Hi,

This is Jeff Waincymer, wearing my social activist hat for the moment, (being a bit tired of second edition footnotes – people seem to write faster than I can read! Please slow down and smell the roses).

While you are all working tirelessly to make virtual arbitration as good as face to face, in an Article 18 sense at least, we must acknowledge the added challenges to the equally important social side of the moot. In my view, the better way to look at this scenario is to say this is simply an opportunity for different, but perhaps even deeper social engagement than in normal years (albeit more cerebral than tactile!) My friend Neil Kaplan put it as pithily as always when he said, “the world is now together by being apart,” a sentiment particularly true for old and new members of the Vis family.

So lets get social. We have some catching up to do. Now that the first one or two virtual moots are out of the way, why not “see” and experience Vienna’s sights, sounds and tastes. So let me start you on a journey.

If you are more tech savvy than me (not a great challenge), maybe go on a trip with a team you have mooted against, or invite a random team and chat about your experience. Cook a schnitzel one day and then teams/skype/zoom a dinner party.

So to the options:

Its time for a walk. You can’t hide in your room all week. Have a look at Vienna with me (sorry for the ads first): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWoh-OUYobU

I think we need a coffee. Two of my favourites:


You have recharged your batteries so back on foot. Now to see some of the most famous monuments and galleries:

Schonbrunn Palace: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEYA5glblDM

Stephansdom (St Stephens Church): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bvu5-jd_8fs

The Hofburg: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLTGXta_Pyk

The Kunsthistorische Museum (Austro-Hungarian empire top art gallery): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbdvkjMO9H8

The Belvedere: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsNnzbOoEM0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsNnzbOoEM0)

Leopold Museum (one of a group in the Museums Quarter): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvaoTEJygWQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvaoTEJygWQ)

A long walk all around: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdPOWk0AVXs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdPOWk0AVXs)

You must be hungry by now. Some food as well, famous schnitzel (and no ads!): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f73q1OKs_T0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f73q1OKs_T0)

You cannot be in Vienna without music. Classical music with the Philharmonic?: [https://www.radio.net/s/calmviennaphil](https://www.radio.net/s/calmviennaphil)

Opera?: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEeYCe0Doj8&feature=emb_rel_end](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEeYCe0Doj8&feature=emb_rel_end)

Opera performances: [https://www.staatsoperlive.com/](https://www.staatsoperlive.com/)

You have mooted hard, how about coming to the official moot bar?: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65J5RFvHxM0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65J5RFvHxM0)

Given that the official one seems closed, lets set up a virtual moot bar (tech ideas please to jeffreywaincymer@gmail.com, meme wallpaper, the funnier the better)! And yes, Australians are prepared to drink at breakfast to accommodate our new northern hemisphere friends.

Finally, what about some things to read in your spare time, fiction set in Vienna and not yet another dip into the Pace website (ok you are allowed to find the case you promised your teammates you would get 3 months ago).

Some of the best Austrian related fiction includes:

**The World of Yesterday, Stefan Zweig**

**The Piano teacher, Elfriede Jelinek**

**The World According to Garp, John Irving**

**The Radetzky March, Joseph Roth**

**The Third Man, Graham Greene**

**When Nietzsche Wept, Irvin Yalom**
The Hare With Amber Eyes
A Hidden Inheritance **Edmund de Waal**

If you are a third man fan (and download the movie and watch it now if you never have, the ferris wheel from a key scene is in the Prater park)

So that's a start from me. If you are now tired, you can take a rest. If not, come up with your own ideas so we can keep up the momentum. Quirky is good. Maybe lets Tik Tok style video the best funny ideas you can come up with, or the best virtual connection moments. A reach out to MAA social directors?

Anything and everything is possible in the moment and in life.

See you later.

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