



**THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION,
REGION 1
AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING
WORKING GROUP**



**To: all members of the IARU Region1
ARDF Working Group**

**Cc: IARU Region 1 EC
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MINUTES

39th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

**held at the 21st IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship, Druskininkai, Lithuania,
September 5th, 2017, 15:15-18:00, September 7th, 15:30-19:00 and September 8th, 2017, 16:15-18:00**

The agenda:

1. The meeting was opened by the ARDF WG Chairman on September 5th, 2017 at 15:15.
2. The WG Chairman welcomed the guests
 - Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, IARU Vice-President
 - Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO, IARU Region 1 Executive Committee Member
3. Introduction of the present WG members and their attendants
 - see the list of participants (Appendix A)
 - out of total 24 members of the ARDF WG, 19 are present which constitutes a quorum
4. Apologies for absence, proxies
 - Following ARDF WG members apologized for absence:
 - Harald Gosch, OE6GC representing OeVSV
 - Patrice Vette, F8AZG representing REF
 - Dusan Ceha, representing SRS
 - Following proxies were presented and accepted:
 - Kimmo Lehtosaari, OH2JKU gives proxy to Keijo Lehtosaari, OH2ETM (proxy within SRAL)
 - Jiri Pavlu, OK1CHE, gives proxy to Michaela Mareckova, OK2MWN (proxy within CRC)
 - Bob Titterington, G3ORY, gives proxy to Robert Vickers, G3ORI (proxy within RSGB)
5. The agenda of the 39th ARDF WG Plenary Meeting was approved unanimously.

6. To receive the chairman's report (see Appendix B)
 - The ideas given in the report were discussed widely.
 - Z32TO pointed out that the IARU R1 Child Protection Policy serves as the protection against possible legal issues and its requests shall be respected with no exception. This point is generally understood.
 - Issues on Rules and CPP at the World Championship 2016 were discussed with the conclusion: The organizing team shall follow the ARDF Rules and other IARU R1 regulations. Every International Class referee and organizer at the key position is obliged to prepare himself to the job, which certainly includes refreshing of the knowledge of the Rules and regulations involved. The currently valid Rules together with the commented list of changes are available for everyone at the ARDF WG website.

7. The situation in involvement in international sports structures (see Appendix C)
 - OK2BWN presented the facts about the situation in the international sports and anti-doping structures. Regrettably, there is no chance for success and the IARU R1 EC does not support the idea as well. More details in the Appendix C.

8. New International Class referee Michaela Mareckova, OK2MWN (CRC) was approved by e-mail voting and consequently by the IARU Region 1 EC (nomination certificate #104).

9. The preparations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference to be held in Landshut/Germany
 - 9.1 The ARDF related papers to the General Conference (available at the IARU R1 website)
 - LA17_C3_12 ARDF - ARDF WG Report - approved unanimously
 - LA17_C3_12a ARDF - Changes to Rules Part A - The paper was briefly presented, explained and approved with one change: at the par. 2.6, the item "**minutes of all International Jury meetings**" shall be replaced with the words "**decisions of all International Jury meetings**" (proposal LA2RR). The Conference paper will be updated (action OK2BWN).
 - LA17_C3_12b ARDF - Minutes of the ARDF WG Meetings 2017 (to be added)
 - LA17_C3_42 BFRA - Obligations when choosing dates for ARDF and HST Championships - acknowledged. Note: usually the dates of ARDF Championships are fixed long time (at least one year) before HST starts the preparation.
 - 9.2 To find a candidates for the elections to the Chairman and to elect the Vice-Chairman of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG
 - Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN, was proposed by Chermen, UA3BL for the Chairman again
 - OK2BWN accepted the proposal
 - Kai Pastor, DG0YT was proposed by Jiri, OK2BWN for the Vice-Chairman again.
 - DG0YT accepted the proposal
 - DG0YT declared that the ARDF WG shall fully support its Chairman and Vice-chairman, especially in case of undue attacks.
 - The proposals were accepted by the meeting unanimously.
 - Z32TO objected that also the Vice-Chairman shall be approved by the General Conference. This is different from the situation in 2008-2014, no explanation known.
 - 9.3 40th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG to be held in Landshut/Germany
 - As usually, only few ARDF WG members are expected to be present at the Conference. OK2BWN recommended that the 40th ARDF WG meeting held in Landshut shall respect and support all decisions made at the 39th ARDF WG Plenary Meeting and that all ARDF WG members shall instructed their heads of delegations to send the representatives to the 40th ARDF WG meeting and to support the ARDF WG decisions at the C3 Plenary. This recommendation was unanimously approved.

10. Forthcoming IARU World Youth ARDF Championships
 - 10.1 Michaela, OK2MWN presented the Bulletin 1 of the 2nd IARU WYAC 2018 to be hosted by Czech society CRC (Appendix D). Main features:

- Date, venue: June 30 - July 4, 2018, Doksy, Czech Republic.
 - The starting fee will be 850 CZK (approx. 32,5EUR) per competition, full package 5800 CZK (approx. 220 EUR).
 - Event website: <http://www.wyac2018.com/>
 - The CRC proposed Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN as the Chairman of the Jury and Kai Pastor, DG0YT was proposed as the substitute.
 - The starting fee and both referees were approved unanimously.
- 10.2 To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the IARU WYAC in following years:
- there were no applicants before the meeting, just the preliminary interest from SRR, which was not confirmed now.
 - At the meeting, RSM (Macedonia) declared the interest to host the Youth Championship 2019 and FRR (Romania) to host the Youth Championship in 2020. As no presentations were prepared, the following procedure was suggested and approved: both societies will prepare their presentations containing all required information as per the Call letter spread in July 2017 by October 15th, 2017 and the ARDF WG will then decide by e-mail voting.
 - On the following day, also UARL (Ukraine) and PZK (Poland) declared their interest to organize the Youth ARDF Championship. OK2BWN addressed all four applicants (RSM, FRR, UARL and PZK) and recommended them to agree among themselves and divide up hosting WYAC in the years 2019-2022. UARL and PZK shall provide the presentation by October 15th as well (the same condition as mentioned in previous paragraph)

