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Introduction

Provide compiled information for Amateur activity areas (this case for repeaters) in the menu on the IARU Region 1 home page. The goal is to make information more easily accessible.

Background

Information on the IARU Region 1 homepage can be split into different categories, for example:

- Status reporting of activities
- Links to persons, organisations and sites
- Compilation of information (e.g. Band plans)
- Etc.

The VHF Managers Handbook is an excellent reference document for information and recommendations. However, we sometimes choose to present the information in another way for easier access or for promotion purpose. An example is band plans that you can find under “Spectrum & Band Plans” in the Main Menu on the IARU Region 1 web site.

To promote or improve information of an activity area within Amateur Radio (e.g. Meteor scatter, Repeaters), general information, recommendations and useful links can be compiled for such an activity area under a heading in the menu structure. Such a compilation should look from “the user perspective” with the aim “how can I become active” instead of a technical or “regulating” perspective. Both perspectives are needed, but this document focus on the amateur and how to become active.

Examples:

- HF repeater information is found in the HF Managers Handbook sections §2.1 (p 9), §3.2 (p 16-17) and §3.5 (p 21-23). Some information about 10 m repeaters can be found on the IARU website under “HF”.
- VHF/UHF repeater information is found in the VHF Managers Handbook sections §4.1 (p 33), §8 (p 111 to 120 in different places) and §10 (p 135-136).

General information of repeaters and references to applicable sections in the handbooks could be made under a “Repeater” heading. Further more e.g. links to national

repeater sites could be added;

Example

B5 Cyprus <http://ham.darc.de/echolink/ge/gm20130930185751-71.html>

9A Croatia <http://www.hrvhf.net/index.php/repetitori> <http://www.hamradio.hr/maps/>

C3 Andorra <http://www.ura.ad/Cat/Repetidors.htm>

CU Azores <http://www.qsl.net/eb2gjlw/razruz.htm>

DL Germany <http://www.elschenbroich.com/>

EA Spain <http://www.ure.es/principal/2013-07-03-10-24-44.html>

EI Ireland <http://www.irts.ie/cgi/repeater.cgi>, etc.

as well as links to national CTCSS access, example:

G UK <http://www.ukrepeater.net/access.htm>

OH Finland <http://repeater.sral.fi/ctcss.html>

SM Sweden <http://sk6ba.se/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/nordic-ctcss.png>, etc.

Another result by adding such information under different headings in a menu would result in a list of activity areas within Amateur Radio. For an organisation as IARU, it may also be of importance to provide easy access to clarification of activity areas within Amateur Radio for external and non amateur radio readers.

Recommendations

Create a menu heading “Repeaters”, with compiled information as above, in the menu on the IARU Region 1 home page.

This may short term serve as an example, and in a future structure also information for other activity areas can be added to build up an IARU list of amateur radio activity areas.