



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

## Interim Meeting – Vienna Austria

### 27-28 April 2019



#### **Presentations and procedures for the discussion in C5**

Dear colleagues,

First of all I want to thank you for your participation at the C5 meeting. This will be the first time (and a try out) to bring our meetings and conferences to a higher level. That is why we will spend our Sunday morning session on 1 topic: How to improve activity on our higher bands.

The EC and I think that we need to use the conferences (and the interim meetings) as a discussion forum for thinking about the future of amateur radio, instead of discussing details. We should be using our time together to shape our strategy and map out a path ahead to ensure amateur radio has a successful future. Times have changed and details about bandplanning, contesting, operating procedures can easily be handled by working groups, using the internet. The output from those working groups can be discussed during our meetings at a higher level than we did before.

In Landshut we started with organizing a contest working group, which takes care of the contesting topics. This first attempt was good, and we need to learn from this and adapt and extend this approach to bandplanning issues..

But spending time on the important higher-level issues is threatened by the number of documents we have to discuss in Vienna. I did not expect such a quantity of documents. In Landshut we had 55 documents to discuss in 4 days. Now we need to discuss 37 in ONE day.

Therefore I want to have a very strict timing and different rules how to handle the meeting on Saturday, without restricting the democratic process. Therefore I need your cooperation.

So I want to ask you to follow those rules:

- I want you all to read carefully all documents before our meeting. If you have questions or comments, please make a note of them and be ready to raise these when the discussion is opened on the paper concerned. There will not be time to read papers for the first time at the meeting!
- There will be no introductions by the author of the document, this will be done by the chairman, who will present the highlights of the document.
- This gives us more time to discuss on the essential points.
- Discussions will not be done by document, but in clusters, particularly about the VHF handbook and the Contesting robot.

I hope you all will agree with this and we will have a productive meeting in Vienna.

Best 73 Jacques ON4AVJ  
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