11. Forthcoming IARU ARDF Championships

- 11.1 The preliminary information on the 19th ARDF World Championship in 2018 to be hosted by IARU Region 3 was presented by OK2BWN:
- Date, venue: September 2 - 8, 2018, Sokcho, Kangwon province, Korea
 - Registration fees for participant: approximately US 750 subject to local sponsorship. Fee includes accommodations, pickup and delivery services from Incheon and Gimpo international airports, WiFi services.
 - Rules for the Championships will be of no difference with R1
 - The Chairman of the Jury will be Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR from whom we received his acceptance.
 - The IARU Region 3 and the hosting society shall be asked for further details (action OK2BWN). LA2RR was accepted as the Chairman of the Jury.
- 11.2 To discuss the venue and the hosting society of ARDF Championships in following years
- IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2019:
 - Preliminary applications: RSM (Macedonia), ZRS (Slovenia), BFRA (Bulgaria). RSM withdrew its application and asks for the WYAC2019 instead, BFRA agrees to move to 2021. ZRS presented their bid (see Appendix E). Main features:
 - Date, venue: September 2-8, 2019, Rogla, Slovenia
 - All 4 competitions will be organized, training camp is also expected
 - The starting fee: 50 EUR per competition, full package 476 EUR
 - ZRS was approved unanimously as the hosting society for the IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:00 and will continue on September 7th, 2017.

The meeting was reopened on September 7th, 16:40.

- IARU World ARDF Championship 2020:
 - OK2BWN presented the bid of SRS (Serbia) to host the World ARDF Championship 2020 (see Appendix F). Main features:
 - Date, venue: August 31 - September 6, 2020, Zlatibor, Serbia
 - All 4 competitions will be organized, training camp is also expected

- The starting fee: 50 EUR per competition, full package 450 EUR
- The offer was generally accepted. However, SRS is a candidate to host the IARU R1 General Conference 2020 and some doubts arose if SRS will have enough time and personnel and be willing to organize both events in case it wins. Therefore, it was decided to wait until after the IARU R1 General Conference and take into account the result of the elections of the Host of the IARU R1 GC2020 and SRS opinion on that. All information will be provided by October 15th and ARDF WG will decide by e-mail voting.
- LA2RR asked, if other Regions were consulted. OK2BWN explained that he keeps close contacts with ARDF specialized bodies in IARU R2 and R3 and all ARDF WG papers are copied to them as well. Both other regions confirmed that they are not interested in hosting the World ARDF Championship before 2022.
- IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2021:
 - BFRA presented their bid (see Appendix G). Main features:
 - Date, venue: beginning of September 2021, Razlog, Bulgaria
 - foothill terrains, 750-1000 m a.s.l., many orienteering maps
 - All 4 competitions will be organized, training camp is also expected
 - The starting fee: 45 EUR per competition, full package 370 EUR
 - BFRA was approved unanimously as the hosting society for the IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2021.
 - DG0YT asks about possible use of SIAC cards. BFRA: the system is available. On the proposal of DG0YT, it was decided that using SIAC cards shall be approved in advance in contrast to the standard SI cards which are approved automatically.
 - Z32TO asks about the determination of the starting fee. WG responds that the current amount (40-50 EUR) of starting fee is considered as reasonable and justified.

12. Evaluation of the ARDF events (1st IARU World Youth ARDF Championship (WYAC))

- Jiri, OK2BWN presented the report (Appendix H) which was already distributed to the WG.
- The organizers made an excellent job and the event took place smoothly and in a fun and friendly atmosphere.
- Single particular issue: Broken SportIdent chip blocking one of stations. Missing registrations were fully recovered with video recordings from this control (video cameras were installed at every control). The importance of close supervision on the control equipment was highlighted.
- PZK suggests to have always two SPORTident units at each control.
- PZK suggests to care for a sufficient variety and amount of food.

13. ARDF Rules

- On the proposal of OK2BWN, the WG meeting agreed that the matters connected with 1. the Event information and 2. Courses will not be discussed or decided at this meeting as both areas ask for detailed study and careful consideration. Both matters will be discussed in next months with expected output before forthcoming ARDF Championship.
- OK2BWN proposed pre-discussing the complicated matters as widely as possible BEFORE the meeting itself. This allows to read proposed text calmly, with enough time to consider consequences and options, consult the home society, verify the ideas in local conditions etc. In this way the complete wording could be prepared and pre-approved in advance and just formal approval left to the meeting itself
- OK2BWN reminded WG of common understanding in 2016 that the Rules are of good quality and should not be changed without good reason.
- BFRA objected that their proposal was not included into the agenda. However, the proposal was sent to all WG members, some points included in the paper Changes to the Part B, some points are not to be discussed now (see above), some of them are contradictory and were already discussed with authors. WG members were asked before the meeting to comment the proposals (no response).
- It was stated that the offensive language used in the BFRA paper is definitely not acceptable.

