



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EC+ meeting, Zoom, 16 July 2025.

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In attendance: F4GKR, HB9JOE, SM6EAN, G4SJH, DJ3HW, G0DUB, HB9SSB, PA2LS, 9K2DB, OE1MHZ, Z32TO, 5B4AHZ, OD5TE, EA1JAY, IV3KKW,
Partly: DF2OO, OM3BH

Apologies: F6BEE, OE3MZC,

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1. **Welcome & approval of agenda**

F4GKR welcomed the attendees, and the agenda was approved.

2. **HAM RADIO 2025 follow-up**

F4GKR opened the agenda item with the mainly positive feedback received and thanked the Youth Committee and OE3MZC & HB9SSB for the work with the Youth booth and Innovation Zone.

F4GKR commented that the new activity in the Main booth, with having a scheduled time for IARU-R1 chairs to meet with visitors, was maybe not promoted enough. G4SJH thought the activity was useful and recommended it should be kept also for future HAM RADIO, although this year it was mainly known interested persons that met up at the scheduled time.

DJ3HW commented that the official attendance figure for 2025 was 11.600 visitors, compared to the 11.300 for 2024 and 11.100 for 2023.

OE1MHZ commented that the booths gave a good impression of IARU and nowadays the IARU booths are more active and mixed with also interesting projects to promote amateur radio. It's not like it could be seen in the past as "an empty booth with flags".

A further comment was that there must be a time slot between different meetings, both for participants to move between meetings, but also for the setup of the next meeting. As a bad example, the meeting before the EMC meeting ended just when the EMC meeting was supposed to start. DJ3HW commented that usually there is a two-hour schedule for all

meetings, and the idea has been that the meetings last for 90 minutes. We need to make it clear in the agenda that the meetings end earlier, e.g. 15 minutes before the following meeting. DJ3HW will give feedback to DARC for coordination with the Messe organizers for a general recommendation.

HB9SSB was very happy with how the Innovation zone and the other booths ended up and that a lot of good feedback was received. The different interviews made in the Innovation zone seemed to be well received.

Z32TO commented that this year was successful with activities going on throughout the exhibition. The only thing that felt unclear is the mix of global IARU and IARU-R1 in the main booth, which is proposed to be discussed before future events.

IV3KKW commented the event was good and things worked mostly well. We need to focus on areas of improvement for future events. Three main comments:

1. The activity with the Youtubers was good thanks to HB9SSB work, and was more German based than international.
2. The location of the IARU booths in the hall is good but the location of other IARU member societies should be closer to the IARU booths. We should promote a closer cluster of IARU societies in the discussions with DARC and the Messe organization.
3. The use of tables for discussions in the booths is good and shows activity which can attract visitors. We should not only focus on a front counter.

PA2LS commented that a lot of good feedback was received. In particular it was mentioned the possibility for visitors to meet IARU officials and chairpersons, the Innovation Zone and Youtubers. The different ceremonies and Youth committee meetings had many participants. The IARU preparation could possibly be more efficient with fewer meetings if we prepare a checklist since most things will be similar between the years.

G0DUB commented on the Emergency Communications meeting and was very pleased with the meeting room. G0DUB was running a hybrid meeting and more preparation time would have been needed due to meeting room sound system connection issues. The schedule for meeting IARU-R1 chairs could be improved with a face picture of who actually was present at each time, so they are easier identified.

EA1JAY was pleased with how things turned out. An additional table for seated meetings in the booth would be an improvement. We should be better to promote different activities in advance; some were but some were not. The audio catcher for livestreaming had some issues and needs some more preparations for next year.

9K2DB commented that some presentation texts were not in English. In the future all presented texts should be in English.

SM6EAN reported that the cost for the booths and arrangements is in the region of 14k€. HB9JOE will present a financial report for HAM RADIO 2025. Plan to be ready during August and will be presented at an EC meeting.

F4GKR commented that the different activities should be more advertised, so visitors are aware of what is happening.

3. **AC meeting and IARU restructuring**

F4GKR reported from the recent AC meeting focused on the restructuring feedback. A summary of the feedback from the member societies will be sent to all member societies, including an AC comment and short-term plan. In a second step (targeted end September) there will be separate financial information since this was commented in the feedback by many of the member societies.

There was a discussion regarding reporting of different costs for global activities, such as WRC, EMC, etc. and that not only IARU carry these costs but also some member societies carry direct costs. A financial split could be e.g. direct contributions to the IARU delegation and what other costs the member societies spend. This needs further discussion before the September report.

In addition, a task group was set up to start a review of the IARU constitution, which is quite outdated on many points, e.g. the decision cycle and the use of the so-called "Calendar". The idea is also to consider proposals that was received in the restructuring document feedback.

The R1 EC is of the opinion that IARU must maintain "one society, one vote" and maintain equality between all societies, whatever their size. The regional EC's are elected by the MS and are representing all MS of the region.

Action: F4GKR will contact the Region 1 societies we know finance such global activities to discuss financial reporting.

4. **Code of conduct: Ethics & Operating Procedures**

9K2DB briefly mentioned the information that already have been shared regarding finalising the English version of the document. Some comments have been received, and work is ongoing to update the document. The plan is still to release the English version of the document during September.

9K2DB volunteer to continue to coordinate the work with the translations. We are fully dependant on the member societies for the translations. This work will start once the English version is finalised. In the plan, both translation and validation of the translation needs to be included.

DJ3HW commented that the team behind "50 ohms" is in the same situation regarding translations. Possibly exchange of ideas and experiences may be valuable.

Action: The task group will discuss translations and come up with a plan that can be presented. Possibly a short guide for translation could be added into the actual English document.

5. **AoB**

- **AST SpaceMobile Satellite**

DF200 presented the status of the situation in the 430-440 MHz amateur radio band after the FCC decision in favour of AST SpaceMobile satellites. There are already several hundreds of comments from individuals and organizations on the FCC decision.

Information have been posted on the IARU websites.

- **Dave, EI3IO**

The sad news that Dave, EI3IO, has passed was commented. Work has already been started, and coordinated by F4GKR, for the IARU-R1 website news. Dave was a long time IARU official with important contributions, mainly regarding spectrum questions.

6. **Next EC meeting**

It was agreed to preliminary plan the next EC meeting on 4th September, 18 UTC