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## VHF Manager's Report

### VHF Wiki

To exchange information prior to an actual conference, I have already tried to organize a web conference to prepare for the real one in South Africa, so that information could be exchanged in advance, participants be prepared, and opinions be highlighted. Unfortunately, these efforts have not been successful - perhaps the unique timing of the web conference was less than optimal.

Now I have started a WIKI to facilitate preliminary discussions. Prior to the conference proper, it will be promoted and activated with lots of effort. Currently, this Wiki is only accessible by VHF managers, so that they can familiarize themselves with this tool.

### Successor

A successor still has to be found for the Chairman, and I am still trying to address two candidates, both of whom I am willing to suggest as worthy successors. As soon as a candidate has been found, I will inform the EC right away.

### WRC 18/19

The decision to select 160 m as the main topic for the WRC is in transparent, and I am unable to support it. Apart from the fact that a priority has already been set, it has been presented as a "decision" that 160 m be the main focus of the WRC. I do not object to decisions that have been taken, but I do have a problem if such decisions are then sold as a "decision that has been taken by mutual agreement". Moreover, the expenses for a long participation in the WRC have been described to be a problem. Considering the fact that other unsuccessful projects have cost us quite some money over the last few years, and that we have considerable reserve funds available, I dare to ask for which other purpose than the WRC the funds of IARU Region 1 should be used.

Apart from the procedural aspects, I cannot comprehend the matter as such, since a focus on 160 m will not help the majority of our members (even if one does not favour VHF). 6 m in particular, has its advantages, and can be utilized in cities as well. This is also true for a brand-new allocation for the 23 cm Band (between 1,0 und 1,5 GHz).

### Pressure on the 23 cm Microwave Band

Unfortunately, pressure is increasing on the 23 cm band. I herewith request the EC to consider focussing on a new solution in the range between 1 and 1.5 GHz, and to include these efforts in the preparations for the new WRC with top priority. Moreover, I request that a "VHF man" like Murray Niman, be included as a full member of the team that prepares the WRC, and be admitted to AC Meetings that deal with that subject. We must also consider the needs of the VHF community.

### **Contest**

For IARU contests, I would like to issue new certificates and badges for the participants all over the world prior to the upcoming conference. This has been on the agenda for quite a few years. The idea is to make the certificates and badges available via Internet to avoid additional expenses, once the ranking has been determined.