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C5CWG is the Contest Working Group of the C5 committee created in Landshut 2017 GC.

The group consists of 8 elected members and 4 consultants to represent the most active MS in IARU R1 contesting matters:

ON4AVJ (C5 Chairman) - IV3KKW – DL3MBG – HA0LC – F5LEN - G0FCT – OE1MCU – OK1VAO – OM3BH – S53WW – PE1ITR – YU1LA.

During Vienna 2019 Interim Meeting Robi S53WW resigned as C5CWG chairman and Alex IV3KKW is the new chairman.

During these months, the group was active on relevant questions mainly via email and with 3 Skype meetings.

After Vienna Interim Meeting, the Contest Robot has been improved with some other requests of minor modifications to limit the manual intervention for crosscheck and evaluation procedure, and to comply the new GDPR recommendations in the uploading function of individual logs and bulk upload from MS, and also in downloading clean logs for national crosscheck purposes.

We thank OeVSV and DARC for funding these server improvements *(VIE19\_C5\_Rec\_14)*

We successfully evaluated all the IARU Region 1 contests for 2019 (June 50/70 MHz – September VHF – October UHF & Up – November Marconi VHF CW).

The contests evaluation for 2020 is still ongoing.

C5CWG is working to increase the participation of all contests in all bands, in particular on µWaves, because we strongly believe that any contest classification is clear evidence of activity in those bands.

Contesting provides a competitive environment that appeals to new younger entrants to Amateur Radio and stimulates technical innovation, which is another essential aspect of our activities.

Therefore, all the support from the MS is needed to collect all the logs or at least to invite participants to send their logs to the IARU R1 Contest Robot. ( <http://iaru.oevsv.at> )

Here are the numbers of logs received in the last years:

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| Year | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | UHF/MW |
| 2017 | 627 | 1734 | 1729 |
| 2018 | 329 | 1309 | 1130 |
| 2019 | 384 | 1189 | 1153 |
| 2020 | 571 | - | - |

Unfortunately, the number of logs decreased in IARU R1 competitions in the last 2 years, but in national competitions are increasing or at least remaining the same.

This reduction of logs in IARU R1 classifications is due to GDPR rules that involve the log collection procedure.

The C5CWG is working to sort out this issue and help MS to collect their logs under GDPR rules also for the IARU R1 classifications.

In the next years, the C5CWG works will be focused on two main aspects:

- sorting out contest server ownership

- promotion of IARU R1 contests