

THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION, REGION 1

AMATEUR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING WORKING GROUP



To: all members of the IARU Region 1

ARDF Working Group

Cc: IARU 1 EC

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35th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

held at the World ARDF Championship, Burabay, Kazakhstan, September 6-10, 2014

The agenda:

1. Opening by the Acting Chairman

The meeting was opened on September 6th, 2014 at 21:30. Some organization remarks were given.

2. Welcome to the Guests

The Chairman welcomed all guests, especially Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President IARU, Mr. Panayot Danev, LZ1US, IARU R1 EC Member and Mr. Hiroshi Izuta, JF1RPZ, IARU R3 ARDF Committee Chairman.

- 3. Introduction of the present WG members and their attendants
 - see list of participants (Appendix A)
 - out of total 25 members of the ARDF WG, 17 are present, which constitutes a quorum.
- 4. Apologies for absence, proxies
 - Following ARDF WG members apologized for absence:
 - Harald Gosch, OE6GC representing OeVSV
 - Arne Jensen, OZ9VA, representing EDR
 - Marcel Olah, YO5OVS representing FRR
 - Patrice Vette, F8AZG representing REF
 - Stipe Predanic, 9A5SP representing HRS
 - Franci Zankar, S57CT, representing ZRS
 - Dusan Ceha, YU1EA, representing SRS
 - Paul Rudolf, HB9AIR, representing USKA

- Following proxies were presented and accepted:
 - Kurt Smet, ON4CHE gives proxy to Wilfried De Smet, ON6IN (proxy within UBA)
 - Jiří Pavlů, OK1CHE gives proxy to Miroslav Vlach, OK1UMY (proxy within CRC)
 - Jon Sletvold, LA9NGA gives proxy to Ole Garpestad, LA2RR (proxy withn NRRL)
- 5. The agenda of the 35th Plenary Meeting of the IARU R1 ARDF WG was approved unanimously.
- 6. The chairman's report (see Appendix B)
- 7. The applications of new International Class referees

The applications of Pavel Babeu, YO9TW (FRR), Karl-Heinz Schade, DL7VDB (DARC) and Hristo Dimitrov, LZ1XA (BFRA) were approved unanimously.

On demand of their societies, Karl-Heins Mols, DL9ME and Angel Nestorov, LZ1AG were moved to the Honorary Roster.

ARDF WG Chairman will provide the nomination certificates for new referees and make them signed by the IARU R1 President.

LA2RR suggested that the list of active international ARDF referees shall be updated and published. Action: ARDF WG Chairman.

- 8. The preparations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference to be held in Varna Albena / Bulgaria in 2014
 - 1. To discuss ARDF related papers to the General Conference

There are documents VA14_C3_10a..c (ARDF WG meetings minutes) and VA14_C3_10d (ARDF Rules, Part A approved in 2013). These minutes and the minutes of the 36th ARDF WG Plenary Meeting held at the General Conference shall become the content of the document VA14_C3_10c.

2. To find a candidate for the elections to the chairman of IARU ARDF WG

The only suggested candidate, Jiři Mareček, OK2BWN, was approved unanimously.

3. To elect the Vice-Chairman of IARU R1 ARDF WG

The only suggested candidate, Kai Pastor, DG0YT, was elected unanimously.

4. 36th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG to be held in Varna/Bulgaria. The 36th ARDF WG Meeting will be held on September 21st, 14:00. As only few regular ARDF WG members will be present, all ARDF WG members are kindly asked to instruct their heads of delegations to take part in this meeting and also to approve the unchanged ARDF WG meeting decisions at the Committee C3 Plenary.

The first part of the meeting was closed at 22:40 and adjourned to September 8th.

The ARDF WG meeting was reopened on September 8th, 21:15.

- 9. Forthcoming IARU Youth Championships
 - 1. The preliminary information of the 16th Youth Championship 2015 to be hosted by Polish society PZK was presented by SP2RIP. Main features:
 - Venue: Zamosc
 - Date: June 4-8, 2015
 - Full package (accommodation, full board and starting fee): up to 220 EUR
 - The starting fee will be provided before te WG meeting in Varna
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands plus sprint

ARDF WG appoints Ole Garpestad, LA2RR as the Chairman of the Jury and Kai Pastor, DG0YT as the substitute.

2. The preliminary information of the 17th Youth Championship 2016 to be hosted by Norwegian society NRRL was presented by LA2RR. Main features:

Venue: 6 km north from Oslo

■ Date: July 2-5, 2016

- Accommodation plus full board : up to 250 EUR/ 4 days
- The starting fee up to 100 EUR/ whole event
- Competitions: classic courses on both bands plus sprint
- 3. As to the venue and the hosting society of the 18th Youth Championship 2017, so far there is no application.

10. Forthcoming IARU ARDF Championships

- 1. The preliminary information of the 20th IARU R1 ARDF Championship 2015 to be hosted by Czech society CRC was presented by OK1CHE Main features:
 - Venue: Mariánské Lázně
 - Date: August 17-23, 2015
 - Accommodation plus full board : 280 EUR / whole event
 - The starting fee up to 45 EUR / competition
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands (2-band system), sprint and foxoring
 - Training camp prior to the event
 - The Bulletin #1 was given to the WG members. All information is available at the event website www.ardf2015.cz, which is already running

ARDF WG appoints Kai Pastor, DG0YT as the Chairman of the Jury and PA Nordwaeger, SM0BGU as the substitute.