BFRA apologized for the tone used.

- BFRA asked for removing of the SGR, later asked for a new subgroup to decide on rules instead of SGR. DG0YT pointed (and the WG meeting confirmed) that it is the ARDF WG who makes any decision, not SGR. 9A5SP proposed more discussion with all WG members interested via e-mail. OK2BWN objected that WG members were several times asked to comment various proposals and the response was close to zero. Discussion resulted in understanding that SGR as the small body which should process the proposals and prepare them for the ARDF WG approval is necessary. Anybody willing to take part in the SGR is welcomed.
- UA3BL proposed a meeting on free day for exchanging ideas. RSGB adds „brainstorming“.

13.1 Changes to the Rules, Part A

- the paper was already approved within the point 9.1

The meeting was adjourned at 18:40 and will continue on September 8th, 2017.

The meeting was reopened on September 8th, 16:15.

Some ARDF WG members were not present due to the changes in the excursion timetable but sent their comments by e-mail and these were taken into account.

13.2 Changes to the Rules, Part B

- The paper about the Changes to the Rules, Part B (see Appendix I) was discussed one by one
- At the Proposal 2 (composition of the teams), the discussion led to the change extension which could not be decided at the limited participation at the meeting. Two options were defined, decision left to the e-mail voting with deadline on September 12th. The result of voting is included in the Minutes.
- All other proposed changes were approved (the approval notes can be found in the Appendix I as well).

14. Guides and recommendations

- Issuing of various guides and recommendations is requested by number of WG members and also by IARU R1 EC. These papers shall help ARDF community to understand better the ARDF Rules and to organize and participate in the ARDF events.
- New folder, called “Guides and Recommendations” was created at the IARU R1 ARDF WG website. It shall contain Guides, recommendations and explanations requested by the ARDF community.
- The procedure of creating of the paper:
 - Call for the paper: the initiative can be started by anybody inside or outside the ham radio community and shall be addressed to the ARDF WG Chairman. The topic in question shall be defined as precisely as possible.
 - Call for the authors: assignment of the author or coordinator of the group and definition of the deadline of the draft issue
 - Draft issuing: the 1st (draft) version is sent to the ARDF WG members for comments and after considering them, published at the ARDF WG website, still as the "draft"
 - Testing: ARDF active societies are asked to discuss the paper and test the content in the conditions of national level.
 - Issue of final paper: results of testing, comments etc. are taken into account and the paper is updated. ARDF WG then approve the paper and it is published without the "draft" mark.
- So far, following Guides were prepared:
 - ARDF Sprint Handbook
 - ARDF Referees Guidelines

- Principles of Course Planning (to be updated)
- Protocol Guide (draft)
- Event Check-in (recommendation, draft)
- Composition of the teams (explanation, draft, to be updated)
- Any contribution will be highly appreciated and all ARDF WG members are welcome to take part in creating the papers.

15. Any other business

- Note about the information flow: any message intended to all WG members shall be sent to the WG Chairman, who will forward it immediately to all ARDF WG members.

16. To close the meeting

- The WG Chairman passed his thanks to all ARDF WG members for their work, expressed hope for the fruitful cooperation in the future and closed the meeting at 17:55.



Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Chairman

Minute taker: Kai Pastor, DG0YT

Recommendations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference:

Recommendation 1: To approve the documents LA17_C3_12, 12a, 12b

Recommendation 2: To approve the proposed candidate, Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN as the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Chairman.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: List of participants
- Appendix B: OK2BWN: The ARDF WG Chairman's report
- Appendix C: OK2BWN: Considerations about the International sports structures
- Appendix D: CRC: 2nd WYAC 2018 Bulletin 1
- Appendix E: ZRS: The bid for hosting the IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2019
- Appendix F: SRS: The bid for hosting the IARU World ARDF Championship 2020
- Appendix G: BFRA: The bid for hosting the IARU R1 ARDF Championship
- Appendix H: OK2BWN: The Jury Chairman's report from the 1st WYAC 2017
- Appendix I: OK2BWN: Proposals to changes to the Rules Part B

APPENDIX A:

List of participants of the 39th IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting

name, callsign	society	5.9.2017	7.9.2017	8.9.2017
Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN	Chairman	present	present	present
Ole Garpestad, LA2RR	IARU	present	present	
Oliver Tabakovski, Z32TO	IARU R1 EC	present	present	
Liudmila Hudeaeva, ER1FRS	ARM		present	present
Viktor Tsenkov, LZ3NN	BFRA	present	present	present
Michaela Mareckova, OK2MWN	CRC	present	present	present
Kai Pastor, DG0YT	DARC	present	present	present
Arne Jensen, OZ9VA	EDR	present	present	
Adrian Marcu, YO7LOI	FRR	present		
Stipe Predanic, 9A5SP	HRS	present	present	
Gábor Páp, HA8MGC	MRASZ	present	present	
Jon Sletvold, LA9NGA	NRRL	present	present	present
Tomasz Deptulski, SP2RIP	PZK	present	present	
Robert Vickers, G3ORI	RSGB	present	present	present
Jozef Fekiač, OM3CCE	SARA	present		
Keijo Lehtosaari, OH2ETM	SRAL	present	present	present
Chermen Guliev, UA3BL	SRR	present	present	present
Jan Palmquist, SM5FUG	SSA	present	present	
Igor Lazarev, US0VA	UARL	present	present	
Marc Vanhalst, ON6HI	UBA	present	present	
Paul Rudolf, HB9AIR	USKA	present	present	
Dick Fijlstra, PA0DFN	VERON	present	present	
Franci Zankar, S57CT	ZRS	present	present	present

APPENDIX B

Chairman's report

In the period from the last ARDF WG meeting, there was number of matters to be dealt with. Most of them were solved successfully, some are still on the table and regrettably, attempts to get IARU involved in the Sport Accord/GAISF, went to a dead end.

