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## 1 VHF newsletters

Between the General Conference in Landshut 2017 there were 7 Newsletters published

## 2 Actions taken after the General conference in Landshut

See the "ToDo list" in document .... Most of those topics will be covered in this report.

Two of the recommendations needs still some action:

### 2.1 Recommendation LA17\_C5\_Rec\_23

**It is recommended that the IARU encourages development of Digital Voice Interoperability through articles in the VHF newsletter, website, etc.**

There is need for a task group to realize this recommendation.

### 2.2 Recommendation LA17\_C5\_Rec\_24

**It is proposed that IARU Region 1 create guidance and prerequisites on how Licence Share Access (LSA) may work in an Amateur Radio context. This can support member societies to prepare for future national discussions where LSA is proposed to be the future way for amateur radio to retain access to spectrum.**

Until now, no action was done, except the presence of PRG at some stakeholders meetings of the RSPG. This was brought to attention of the EC.

Follow up is needed, in the PRC as well as in C5.

## 3 VHF Handbook

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

There are now 2 different VHF handbook, with identical content. It is up to this interim meeting to decide which will be adopted as the best one. See document...

## 4 VHF contesting

In Landshut we decided to give the major part of contesting matters to a working group. They are responsible for editing the contest rules, judging the contests and improving the contest robot. You can find the Terms of Reference in the new handbook. The chairman of C5 is member of this working group. You will find a report of the activity of the C5CWG (C5 contest working group in document...). One of the main activities was changing the contest rules after a survey.

This resulted in the need of changing and approving the contest robot of IARU-R1. But this was not budgeted. This resulted in some disagreements.

This is why we need a more strategic view about the meaning of contesting in IARU-R1. See the proposals about contesting for this Interim meeting.

## 5 Survey about the use of our frequencies above 148 MHz

End 2017/begin 2018 we started up a survey about the use of our frequencies above 148 MHz. This online survey was organized with the help of DARC who provide the needed soft- and hardware.

24 Member societies answered this survey. The results were send to the EC of IARU-R1 and the AC. Both executive bodies decided to keep the results confidential.

The results will be used in Vienna 2019 as an input for the discussion about improving activity on VHF & up frequencies.