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As new chair of the R&R committee 2015 was a learning year for me, with the curve being steep at times. Thankfully, at the start the entry was eased a lot, as the changes for the 2015 documents were compiled by Buzz Bennet. Many, many thanks to him, and it will be very hard to keep up with his work quality.

The committee has looked at the IPC documents, comparing them, updating them, looking for inconsistencies, incorporating input from competition committees, from the mid-year bureau meeting, and from NACs. Also, some items were noted in the FAI statutes and General Section which need clarification for 2016, in relation to SC5.

My goal is to maintain and update those rules which fall under the committee's responsibility, but also giving input to FAI and CASI so that their rules are workable for IPC and reflect our wishes. I also intend to keep rules easy to understand, avoiding duplications and internal references (which can be a source of mistakes). That said, more and more people are thinking like lawyers, trying to avoid responsibility by writing down everything in rules. In this delicate balance of interests, R&R is doing its work.

Apart from the praise for Buzz, I would not dare to forget to mention my R&R colleagues: Doris Merz, Elisabet Mikaelsson, Gillian Rayner, Susan Dixon (yes, women first), James Hayhurst, Liam McNulty and Mubarak Alswillim.

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