Last IARU ARDF World Championship, hosted by BFRA, was very successful event with record-breaking participation from all three IARU Regions and demanding courses which were highly appreciated by all competitors. However, the event brought several issues, which we had to deal with for quite a long time. Regrettably, the issues which brought the most attention and objections of the IARU R1 EC resulted not from misunderstanding of the Rules, but rather from lack of interest or even intentional unconcern of the Rules and regulations.

Recently I could not help but feeling very bad relations between organizers and their International Juries. Sometimes it went so far that the International referees are taken just as necessary evil. On the other hand, we could witness the case, when the International referee admitted that he does not know the Rules or has language problems.

This is definitely not acceptable any more. International referees are invited to the competition to give help and advice. Only in necessary cases, when the Rules shall be maintained, they shall force the organizers to do so and their opinion shall be respected.

Therefore, it is essential that every International referee shall be a highly qualified expert, familiar with the Rules and regulations, responsible enough to prepare for the job and experienced enough to be able to give an effective assistance. ARDF WG can assist by issuing rules and guides but the main responsibility remains on the referees and organizers themselves.

At the beginning of July 2017, the 1st IARU World Youth ARDF Championship took place in Slovakia. This event showed clearly, that close cooperation between the organizing team and international referees lead to the perfectly organized event where Rules are precisely followed, everything runs smoothly and in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

One of the tasks from previous ARDF WG meetings was issuing of guidelines for various areas of organizing ARDF events. These papers should help ARDF community to understand better the ARDF Rules and to help to organize and participate in the ARDF events.

New folder, called "Guides and Recommendations" was created at the IARU R1 ARDF WG website. It shall contain Guides, recommendations and explanations requested by the ARDF community. There are some Guides already published, others will follow soon. Anybody wishing to take part in the creating of the guidelines is warmly invited and all comments and contributions are highly appreciated.

Main tasks for the next future:

- to work on the skills and qualification of International referees and on improvement of the relations between organizers and the International jury
- to prepare papers of guides, recommendations and explanations to help the ARDF community to understand better the Rules and to minimize problems at event organisation
- to involve deeply ARDF WG members to the WG activities

I would like to thank all ARDF WG members for their assistance and support and express the hope that by a cooperated work we will provide further progress of all aspects of the ARDF.



Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN

IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Chairman

APPENDIX C

Some considerations concerning the IARU involvement in the international sport and anti-doping structures - part 2

Dear friends,

I continued in my survey of possible ways how to get involved in the international sport structures. There were some changes among the international sport umbrella organisations, some movements and renaming and the situation, recently a bit mixed, is more organized now. The SportAccord renames to the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) to be distinguished from the Sport Accord Convention.

There was a workshop of the GAISF in Lausanne in June 2017, focused especially on the matters with membership and new applicants. It seems that now there is an interest to get new members, unfortunately with no change of the entry conditions. I sent the invitation to the IARU R1 EC but there was no interest.

For your information, I am in close contact with the guy who works as a secretary of the ISBHF (International hockeyball federation). He is also a member of the special committee for the access to the GAISF. They work hard on it for 5 years already, still with no result in sight. The most difficult condition is 50 active countries, which means 50 COUNTRIES WITH ACTIVE NATIONAL ORGANISATION ALREADY RECOGNIZED BY THE LOCAL NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

I am afraid that this is a condition we can never fulfil. The major activity of any radio amateur society is pure technical and I am afraid that it would be hardly possible to make national Olympic Committee even to understand our activities, not talking about the official recognising. In addition, there is no interest among the radio societies to get involved in this issues.

And after all, the IARU R1 EC is not interested either and we were told not to continue in the activities in this area. The IARU Region 1 President wrote to me, quote:

On IOC and WADA, I am not prepared to support expending effort in this area. It is clearly not going to be appropriate for IARU to seek registration and recognition by IOC. I am not prepared to subject our other competitive activities (HST, Contests) to the requirements of WADA. This would be seen by our Member Societies as disproportionate and crazy. So if there is any proposal to continue this quest for recognition for ARDF events, it seems to me it will need to be recognition of a body quite separate from IARU. The same applies at national level, and Member Societies will need to be very cautious about registering with IOC/WADA for the same reasons. Any approaches by the WG members to their MS must make clear the issues involved here. Please ensure that national ARDF managers understand this.

endquote

I am sorry to say, but unless the circumstances do not change dramatically, there is not much we can do. Even establishing of the separate ARDF federation (which I am NOT supporting definitely) would not solve the problem because we will still have not 50 countries and in addition, we will have no money and media to support us.

If you have any proposal, I will highly appreciate it.

Best ARDF regards/73!

