



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EC meeting, Zoom, 13 May 2026.

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Subject	EC minutes

In attendance: F4GKR, HB9JOE, SM6EAN, DJ3HW, OD5TE, Z32TO, 9K2DB, DF2OO

Apologies: IV3KKW, PA2LS

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1. Welcome & approval of agenda

F4GKR welcomed the attendees, and the agenda was approved.

2. HAM RADIO 2026

SM6EAN presented the high-level status of the HAM RADIO 2026 preparations.

Since IV3KKW is not able to continue with the coordination of the IARU booths, SM6EAN will continue with the coordination of the planning team.

The team has met online, and preparations are in good time. All furniture and walls were agreed for the Main and Youth booths, while the Innovation Zone have some pending discussions. Next meeting is on 20th May and the deadline for booking furniture is 25th May. This means all decision needs to be made at the coming meeting.

The IARU-R1 website (Events) is updated to present status.

DJ3HW reported an estimate of about 15 IARU member society (MS) booths.

DF2OO reported there are still some rooms available at SEE HOTEL. There will also be an official invitation by DARC to the traditional international meeting at SEE HOTEL.

F4GKR reminded the meeting that it is important to close, or document the status, for ongoing/halted activities. There will be a new EC taking over and there must not be any loose ends on activities. Activities can be discussed during HAM RADIO but need to be halted and documented before the Vienna GC.

HAM RADIO is also a good opportunity to discuss nominations with the present MS.

3. **PR Initiative**

OD5TE reported the current status of the PR initiative and the work with the UK PR company. A messaging framework was developed, including three core areas. A first draft PR strategy was also completed with a structure, which can be adjusted when moving forward.

Along the way it was also decided to try to find a PR professional that could help us to drive and take the PR initiative forward. None in the current EC has a good PR competence. Several attempts were made to find such a person, without success. The conclusion is that such a person is needed if the PR initiative should be moved forward.

The work is halted and will now be documented so it is possible to re-start again. OD5TE will review the folders in Nextcloud (\\03 Executive Committee\\Shaping the future\\PR) and prepare an information document to the Vienna GC. **Action: F4GKR, OD5TE**

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

9K2DB reported that the document now is very close to be officially released. The current plan is a release before HAM RADIO. The following will be discussed at the next team meeting:

- Release date
- Drafting of proposal for the text to be included with the first official information. This could reference the IARU-R1 website for details.
- Drafting of text and that we can add to the IARU-R1 website to clarify the use (as full document, or in parts) and translation guides of procedure for the document.

9K2DB will report back to the EC after the next team meeting. **Action: 9K2DB**

5. **GC2026**

SM6EAN reported the current status of the preparations for the Vienna General Conference (GC). A second reminder for final registration has been sent out to both the MS mail group and to all email address' that were listed in the "notice to send a delegation".

The Austrian society has a dedicated person supporting visa applications, when needed. Information listed on the conference website <https://conf.iaru-r1.org/>.

At the last EC+ meeting it was discussed and decided that the coordinator for the HAREC work (Rafal, EI6LA) should present the work of the team online. Since then, several comments have been received about the importance of the work and discussions during the work. It is now proposed to revise the decision made on EI6LA GC participation so that he may join the conference in-person for the possibility to have both a session on HAREC and to present an input paper to the conference. This would be an invitation from IARU-R1 to participate with support of expenses within the conference support budget.

The meeting agreed to change the previous decision and to support the HAREC WG chair participation at the GC within the agreed support budget. IRTS and EI6LA to be informed. **Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN**

Z32TO will support with tickets for the delegates that have been granted support for attending the GC.

The IARU AC will meet following the IARU-R1 GC. The agreed procedure is that the local region shall cover the cost for meeting room and other meeting costs, while each delegate cover travel and hotel room. The meeting will take place in the same hotel as the IARU-R1 GC and the cost will be about 3kEUR for IARU-R1.

The meeting agreed to the foreseen cost for the AC meeting.

Action: SM6EAN

During the Zlatibor GC, the situation was discussed regarding how IARU officials may also represent their national member society. The current Constitution and Byelaws have been carefully studied, and a document has been compiled as a reminder if the situation should again occur. In conclusion, when an IARU-R1 official conference cost is covered by IARU-R1, the official cannot represent the view of the member society. If the case where the cost of the IARU-R1 official is covered by the member society, it is free to combine the two roles with exception of the area of responsibility of the IARU-R1 official where the view of IARU must be represented.

Z32TO made the comment that as the IARU-R1 official has been elected to represent IARU, this must have priority and must not be confused by representation of the member society. The statement was supported by others. The guidance document shall be updated accordingly.

Action: F4GKR

6. **Centennial IARU booklet**

OD5TE reported the current status of the work. The original intention was to have the booklet ready for the centennial celebrations. Information was collected, including a few archives were contacted and a basic IARU timeline was developed with listing events and activities.

The structure was created and publishing companies were contacted for printing offers and doing some initial work. A small team has been set up for the work, but the participants now have limited time to work on the booklet. The problem that arises is that the time required to organise the content and to have a publication before the Vienna GC, will not work with the current setup.

A suggestion on how to finalise the work, and to get the booklet printed, will be presented to the Vienna GC.

Action: F4GKR, OD5TE

7. **IARU-R1 Constitution & Byelaws update**

F4GKR summarized the status and ongoing work with the update of the IARU-R1 Constitution and Byelaws. To recap, the following has been completed:

- On 7th March, an online information meeting was held for member societies, and after the meeting the proposals for Constitution and Byelaws (V1.0) was distributed to all MS together with the information presentation and list of updates made from the current documents.
- On 11th April there was a Q&A online meeting for those that would like to put some questions or ask for clarifications.

- 9th May was the deadline for written feedback from the IARU officials and member societies.

To date, one can comment that only a few MS were joining the meetings and very few provided written feedback. However, we like to thank those MS that has provided useful feedback and suggested improvements (CARS, RSGB, VERON, IARU).

The proposed steps forward, and for comments by the meeting, are the following:

- Update the documents from the feedback received and have V1.1 versions ready for editing team review by 27th May. **Action: F4GKR, HB9JOE, SM6EAN**
- Send out the documents for EC review, to be finished by 10th June.
- Send out the documents to those that provided feedback, for any final comments before version of the documents are added to the Vienna GC input papers. Publication of input papers by 11th July.
- If additional substantial feedback is received, that does not meet the deadlines listed, it is possible to amend the input papers before the conference starts.

8. **AoB**

- Intruder Watch/IARUMS
Gaspar, EA6AMM, has decided to resign as coordinator for IW/IARUMS due to the personal situation.
As IW now is organised on the global level, discussions on replacement in the coordinator role is ongoing and driven by the IARU president, VE6SH.
- YOTA budget request – Austria26
F4GKR informed about a request received and that a discussion will be held with the Youth Committee chair, EA1JAY. Before the discussion is held with EA1JAY, this is just for information.

9. **Next EC meeting**

Next meeting, as EC+ meeting, should take place before HAM RADIO. It was agreed to meet on 17th June @ 18:00 UTC.