

## RSGB Spectrum Forum meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005

### HF Report

As at last year's meeting there is little to report apart from the gradual take-up by administrations for early amateur access, on a non-interference secondary basis, to 7.1 – 7.2MHz. The current status on early take-up is maintained on a Hans Blondeel Timmerman's website<sup>1</sup>.

The main focus on HF spectrum matters concern the preparation for the forthcoming Region 1 Conference. The key areas for discussion are:

- Emergency Communications: Proposals for “centres of activity” and “3kHz bandwidth channels” to replace an earlier IARU Region 1 resolution against the use of spot frequencies on HF;
- HF band-planning: this includes the overall framework, which has been an ongoing topic for the past few years and one where we hope agreement can finally be reached. But it also includes various proposals from member societies for specific changes to both frequency allocations and existing usage;
- Abandonment of AX25 packet on HF;
- HF Beacons. Proposed work programme and possible development.

The arrangements for this October's HF2005 Convention<sup>2</sup> are well in hand. The programme of around 40 lectures is almost complete. Whilst predominantly an HF related event the programme has been designed for a broad appeal.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://home.planet.nl/~pa3ebt/IARU-R1/7\\_mhz\\_early.htm](http://home.planet.nl/~pa3ebt/IARU-R1/7_mhz_early.htm)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rsgb-hfc.org.uk/>