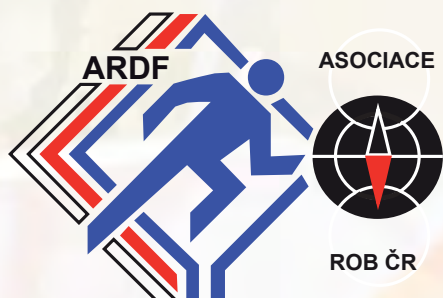
Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN

IARU Region 1 ARDF WG Chairman

2nd IARU World Youth ARDF Championship 2018

CZECH REPUBLIC, DOKSY June 30–July 4, 2018

Bulletin No. 1



Dear sportfriends,

let me invite you to the 2nd IARU World Youth ARDF Championship. We are preparing the event in the vicinity of the Mácha's Lake (in Czech Máchovo jezero) which belongs to the largest Czech ponds and is also one of the most popular summer holiday resorts. For the races we picked up two different terrains. You'll enjoy flat easily passable pine forest as well as difficult rocky terrain. As it becomes a standard in the last years, a sprint competition will be a part of the event. We believe our organizing team, being nearly identical to one of the EYAC 2013, will prepare supreme quality races and services, so our youth ARDFers will experience the feeling of the world championship.



On behalf of the organizing committee, Karel Zeman, chairman

Organizer:

Czech ARDF Association on behalf of the Czech Radio Club (CRC).

Venue:

The town of Doksy is located in Liberec county, northwards from Czech capital Prague, at 266 m altitude. The fastest route from Prague takes about 75 minutes (90 km). In the close vicinity you will find Mácha's lake — popular holiday resort, Bezděz castle, and a number of further places of interest.

Terrain characteristics:

1st classic: slightly undulating, rocky, running may require increased effort.

2nd classic & sprint: flat, easily passable pine forest.

Accommodation:

Event center is in the holiday resort (summer camp) Poslův mlýn (www.poslulvmlyn.cz), which offers sufficient accommodation capacity on its premises. Prepared will be Summer type accommodation in cabins, 4–5 bed rooms — a pair of the rooms is always sharing toilet and bathroom and veranda.

Full board is offered..



Schedule:

June 30 — arrival, opening ceremony,

July 1 — 1st classic competition,

July 2 — sprint,

July 3 — 2nd classic competition, closing ceremony, hamfest,

July 4 — departure.

Categories:

M16: Men (boys) up to 16 (i.e., born 2002+); team consists of up to five competitors.

W16: Women (girls) up to 16 (i.e., born 2002+); team consists of up to five competitors.

M14: Men (boys) up to 14 (i.e., born 2004+); team consists of up to five competitors.

W14: Women (girls) up to 14 (i.e., born 2004+); team consists of up to five competitors.

Fees:

Starting fee: 850 CZK per competition.

Full-package: 5 800 CZK

(includes accommodation and full board for the whole event + 3 × starting fee)

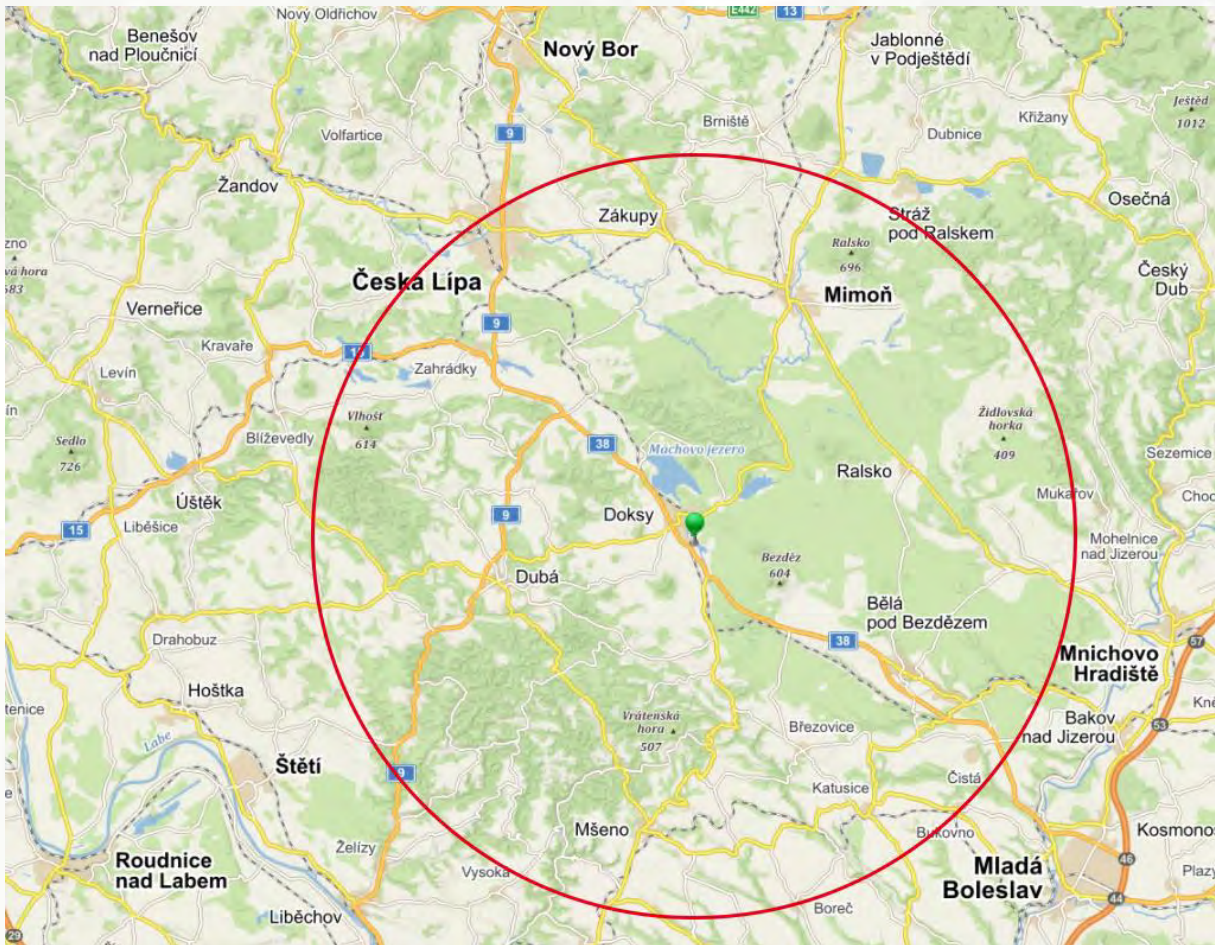
Deadline for the “Letter of intent”:

January 15, 2018

Letter of intent (attached as a last page of this bulletin) should be sent by email.

