

CDXC Spectrum Forum Report 2016



1 General position

There are currently 897 members, 203 live overseas.

As a result of the members survey in 2015 a project was undertaken with the help of G3YMC, 5B4WN and G7VJR to launch an electronic version of the Digest in encrypted PDF format. This has been successful and has proved very popular. The library has all Digests from Sept 2016 back to May 1983 and to date 5,732 eDigests have been downloaded.

2 VDSL2

Some members are experiencing interference from VDSL2. An article to inform members on this subject was published in March 2016.

3 Noise levels and Remote Operation

As general noise levels are increasing in urban areas members are responding by investing in transceivers with very effective noise blankers such as the IC7300.

Many members are investing in community and club based remote systems with extremely capable, high power stations located in electrically quiet areas.

DXing is by its very nature a low-signal mode. We are looking at ways to engage with newly licensed amateurs to introduce them to DXing, an area rich in opportunities for self-training.

If when they move away from a 70cms hand-held onto an HF band they experience high man-made noise levels they are likely to be dissuaded but the challenge and true ham spirit is right there. We urge and support the Society in all and any of its efforts with the regulatory authorities.

CDXC wishes to see robust policing of non-compliant devices and the VDSL2 issue addressed. We must not give up.

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