

**International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio
Communications Plan for the Toronto Convention (V1 20180528)
21 – 27 June 2018**

The purpose of this plan is to assist those attending the Toronto Convention over the period 22-27th June 2018 to make contact with each other, the wider membership of IFROAR and other amateurs who could be interested in this gathering. Toronto is on daylight saving (EDT) and its current time zone is UTC - 4Hrs.

There are 6 channels of communication available and at least one of them should enable a QSO over the period.

Physical: the IFROAR Booth is number 245 in the Hall of Friendship. This booth will be open throughout the convention and is the best place for attendees to meet up with other ROAR Members. A visitors' Book/Log will be present and it is also expected that some time will be agreed for an informal dinner towards the latter part of the Convention. Note that the Fellowship AGM will be held on Saturday, June 23rd in Room 809, Metro Toronto Convention Centre from 12:30 until 13:30.

The Convention Call Sign is VE3R

1. **FACEBOOK:** The principal mechanism for all social media contacts at Toronto will be the ROAR Facebook page. If you have not yet registered for Facebook access to the closed IFROAR group, please contact our Webmaster Bill (VK4ZD) as soon as possible. Given the number of accessors, this is likely to be the best way to "see" what is happening at Toronto. I'm sure the posts will be frequent and illuminating.
2. **EMAIL:** President John's Winlink address (ZL2JPM@Winlink.Org) will be available to receive any EMAIL QSOs via the VHF Packet network using the Toronto node VE3MIS-10 (144.970MHz). Sending an Email is one way of recording your interest in the event should you be unable to attend. The mailbox will be cleared periodically & emails (keep messages short and no images) will feature in our Visitors log.
3. **VH/UHF RADIO:** There are a number of channels of communication available: Do check Facebook for notice of intended activities so that the likelihood of a QSO is improved.
 - a. **DSTAR:** President John's hotspot will be available at the booth (ZL2JPM G operating on 432.755 MHz) and it will be linked to the IFROAR DSTAR Reflector at DCS626E. A continuous dashboard is available at www.626.nz.
 - b. **DMR:** The www.626.nz DSTAR Module A = **TG-505999** and Module B = **TG-530999**
 - c. **VHF/IRLP:** Mississauga Amateur Radio Club (VE3MIS) has two IRLP repeaters on Node 2998: 145.430MHz (- 0.6MHz) & 444.575MHz (+5.0MHz), both with CTCSS 103.5Hz. Where possible, the UHF node will be monitored with notices being placed on Facebook. Note that there are some issues with V/UHF propagation into the Convention Centre and it is unclear if continuous monitoring is even possible during Convention Hours. Non-IRLP access is of course open to those within the coverage area of Toronto City. See the VE3MIS website for coverage maps.
4. **ECHOLINK:** VE3MIS-R is the Mississauga EchoLink node number 404792. Members having the Echolink Smartphone App may wish to use it on this node. Again, monitoring this node at Toronto during Convention hours may depend on local conditions within the venue.
5. **HF:** Work is being done on establishing several HF systems operating either in station or remote mode. HF Operations will be on regular IFROAR Frequencies: 7.110 MHz for the 40m Band and 14.295200 MHz on 20m. The success of HF is highly dependent on internet access and propagation. All intended HF Sessions from Toronto will be preceded by a Facebook AND Cluster entry alerting members to the frequency and session time.

73's from

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