Embargoed areas:

The area within 20 km of the town of Doksy is prohibited for any ARDF training purposes.



Contact:

Czech ARDF Association
WYAC 2018 organizing committee:
Zátopkova 100/2
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Prague 6 – Strahov
CZ-16017
Czech Republic
email: info@wyac2018.com
www.wyac2018.com



2nd IARU World youth ARDF Championships

June 30–July 4, 2018, Doksy, Czech Republic

LETTER OF INTENT

Hereby

(name of the society)

.....

(abbreviation)

would like to express our intention to participate in the 2nd IARU World youth ARDF Championships, June 30–July 4, 2018, Doksy, Czech Republic.

1. The expected number of team members:

Competitors (at most 5 in each category):

M16: W16: M14: W14:

Officials, Visitors etc. (unlimited number): persons.

Total: persons.

2. Team contact person

Name:

Phone:

E mail:

Deadline for the letter of intent – January 15, 2018.

Please, send the letter of intent by e-mail to: info@wyac2018.com

BID for HOST of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2019 (SLOVENIA)

1. VENUE and TERM of the CHAMPIONSHIP

02-08.9.2019, Sports recreational center ROGLA



An excellently equipped sports recreational centre and a natural climatic health resort Rogla lies on one of the tops of Pohorje, with an altitude of 1517 meters above sea level. It is only 15km away from Zreče, a city known for its spas.

The centre itself is surrounded by streams, clean forests and green meadows and pastures.

The centre is a modern, summer and winter sports centre. Sports hall, tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, a gym, climbing wall, wellness centre with a swimming pool, saunas and massages, as well as an adrenaline sledding ground and numerous strolling and hiking paths...

With 600 parking spaces, 550 beds in hotels Planja****, Rogla*** and Brinje*** and bungalows Rogla and Gaber***, it is an excellent location for sports and recreation, as well as spending your free time and vacation during any season. Culinary delights, fun and health are also provided.

2. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Connection through “Jože Pučnik LJ” International Airport (125 km from event center) or “Edvard Rusjan MB” International Airport (50 km from event center).

3. ACCOMMODATION facility and COMPETITION areas

The participants will be staying at a hotel complex of the Sports recreational centre on Rogla, in double or three bed rooms, internationally categorised with three stars, including a wellness centre, swimming pool and a full board. All rooms have a WC, a bathroom and a TV.

A single-bed room can be specially arranged with additional payment.



COMPETITION AREA:

Mid-difficult, with small hills, partly covered with forest. Maps; Scale 1:10000, E=5m, Color printing, IOF standard ca. 8 sq. km. Training map will be separate around 25km area.

On Rogla, the weather at the start of september is stably sunny with daily temperatures around 15°C and night temperatures between 5°C and 10°C. It can be windy and foggy.

4. ARDF history of the terrain

No ARDF activity until 2014 on this area

5. COSTS

Starting fee including trans.. to/from competition area 4x 50€ = 200€,
Stay expenses; (full board, accommodation ...), 276€ per pearson
(for single room, additional extra charge 10€ per day).
TOTAL : 476€

6. SHORT PRESENTATION

Presentation (Rogla) in Litva

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Belgrade, 30th August 2017

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Expression of interest to host 20th IARU World ARDF Championship in 2020 at Zlatibor, Serbia

International Amateur Radio Union
ARDF Working Group

Distinguished colleagues,

On behalf of the Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (SRS) and with the strong support from the Serbia Convention Bureau as a government entity in charge of promotion of SERBIA as an international ARDF sports event destination, it is my great professional and personal honor to express our interest to host 20th IARU World ARDF Championship at Zlatibor, Serbia.

Over the last years great developments in numerous segments have happened in Serbia. At this point of time we have access from over 80 world destinations, including most of European capitals, plus direct flights from USA, UAE and soon China. In addition, a visa free regime from all European countries, including Russia, Turkey and Israel, and from this year China too, guarantees an easy and low cost access to Serbia.

Our international and local brand hotels are offering great value for money, and will provide great meeting infrastructure for IARU ARDF WORLD Championship. In addition, numerous social program options are available, and those are mix of urban and rural experience, of culture and history, of modern and vintage.

Amateur Radio Union of Serbia, long term member of IARU, although so far has been confirmed as an excellent host of 4 very successful international championships . Holding this prominent event in Serbia, one of the best value for money and easy to get destination, will support promoting the spectrum requirements and growth of the amateur services in developing countries as well as improving the communication and involvement of member societies.

Great access, great value for money, variety of hotels and of course opportunities for networking in numerous restaurants and excursion options are guaranteeing that this event Zlatibor will be organized on the highest possible professional level.

Thanking you for considering Serbia for 2020 as a host destination for the 20th IARU World ARDF Championship, let us assure you that we will do our best to make this championship successful and memorable.

