

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

held on Tuesday, September 7th, Wednesday September 8th and Thursday September 9th 2004 at
Masaryk University campus
Vinarská 5 / blok A3, CZ-60300 Brno, Czech Republic
(the venue of 12th IARU ARDF World Championships)

The agenda:

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 - 16.1 Call for papers
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Attendance				September		
Name	Call	Society	eMail	7th	8th	9th
Rainer Floesser	DL5NBZ	Chairman	dl5nbz@ardf-r1.org	X	X	X
Panayot Danev	LZ1US	R1EC / BFRA	panayotdanev@yahoo.com	X	X	X

Dale Hunt	WB6BYU	R2 ARDF	wb6byu@arrl.net	X	X	X
Yoshio Arisaka	JA1HQG	R3 ARDF			X	
Viktor Tsenkov	LZ3NN	BFRA	electron@interbg.com	X		
Gosho Vodenicharov	LZ1ZF	BFRA	lz1zf@arrl.net	X	X	
Jiri Marecek	OK2BWN	CRC	marecek@sky.cz	X	X	X
Kai Buchhold	DH0NAZ	DARC	dh0naz@darc.ardf-r1.org	X	X	
Karl Heinz Mols	DL9ME	DARC	khmols@t-online.de	X	X	X
Arne Jensen	OZ9VA	EDR	oz9va@private.dk	X	X	X
Oto Predanic	9A4OP	HRS	9a4@vip.hr	X		X
Oivind Solli	LA1KP	NRRL	la1kp@online.no	X	X	X
Harald Gosch	OE6GC	OeVSV	oe6gc@gmx.at	X		
Krzystof Slomczynski	SP5HS	PZK	sp5hs@poczta.onet.pl	X	X	X
Guillaume Vidal	F4DJO	REF	f4djo@ref-union.org	X	X	X
Geoffrey Foster	G8UKT	RSGB	geoffreyfoster@g8ukt.freemove.co.uk		X	X
Kurt Kawasch	OM8AA	SARA	om8aa@stonline.sk		X	
Dusan Kawasch	OM8AAA	SARA				X
Jozef Fekiac	OM3CCE	SARA	jpf@swp.sk / jpf@nexta.sk	X	X	X
Dusan Ceha	YU1EA	SRSCG	yu1ea@eurolon.co.yu	X	X	X
Milorac Dulejic	YU1OR	SRSGC	yu1or@eunet.yu	X		
Jan Palmquist	SM5FUG	SSA	jan.palmquist@mailbox.swipnet.se	X	X	X
Tchermen Guliev	UA3BL	SSR	ua3bl@dol.ru	X	X	X

Alexander Kochergin	UN7JR	UARK	alex_un7jr@mail.ru	X		
Nick Velikanov	UT1UC	UARL	velikanov@ukrpost.net	X	X	
Paul Rudolf	HB9AIR	USKA	paul.rudolf@ch.abb.com	X	X	
Henk Vrolijk	PA0HPV	VERON	pa0hvp@amsat.org	X	X	X
Franci Zankar	S57CT	ZRS	s57ct@hamradio.si	X		
Ivo Jereb	S57AL	ZRS	ivo.jereb@siol.net	X		
Guests						
Marvin Johnston	KE6HTS	ARRL	marvin@rain.org	X	X	X
Hiroshi Izuta	JF1RPZ	JARL	hiroshi.izuta@nifty.com	X	X	
Bruce Paterson	VK3TJN	WIA	brucep@netspace.net.au		X	

Ad 1: Opening by the Chairman

The chairman opened the 25th Plenary Meeting of the Region 1 ARDF Working Group on Tuesday September 7th, 2004 at 20:15 h

Ad 2: Welcome to the Guests

The chairman welcomed all guests to the meeting.

A special welcome was passed to:

- Mr. Panayot Danev, LZ1US, member of the EC of Region 1
- Mr. Dale Hunt, WB6BYU, chairman of Region 2 ARDF Committee
- Mr. Yoshio Arisaka, JA1HQG, chairman of Region 3 ARDF Committee

Ad 3: Introduction of the present Working Group Members and their attendants

The present members of ARDF WG and guests introduced themselves.

Ad 4: Apologies for absence, accepting the proxies

The chairman relayed special greeting to the meeting from:

- Ole Garpestad, LA2RR - President of IARU Region 1
- Hans Ehlers, DF5UG - EC Member

The meeting received the apologies for absence from the following WG members:

- Rik Strobbe, ON7YD - UBA ARDF Manager
- Hans Endras, HB9QH - USKA ARDF Manager

The meeting accepted the following proxies:

DARC: Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ to Kai Buchhold, DH0NAZ

OeVSV: Proxy from Karl Zodl, OE6FZG to Harald Gosch, OE6GC

SARA: Kurt Kawasch, OM8AA to Dusan Kawasch, OM8AAA

SRCG: Proxy from Gojko Mitrovic YU6AO to Dusan Ceha YU1EA

UARL: Andrei Lyakin, UT2UB to Nik Velikanov, UT1

UBA: Proxy from Rik Strobbe, ON7YD to VERON - Henk Vrolijk, PA0HPV

USKA: Proxy from Hans Endras, HB9QH to Paul Rudolf, HB9AIR

The chairman announced a new member of the Working Group:

FRRM from Moldova, representing the Region 1 member society ARM

The representative to the WG is Mrs. Ludmilla Hudeava

The chairman announced a new representative to the WG from Croatia:

HRS is now represented by Mr. Oto Predanic, 9A4OP

Ad 5: To approve the agenda

The meeting approved unanimously the agenda.

