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# Introduction

There is a lot happening in HAM world that IARU is missing (not only in R1). As IARU-R1 VHF chairman looking at what is happening on social media I see a lot of initiatives, achievements and proposals who are very beneficial to the HAM community and could be also beneficiary for the IARU-R1 and spectrum defence.

# Background

We are now taking in consideration proposals who are introduced by Member Societies. Most of them are traditional (bandplanning, contesting). It is all years that I’m asking to have some input about new technologies for updating the VHF handbook. Let’s take an example:

* Digital Communications: the only thing you can find in the VHF handbook is about packet radio (almost the prehistory). Although there are a lot of problems, and solutions who can be found in those communities. People who are experienced and involved in digital voice and data found solutions to connect the different systems together. But this information does not flow through to be included in the VHF handbook.

Member Societies are not always monitoring those specialised communities, and this is normal. But those communities can be an very useful asset for IARU-R1. Not only for harmonising and spectrum defence, but also for promoting new technologies and the use of our bands.

# Key points and proposal

Permit this communities to send in documentation/proposals to IARU-R1

# Recommendation:

Encourage the HAM communities to promote and document their innovations for the sake of radio amateurism through the IARU (-R1).

Those proposals should be seconded by one (or more) MS, or Committees.

# Financial Implications

None