Sincere regards,

Miroslav Ivković YU1DW

President of Amateur Radio Union of Serbia [SRS]





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BID for HOST of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship 2019 – Bulgaria

1. VENUE

The valley between Razlog and Bansko (the Rila, Pirin and Rhodopi Mountains)



The region where Razlog Municipality lies is extremely rich in natural and cultural assets. Apart from the two national parks – Pirin and Rila, there are a lot of historical landmarks – from the Early Neolithic Age, Thracian settlements, Roman towns, Medieval fortresses and churches, remarkable architectural monuments from the Bulgarian Revival Period.

2. TERM of the CHAMPIONSHIP : Beginning of September.

3. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Sofia airport: 150 км,
Sofia bus and rail station: 150 km

4. ACCOMMODATION facility and COMPETITION areas Terra kompleks (Bansko, Razlog)

Located in a tranquil area in Pirin Resort and offering views of the golf course and Pirin Mountain, Terra Complex offers well-appointed rooms and apartments, allocated in four detached buildings named - main building Pirin with all facilities, Rila, Rodopi and Balkan.

All rooms come with a bathroom including toiletries and are equipped with cable TV, telephone and free wireless internet. The apartments have spacious living room with equipped kitchen, sofa bed and balcony.

Equally comfortable for morning coffee and breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner or evening party, the on site bar and dinner offers European cuisine, a large selection of drinks and comfortable atmosphere. The lobby bar offers mountain views and is a great place to relax after skiing or hiking, enjoy the open fireplace in winter or simply take advantage of the wide selection of drinks and cocktails.

The spa centre of Terra Complex offers a full range of deep relaxation, beauty and aroma massages as well as therapies for body toning, weight loss and rejuvenation treatments. There are also a heated indoor pool, outdoor pool, hot tub, sauna, steam bath, solarium and cosmetic studio.

The Bansko Resort and the Dobrinishte Mineral Springs are 7 km away and the next cable car is 3 km away from the complex. Free shuttle service is provided to the ski Gondola and Bansko center in the winter season. Free public parking and payable private parking are available on site.



5. COMPETITION AREA:

Terrain: Moderately steep to steep hills. Vegetation: Mainly spruce forest with some open areas. Runnability and visibility is mostly very good, but reduced in some places with denser vegetation.

Maps more than 30 sq. km. IOF standard maps: ... 1:5 000 for sprint and 1:10 000 (1:15 000) for FOXORING and CLASSIC competition around 15km area.

5. ARDF history of the terrain

No ARDF activity until 2013 on this area

6. Training camp:

We will organize a training camp up to 5..6 days in different maps.

7. COSTS

Starting fee (including trans.. to/from competition area) 45 EUR per start (190 EUR for 4 starts)

Stay expenses; (full board, accommodation, swimming pool), 30 EUR per day per person in double room (180 EUR per person in double room for 6 days)

Total: 370 EUR

8. SHORT PRESENTATION in Litva

Best regards:

Viktor Tsenkov – LZ3NN

President of BFRA

Report from the 1st IARU World Youth ARDF Championships 2017

The event was organized by the Slovak society SARA, in Turčianske Teplice, on June 30 - July 4, 2017.

Detailed information and result list are contained in the WYAC2017 Final Report issued by the organizer and published at the event website.

All information were given sufficiently in advance, completely and precisely. The timetable was perfectly followed and the whole organisation went smoothly.

Team leaders meetings were organized on the day before every competition. At these meetings, starting lists were approved, some detailed information about the forthcoming competition were given and questions, if any, was answered.

The International Jury (consisting of all team leaders, sitting referee, organizing committee chairman and the Jury chairman) met at the beginning of the event and then after every competition at the finish area. At these meetings, observations from the competitions were discussed and result lists were approved. There were no disputes, minor problems were solved easily. All results were approved immediately with no objections.

There were no technical problems during the competitions (except for the issue described below) and no protests. There were also no serious injuries, small bruises were treated on the spot.

Start and finish areas at all competitions were excellent, well arranged and very well organized.

Remarks and recommendations:

There was a very unusual technical issue at the sprint competition: One competitor broke her SI card inside the hole of the SI unit and the dislocated part (actually the whole electronic) remained in the SI unit. Therefore the SI unit keeps blinking and beeping. Registering competitors thought that the SI unit reacts to their own card while there was no record in the unit.

The problem was discovered and fixed in about 20 minutes. All missing registrations were recovered using the video record (there was a video camera at every control showing the registering device and passing competitors).

Conclusion: although this was very strange and unusual problem, it shows the importance of permanent watching of the control equipment (including the registering device) by the transmitter operators.

The IARU Region 1 Child Protection Principles were followed throughout the whole event. Actually, there was no reason to apply "protection" as the event took place in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

It was a great pleasure to work with the small, but dedicated organizing team. Every organizer made a perfect job and thanks to them the whole event took place smoothly with no problems.

Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU R1 International Class Referee

WYAC 2017 International Jury Chairman

APPENDIX I

Proposals to changes to the Rules Part B (current version 2017, new version 2018)

Changes are highlighted in yellow, approval notes in blue

1. Proposal (BFRA): correction of the numbering - APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The paragraph in question was mistakenly numbered as 13.7, correct number is 13.8.

2. Proposal (OK2BWN) regarding the composition of teams - The discussion led to the change extension which could not be decided at the limited participation at the meeting. Two options defined, decision left to the e-mail voting. Result of the voting: out of 24, 8 votes in favour of the Option 1, 12 votes in favour of the Option 2. Voting result is valid in favour of the Option 2.

