



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 VHF - UHF - $\mu$ W Newsletter

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## Vienna Interim Meeting 2019

The next interim meeting of the IARU Region 1 VHF/UHF/MW Committee (C5), the HF Committee (C4) and the EMC Committee (C7) will be convened on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at the InterCity Hotel in Vienna. The Austrian society, ÖVSV, has kindly invited us to Vienna.

The timing and organisational details can be found in Newsletter 79.

There are 34 papers who need to be discussed so this will need some discipline from the participants if we want to achieve our goals during this interim meeting.

### Agenda C5

#### Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019:

- 0730 – 0830 Breakfast
- 08.30 – 08:45: Welcome and presentation
- 08:45 – 10:00: Reports  
Documents 004, 005, 011, 022, 031, 032
- 10:00 – 10:20 hrs: break
- 10:20 – 10:50 VHF Handbook  
Documents 026, 033, 013, 014, 003Rev1
- 10:50 – 12:00 Bandplanning  
Documents 002, 010, 012, 015, 018, 025, 027, 028,
- 1200 - 1330 hrs: Lunch
- 13:30 -14:00 Bandplanning (continues)
- 14:00 – 15:30 Contesting.  
Opinion and discussion about the comments of the working group about documents  
006, 009, 019, 020, 021  
Documents 007, 008R1, and 035
- 1530 - 1600 hrs: break
- 16:00 – 17:00 Contesting (continues – if needed)
- 17:00 – 19:00 Operational topics  
Documents 016, 017, 023, 024, 029, 030, 034
- 20:00 hrs: dinner (hosted by OeVSV)

#### Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019:

- 07:30 – 08:30 hrs: Breakfast
- 08:30 – 11:30 hrs: How to improve activity on VHF and higher
  - Introduction
  - Case studies
  - Discussion
  - Conclusions
- 11:30 – 12: 00 closing and planning Novi Sad 2020
- 1200 - 1400 hrs: Lunch

## Contesting matters

Several documents are dealing with details about contesting. We decided in Landshut that such documents would be deferred to the Contest Working Group (CWG) for a discussion.

The documents 006, 009, 019, 020, 021 will be discussed by the CWG before the conference and the CWG will make a final advise for the meeting.

There are 3 documents who need to be discussed by all MS who are represented in the meeting because they are fundamental strategical issues (exchanging logs and the contest robot).

This is the first time we will experiment with this procedure, and I hope it will be successful to focus on fundamental questions in stead of details.

If this is positive I think we can do the same with bandplanning issues. This could be done also by a working group. But this needs to be discussed in Novi Sad.

## Improving activity on VHF and higher

But I want to reserve our Sunday morning meeting for a very important topic: **How to improve activity on the VHF bands!** Seen the results of our survey begin 2018 I think we need to get ready to defend, but mainly promote the use of our dedicated bands.

This will be done in an open discussion, prepared by some case studies as good practices:

- The growing popularity of ATV in the Netherlands
- The importance of a good relationship with the regulator (Ireland)
- HAMnet in Austria
- Contacts with the open source society in Belgium.

It is my opinion that the future General Conferences (and Interim meetings) should more been focussed on strategic matters, rather than discussing details such as footnotes for bandplanning, contest rules etc.

If we want to have an active VHF/UHF/SHF and  $\mu$ Wave community a General Conference should focus on promoting the use of our frequencies.

This Sunday morning meeting is a first attempt to change the actual discussions into a higher level. Feel free the use our actual communication tools, mainly the Wiki, to start the discussion.

## We go on

On 16 January (after the deadline) we received 8 documents from RSGB as papers for our meeting in Vienna 2019.

As I made clear at the time, I found that one of these documents, relating to the VHF Handbook, included direct criticism of me in my role as C5 Chair. I do not think this is the best way to create a collegiate and cooperative working environment in the C5 group and I was surprised that the paper came in the name of one of our larger societies.

My immediate reaction was to stand down from the C5 Committee Chair. I did not do this lightly, but if working as a volunteer in IARU is not enjoyable and satisfying, then I have to question the reason for doing it. Personal attacks and criticisms do not help create a pleasant environment.

Since I announced my intention to stand down, I have had a lot of support from many people asking me to reconsider my resignation. After a lot of thought, I have come to the conclusion that, in the interests of making progress on higher-level issues in C5, it probably makes sense for me to stay until the Conference in Novi Sad, like planned. I have therefore agreed with Don that I will stay through to 2020.

I believe that it is our responsibility in C5 to focus on strategic matters, and less about details like splitting documents. We need to find ways to defend our VHF bands more than ever and raise the level of activity - especially on  $\mu$ Waves. This is our main task for the coming years. This is what we need to start now in Vienna and continue in Novi Sad, where I would like to see a C5 chairman elected who will defend and activate the use of Microwaves.

I look forward to a constructive and forward-looking meeting in Vienna and ask everyone to come prepared to take a broad view of the many challenges which face us and work together to find the right solutions.

Best 73

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Chairman C5

## Useful Information

C5 Chairman: Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ

C5 Vice chairman: Jann Traszewski, DG8NGN

Contest co-ordinator: Robert Vilhar, S53WW

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Spectrum specialist: Murray Niman, G6JYB

Website: <http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/vhfuhsshf>

Handbook: Current Edition: v8.02:  
<https://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/downloads/func-startdown/1008/>

Newsletters: <http://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/documents/Documents/Newsletters/VHF-Newsletters>

Wiki <http://iaruwiki.oevsv.at>

Contest robot [http://iaru.oevsv.at/v\\_upld/prg\\_list.php](http://iaru.oevsv.at/v_upld/prg_list.php)

## Mailing list VHF managers and liaison officers

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## Use of the IARU R1 C5 Wiki

If you are an official Member Society representative, but have no login and you want to participate to the discussions on the Wiki, please write a mail to [ON4AVJ@uba.be](mailto:ON4AVJ@uba.be).