



International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

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Letter from the President.

Dear Members

As 2017 draws to a close I reflect on recent Fellowship activities and also on what might be in store for us next year.

Atlanta Convention was one of the best attended in recent times. The steady stream of members and visitors to our booth continued throughout the Convention. There was such a buzz that those operating the various remote stations at the back of the booth complained about the QRM – always tripping the VoX!

Nets have also prospered despite challenging propagation: indeed, having a successful net these days means that you worked everyone – not all that common! I send my thanks to the Network Controllers, and all of you who participate, for your persistence and good humour.

We've also seen a few of us pursue digital modes – DSTAR and DMR. Our 626.nz reflector (REF626R) has been used a little, but there are more people coming. Maybe we'll also be able to offer a facility where all digital modes can link together – these modes are an excellent alternative, or a supplementary mode, to HF. Everyone is either 59 or 00 in digital modes!

Feedback on our recent Communicator was very encouraging – a very good read. Both Editor Diane (VK4DI) and I welcome additional input for the next edition at the end of Q1.

Behind the scenes there are IFROAR members organising net reports, doing administrative tasks and attending to the welfare of our regions. IFROAR could not operate without these services and I extend the Fellowship's thanks to our Officers and the dedicated members who are responsible for ensuring our activities remain highly visible to our members

Finally, we've just received confirmation from Rotary International that IFROAR has a booth allocated at Toronto – number 245 – and you are all welcome. Our AGM will be held in Room 809 on 23 June 2018 from 12:30-14:00 at the Toronto Convention Centre

My best wishes to you all for 2018 and I look forward to seeing you in Toronto.

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