To change the sequence of the paragraphs 15.5 to 15.7 (for clarity) and to add the new paragraph 15.5. More details in the separate paper (08_Composition of the teams) which is to be updated as well.

~~Option 1:~~

~~start of text~~

~~15.5. A competitor may start in different categories in different competitions (provided he/she meets the age/sex requirements for both categories). A competitor starting in more than one category shall be considered as two or more separate individuals.~~

~~15.6 Each society may enter up to six competitors in total in each category. Out of this pool, the society may enter up to three competitors in each category for each competition.~~

~~end of text~~

Option 2 (the limit of 6 competitors/category/team is removed, therefore the 2nd sentence of 15.5. has no importance):

start of text

15.5. A competitor may start in different categories in different competitions (provided he/she meets the age/sex requirements for both categories).

15.6 Each society may enter up to three competitors in each category for each competition.

end of text

3. Proposal (OK2BWN, LA2RR): to correct the wording of the paragraph 17.4. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Replacement of the word "registration" with the word "event check-in", time limit added.

start of text

17.4 At or before the event check-in and in no circumstances later than 15:00 on the day before the first competition, each team shall allocate its competitors to 3 starting groups, separately for each competition and each category. If a team fails to allocate its competitors to starting groups in time, competitors will be allocated in the order in which they are entered.

end of text

4. Proposal (LA2RR) regarding the replacement of the incapable competitor: APPROVED with deletion of the 2nd paragraph as this exception brings more problems (among others, the possible substitute is not allowed to enter the starting area and in the morning there is no one available to allow it)

To add new paragraph 17.10

start of text

17.10. Changes to the start list by substituting a competitor for another due to illness must be requested at the team officials' meeting on the day before the competition at the latest. The substitution must be approved by the Jury.

~~Exceptionally, changes to the start list by substituting a competitor for another due to illness can be requested up until 30 minutes before the first start of a competition. In this case, the Chairman of the Jury together with minimum one more Jury member must approve the change.~~

The substitutes can be taken only from the team originally entered.

end of text

5. Proposal (BFRA): to correct the wording of the paragraph 24.4. APPROVED

To add the words " in the starting or competition area" which limits the validity of the restriction just to the competition

start of text

24.4 On the day of the competition, the use of any telecommunication device by competitors or team officials in the starting or competition area is prohibited until permitted by the organiser. The penalty for this shall be disqualification. If the team official breaks this rule, the whole team shall be disqualified.

end of text

6. Proposal (OK2BWN): To delete the entire paragraph T2.7 (recommended frequencies for the 80m band) | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: the recommendation of using the same set of frequencies for all competitions within one Championship is generally accepted and used for many years.

Any recommendation should belong to the Guidelines (if this does not jeopardise the clarity). Moreover, the change of frequencies used will be a matter for further discussion.

7. Proposal (OK2BWN): WITHDRAWN - Thanks to Stipe, 9A5SP, for reminder that according to the IARU R1 VHF Handbook, ARDF transmitters are allowed also in the MGM segment, i.e. in the whole segment 144.50-144.90 MHz. According to the IARU Region 1 bandplan, ARDF AM transmitters are allowed only in the all mode segment 144,50...144,794 MHz. Currently commonly used frequency for the 2m beacon (144,850 MHz) is also out of band.

8. Proposal (OK2BWN): To delete the whole Appendix 2 and to make it a separate Guideline (and to renumber the Appendices) | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Principles for course planning is the Guideline by definition.

9. Proposal (OK2BWN): to ask for a verification of the skills of newly appointed ARDF referees | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The issue is explained in detail in the separate paper (09_ARDF referees qualification).

To insert new text into the original paragraph R4, renumbering of following paragraphs

start of text

R4. Candidates for nomination as an IARU ARDF International Class Referee shall be submitted by his or her national society to the relevant regional ARDF WG confirming that the candidate fulfils the conditions listed in paragraph R3. The ARDF WG shall discuss the proposal and if satisfied, shall approve the candidate for trial deployment at the forthcoming ARDF Championship.

R5. Before the first deployment the candidate shall prove his/her knowledge of the Rules and his/her English speaking ability at the examining committee consisting of the ARDF WG Chairman and two more Active ARDF International Class Referees.

R6. When the candidate passes his/her trial deployment successfully, the Chairman of the ARDF WG shall send the request for nomination (with his/her comment) to the relevant regional Executive Committee for final approval. After the approval of the Executive Committee, a written certificate is issued to the newly appointed referee.

end of text

10. Proposal (BFRA): to correct the wording of the paragraph S6.3 | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

To change the definition of the keying speed to WPM (to be consistent through the Rules)

start of text

S6.3 Two sets of five transmitters shall be used in the sprint event. Transmitters groups 1 to 5 and 1F to 5F shall operate on different frequencies and with different keying speeds.

Example of frequency and keying speed assignment:

frequency	function	code	speed
3510 kHz	TX 1...5	MOE...MO5	10 WPM
3540 kHz	spectator control	S	10 WPM
3570 kHz	TX 1F (fast)...5F	MOE...MO5	15 WPM
3600 kHz	finish beacon	MO	10 WPM

end of text

11. Proposal: To correct the wording of the paragraph T2.3 | APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The wording does not reflect the development in the last 6 years (more transmitters, 2-band system)

start of text

T2.3 The frequency of the beacon transmitters shall be significantly different from the frequency of the any other five transmitters.

end of text