- 2. The preliminary information of the 18th ARDF World Championship in 2016 to be hosted by Bulgarian society BFRA was presented by LZ3NN Main features:
 - Venue: Varna Albena
 - Date: first half of September 2016
 - Accommodation plus full board : up to 35 EUR/ day
 - The starting fee up to 50 EUR/ competition
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands (2-band system), sprint and foxoring
 - Training camp prior to the event
- 3. As to the venue and the hosting society of the 21st IARU R1 ARDF Championship in 2017, ARDF WG received two applications:
 - a) The application of the Montenegro society MARP. So far no detailed informations available (to be presented at General Conference).
 - b) Lithuanian society LRMD presented their application. Main features:
 - Venue: Druskininkai Resort (south part of the country)
 - Date: September 11–17, 2017
 - Full package: up to 450 EUR
 - The starting fee 40-50 EUR/ competition
 - Competitions: classic courses on both bands (2-band system), sprint and foxoring

After supplying full information from MARP, both presentations will be sent to all ARDF WG members and the final decision will be done by e-mail voting. Action: ARDF WG Chairman.

4. The preliminary information of the 19th ARDF World Championship in 2018 to be hosted by IARU Region 3 was presented by JF1RPZ. IARU Region 3 confirms hosting the ARDF World Championship 2018. The hosting society and more information will be anounced next year.

11. ARDF Rules

- 1. The report of Sub-Group Rules (Appendix C)
- 2. ARDF WG approves (10 aye, 1 no, 3 abstain) RSGB proposal to amend the ARDF Rules (Part B) by the following point:

20.9 The Siting Referee shall calculate the parameters defined in rules 20.5 and 20.7 for each of the age categories in each of the Classic race courses that are set, and to forward the results to the Chairman of the Jury at least one calendar month prior to the event.

The approval of the Chairman of the Jury shall be obtained prior to the overprinting of the maps with course information such as the locations of the start and finish.

12. Any other business, courtesies

- A letter from DL5BNZ was ackonwledged
- 2. Championships for the Blind: ARDF WG members are asked to survey situation in their countries and find out the interest within the visually impaired people. According to the total amount of possible participants, the organizers of the forthcoming ARDF Championships will be asked to consider possibility to add a competition for the Blind to their events.
- 3. LZ1US informed about the BFRA proposal (document VA14_C3_23) about the establishing the Sport committee, which task should be popularization of radio sports, coordination of the sport activities within IARU and communication with other organisations.

Several ARDF WG members expressed their objections that the tasks planned for this new body already taken care by ARDF WG by definition, coordination between sport activities can be easily solved between WG Chairmen directly and that additional body between WG's and EC is unnecessary.

4. Event quality evaluation:

It is no question that the organizing of any ARDF Championship is very difficult task which takes a lot of effort of many organizers. Yet still we often see small mistakes which result in bad feelings at the least, breaking the Rules at the most and spoil the overall impressions from the event. To help the future organizers, the report should be created, containing not only complete results and courses maps (already demanded by the Rules) but also detailed event evaluation which would describe the ARDF Rules performing, quality of the courses and equipment, accommodation level and overall arrangement of the event, most visible mistakes and benefits. This report shall be published so that the future organizers can avoid the same mistakes and shall be the condition for receiving of the IARU contribution.

- 5. The names of European, Regional and World ARDF Championships shall be used only for events organized by the IARU. ARDF WG members should act against unauthorized usage of such names in their countries.
- 6. For the sake of efficient information flow within ARDF WG, all members are asked to reply to (or at least confirm) e-mails within three days.
- 7. Acting Chairman passed his thanks to all ARDF WG members for their work and expressed hope for the fruitful cooperation in the future.
- 8. LA2RR expressed many thanks to the Acting Chairman for his effort and efficient steering of the Plenary meeting.

The second part of the meeting was closed at 23:05. ARDF WG will meet on September 10th, 19:45 just to approve the Minutes.

The above Minutes were unanimously approved on September 10th, 2014, 20:00.

Recommendations for the IARU Region 1 General Conference:

Recommendation 1: To approve the documents VA14_C3_10a through d

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

Jiří Mareček, OK2BWN

IARU R1 ARDF Working Group Acting Chairman

APPENDIX A:
List of participants of the 35th IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting

name, callsign	society	6 SEP 2014	8 SEP 2014	10 SEP 2014
Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN	Chairman	present	present	present
Panayot Danev, LZ1US Hiroshi Izuta, JF1RPZ	IARU R1 IARU R3	present present	present present	
Viktor Tsenkov, LZ3NN Jiri Pavlu, OK1CHE Miroslav Vlach, OK1UMY	BFRA CRC CRC	present present	present present present	present present
Kai Pastor, DG0YT Seitkul Assaubay, UN7ZA Stanislav Stakhanov, UN7CAD	DARC KFRR KFRR	present present present	present	present
Remigijus Masilionis Gábor Páp, HA8MGC	LRMD MRASZ	present present	present present	present
Julianna Varga, HA7VZ Ole Garpestad, LA2RR Tomasz Deptulski, SP2RIP	MRASZ NRRL PZK	present present present	present present present	present present present
Bob Titterington, G3ORY Jozef Fekiač, OM3CCE Kimmo Lehtosaari, OH2JKU	RSGB SARA SRAL	present present present	present present	present present
Chermen Guliev, UA3BL Jan Palmquist, SM5FUG Igor Lazarev, US0VA Wilfried de Smet, ON6IN	SRR SSA UARL UBA	present present present present	present present present present	present present present present
Dick Fijlstra, PA0DFN	VERON	present	present	present