usage of EDI-format and the missing Appendix 3B.
Remark: do not need to be ratified, paper needed for this conference

VIE16_C5_Rec_10:
To add further information on the EDI-format in the next Newsletter.
Done, do not need ratification

VIE16_C5_Rec_11A:

To discuss an even more extended locator system that is used for ATV (including IARU ATV contest) and for other purposes by using the Wiki and prepares a document for GC 2017 if necessary.
Remark: do not need to be ratified, paper needed for this conference

VIE16_C5_Rec_17:

To hold a prize giving ceremony for the first three of each category during Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen, starting with the 2016 contest. DARC to support the ceremony itself, C5 to conduct the ceremony and to organise the prizes.
Remark: was already organized by DARC and IARU in 2017

VIE16_C5_Rec_18:

To encourage contesters as well as logging SW programmers to use one of the contest section abbreviations in their submitted contest log (EDI entry line: PSect=):
• Section SINGLE (SO, SINGLE, SINGLE-OP)
• Section MULTI (MO, MULTI, MULTI-OP)
• Section 6 HOURS SINGLE (SO-6H, SINGLE-OP-6H)
• Section 6 HOURS MULTI (MO-6H, MULTI-OP-6H)
• Section SINGLE with MGM (SO-MGM, SINGLE-OP-MGM)
• Section MULTI with MGM (MO-MGM, MULTI-OP-MGM)
by publishing in the next Newsletter.
Remark: already done

VIE16_C5_Rec_19:

ZRS to lead a Sub Working Group to add paragraph "5.8 Automatic Contest Adjudication Software" to the VHF Managers Handbook by using the Wiki and prepare a document for GC 2017 if necessary **Remark: do not need to be ratified, paper needed for this conference**

VIE16_C5_Rec_20:

To use a common template for the final classifications of the IARU Region 1 contests taking the information for each field from the EDI Logs comparable to the table used for the Marconi Memorial Contest by ARI.
Remark: do not need to be ratified, paper needed for this conference

VIE16_C5_Rec_21:

To enable the Contest Robot to export the results in some other electronic format (e.g. xls, .csv, pdf) for publishing purposes.
Already implemented

VIE16_C5_Rec_24:

The C5 chairman to set up a new Mailing list on the IARU server for VHF-Managers and IARU-Liaison officers of the MS only.
Already implemented

VIE16_C5_Rec_25:

The C5 chairman to review the VHF Managers Handbook and prepare a document for GC 2017

in accordance with all relevant Recommendations of VIE16_C5.
Remark: this has been done, but is a separate paper (see also VIE_C5_Rec_02).

VIE16_C5_Rec_26:
The C5 chairman to remove the band plan web pages from the Region 1 Website and point to the VHF Managers Handbook as the master.
The EC did not approve this recommendation (Frankfurt 2016)

3.   Recommendations
Following recommendations need formal approval from the Conference.

VIE16_C5_Rec_01:
The usage of a controlled cloud solution for collecting and providing relevant information for MS is encouraged.
Remark: This is not being done for the moment

VIE16_C5_Rec_03:
To remove footnote "III" in the VHF Managers Handbook.

VIE16_C5_Rec_04:
To remove footnote "c", 4th paragraph in the VHF Managers Handbook.

VIE16_C5_Rec_06:
To correct the satellite segment, the table in chapter 4.9 by deleting "5790", inserting "5830" and adding the footnote: "Any wideband system shall protect narrowband applications".

VIE16_C5_Rec_08:
To add in paragraph 5.2.2 that this is applicable for Phone/CW contests (ATV does not use the IARU Region 1 contest robot).

VIE16_C5_Rec_09:
To remove in paragraph 5.3.11 "but these stations may not take part in the contest".

VIE16_C5_Rec_11B:
To change paragraph 5.3.10 Entries to:
The entries must be set out in digital/electronic form fulfilling the requirements under rule 5.3.13. Logs shall be sent according to rule 5.2.3 not later than the second Monday following the contest weekend. Late entries will be accepted as check logs. By submitting the contest or check log, an entrant agrees that he / she has:
• understood the contest rules and agrees to be bound by them,
• operated according to all the rules and regulations that pertain to his and/or station license,
• agreed the cross-checked log may be made open to the public, except for the personal data in PAdr1, PAdr2, RName, RAdr1, RAdr2, RPoCo, RCity, RCoun, RPhon and RHBBS lines of EDI file format,
• accepted all decisions of the organizing society (contest organizer) as final.

VIE16_C5_Rec_12:
The sub regional contest managers are encouraged to exchange the received contest logs for cross checking purposes on their decision.

VIE16_C5_Rec_13:
To update Section 5.3.6 by adding the acceptable/unacceptable examples of secondary methods as mentioned in the document. Remark: To add "and the QSO starts again" after: "Nothing received, please try again"

VIE16_C5_Rec_14:
To retain the 6-digit Locator system in 50 MHz contest. For stations outside Region 1, four digits can be accepted and such Locators would be assumed to be completed with "MM".

VIE16_C5_Rec_15:
To add in paragraph 5.3.2 in the 6 HOURS section time rule: "Participants are welcome to operate longer than 6 hours and in such case they shall send their complete log (the contest robot will automatically extract the 6 hours part from the log, while the rest of the log entries will be used for cross-checking purposes)."

VIE16_C5_Rec_16:
To add to the paragraph 5.3.2 of the VHF Managers Handbook: "Section MULTI: stations operated by multiple operators"

VIE16_C5_Rec_22:
To encourage MS and members to use the old beacon segment for CW. (at 50.031-50.100 MHz)

VIE16_C5_Rec_23:
The C5 chairman to answer Regions 2 and 3 that:
• 144.390 MHz is not suitable for Region 1 and that Region-3 should consider 144.800
• To consider an additional 144 MHz frequency (that might be compatible) with Region 2 and 3
• To also consider 435 MHz usage and newer APRS technologies (for the 2017 GC)

VIE16_C5_Rec_25: The C5 chairman to review the VHF Managers Handbook and prepare a document for GC 2017 in accordance with all relevant Recommendations of VIE16_C5.

VIE16_C5_Rec_26: The C5 chairman to remove the band plan web pages from the Region 1 Website and point to the VHF Managers Handbook as the master.

VIE16_C5_Rec_26: VERON will organize the IARU Region 1 ATV contests in 2016 and 2017. DARC will do the same for all other Region 1 contests in 2016 and 2017. MS are encouraged to apply for the following years in the GC 2017.

VIE16_C5_Rec_27:
To remove paragraph 5.11 from the VHF-Managers Handbook and putting the winners table on the website. Remark: The missing results can be found on the OK2KKW-Website or on

http://slovhf.net/mednarodni-uradni-rezultati/

VIE16_C5_Rec_27:
To remove all dedicated WSPR spot frequencies and footnotes from the VHF Managers Hand-book