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Subject: Central log collection by the IARU-R1 contest Robot

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Summary:

Many of our members societies organise contests on VHF or higher during the year. There are even subregional contests during the first weekends of March, May and July. There is the Marconi Contest in November. Some MS are organizing a VHF&up fieldday the first weekend in June. There are monthly (weekly) contests such as the NAC, etc.

Most of those contest collect logs from competitors in their own robots or by email, websites,...

National contests don't stop at the border and need some logs from other countries for crosschecking.

SP7NJX, **Andrzej Pajak**, made the first website were contest logs could be centralised and exchanged by VHF contest manager. Unfortunately he passed away too early on 27th of April 2008. But his server is still active and is being used by a lot of VHF (contest) managers and committees.

This meeting wants to honour Andrzej, SP7NJX, for his work and his prophetic vision. Although this server is still active we need more performant tools for contest evaluation and this in compliance with the actual privacy legislation (GDPR).

The contest working group during the last year did a very good job to increase the performance of the IARU-R1 contest server in contest log collection.

Now the competitor can upload his individual log and the VHF(contest) managers can upload their national log as bulk in the EDI format.

In both ways the logs are checked that they conform to the relevant EDI format.

All those logs can be downloaded for contest evaluation in national contests/championships and even more (download the dump from all contest QSO's) by authorised persons.

This functionality is an added value for all MS who are organizing VHF&up contests.

Proposal:

- To promote the use of the IARU-R1 contest robot for the collection and redistribution of contests during the whole year.
- Encourage MS to send all logs to the IARU-R1 contest robot for exchange of logs.
- To propose the necessary changes on the robot to accept EDI files who do not necessary match the IARU-R1 rules in the header section.
- To give access for downloading those files to any VHF(contest) manager in compliance with the GDPR,

Need to promote in national rules to exchange logs via the IARU contest robot form all contest, in agreement with the GDPR

Financial Implications: See document VIE19 C5-007 financing the contest robot.