

## VATSIM Europe Region



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**To:** vACC Austria Team,  
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To all Organisers and Participants of Finally Austria 2011,

It was a great pleasure to spend the weekend with you all for the Finally Austria event this weekend. It was organised with military precision that I personally could only aspire to achieve. Thanks to Stephan for meeting us at the airport and taking us to our hotel, thanks to René for a wonderful and interesting tour of the centre of Vienna, thanks to everyone who turned up for the warm-up meal (and beers!) the evening before, thanks to Sascha and Daniel for their support and coordination of the event on the day as well as Daniel's great work in promoting the event, thanks to Martin for cooking some extremely delicious food on the Saturday, thanks to René and Norbert for the fantastic introduction to their B737 simulator ahead of WorldFlight 2011 but last but by no means last thanks to everyone who turned up to the event from neighbouring countries to support it!

I have to say that when I walked into the event venue on the Saturday I was in shock, I thought that I had walked into an actual radar room, I could not believe my eyes! This clearly fascinated passers-by who showed great interest in what we do. For me though there was one huge disappointment..... that I could not stay for longer due to work commitments.

Triumphant events like this show us the importance of the community in making VATSIM a success. It reminds us that we are not just numbers, blips or callsigns but we are people who all enjoy a common hobby. We all have families, work/study, we all eat, drink and sleep but with the time that is left we choose to do this. If we could get every vACC across VATSIM to have such levels of intrinsic motivation and mutual respect I believe that VATSIM would be an even greater place to be, so thanks for showing how it can be done.

Best Wishes,

**Thomas George**

*P.S. Oh and, thanks Christopher for the loan of your mobile phone charger. It is scary how reliant we become on communications technology!*