Ad 6: To approve the program of the 12th IARU ARDF World Championships

The meeting approved unanimously the program of the 14th IARU ARDF Region 1 Championships.

Ad 7: To approve the composition of the International Jury to the 12th IARU ARDF World Championships

The Organizing Committee informed the WG that some of the proposed referees having excused themselves for their absence and not being able serving as referees.

After a short discussion it was proposed to have an excursion to Ad 10. This was accepted unanimously.

Ad 10: To discuss the application of new International Class Referees

International Class Referees appointed 2004 by the President of Region 1:

- Bohuslav Koutek, OK1FJW CRC
- Jiri Pavlu, OK1CHE CRC
- Maurice Van de Keere, ON6VK UBA
- Ivan Todorovic, YU1UA SRSCG
- Dusan Ceha, YU1EA SRSCG
- Dejan Grozdanovic, YZ1GD SRSCG
- Anatolij P. Petrovski, UT5AQ UARL

The following candidates for becoming International Class Referees were proposed by their societies:

Georgi Vodenicharov, LZ1ZF - proposed by BFRA

Victor Tzenkov, LZ3NN - proposed by BFRA

Bozidar Zivanov, YT1ZB - proposed by SRSCG

The written applications for all three candidates were being distributed to the WG members prior to the meeting. The members of the WG were given the possibility to ask questions to the candidates or the representatives of the proposing societies.

After this the meeting approved unanimously the candidates for becoming new International Class referees. The applications will be passed to the president of Region1 by the chairman.

Return to Ad 7: To approve the composition of the International Jury to the 12th IARU ARDF World Championships

It was proposed to the WG to accept Victor Tzenkov, LZ3NN (approved candidate for becoming an International Class Referee) to serve as a Referee at the 12th ARDF World Championships. This was accepted unanimously

The International Jury was now proposed by the Organizing Committee.

The meeting approved unanimously the composition of the International Jury to the 12th IARU ARDF World Championships as below:

Rainer Floesser	DL5NBZ	chairman
Petr Hrouda		secretary
Pavel Miksik		technical director
Jirka Pavlu	OK1CHE	siting referee
Petr Kopor		siting referee
Bohuslav Koutek	OK1FJW	media referee
Jozef Feciak	OM3CCE	referee at the start

Karl Heinz Mols	DL9ME	referee at the finish
Lars Nordgren	SM0OY	referee at the transmitter
Alexander Koshkin	UA3FW	referee at the transmitter
Victor Tzenkov	LZ3NN	referee at the transmitter
Radek Teringl	OK1DRT	referee at the transmitter
Dusan Ceha	YU1EA	referee at the transmitter
Ivan Todorovic	YU1UA	referee at the transmitter
Marvin Johnston	KE6HTS	referee at the transmitter
Dale Hunt	WB6BYU	referee at the transmitter
Hiroshi Izuta	JF1RPZ	referee at the transmitter
Fumika Kawahara	JR7QKR	referee at the transmitter

Ad 8: To receive the minutes of the 24th Plenary Meeting held in Cetniewo/Poland

The meeting approved unanimously the minutes of the 24th Plenary Meeting held in Cetniewo/Poland.

The meeting was adjourned at 23:45h

The meeting was reopened on Wednesday September 8th at 14:00h

Ad 9: To receive the chairman's report

Dear friends,

first of all I like to express my thanks for another year of good cooperation.

Special thanks are going to:

- Chris Slomczynski, SP5HS, for taking the minutes of the 24th Plenary Meeting and for keeping the records of Region 1 International Class Referees.
- Panayot Danev, LZ1US, for serving as the chairman of the International Jury at the 5th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships 2004 in Moldava.

We had open items to the Minutes of the 24th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

The eMail-voting was placed on Silence Procedure. Silence Procedure ended on November 30th, 2003

24:00H UTC.

This means up to the deadline you can vote by sending an eMail to the Chairman telling your opinion to the proposal - being in favour / being against / or abstaining. **Not answering means being in favour!**

Referring to Ad 17 a of the 24th Plenary Meeting: Registering of finish beacon

There was a voting on silence procedure. Up to the deadline - November 30th, 2003 24:00H UTC - there were only votings in favour of the proposal and **NO voting against.**

This means the proposal was accepted unanimously and the proposal is a valid part of the rules of the 12th ARDF World Championships 2004 in Brno/CZ. The proposal will be tested there and put again on the agenda of the 25th Plenary Meeting of the ARDF WG to be held in Brno/CZ to discuss the permanent change of the rules.

Furthermore I received several mails asking for a discussion upon the course length of competitions. This will be a item on the agenda to the 25th Plenary Meeting of the ARDF WG to be held in Brno/CZ.

This was published in a circular letter to all WG members.

Meanwhile I decided not to put those items to the agenda of the 25th Plenary Meeting.

Let me explain why:

Our meetings are held during the Championships. Having luck we are able to discuss results of one out of two competitions. The other problem could be to get a 2/3 majority for a voting with not all members of the WG present. My proposal is to use the experience of the two competitions and having the votes on Silence Procedure after the championships.

A similar situation will be a discussion about the course length. In this case I propose to pass this to the Sub Group Rules and having a report as soon as possible and having a final discussion at the next meeting of the WG.

The discussion in the Sub Group Rules should cover the following aspects:

- Finding a solution of fair course length under the existing (current) rules.
- Fair course length under the introduced system with 10 transmitters, respecting that there are still technical problems on 2m with this system.

This discussion should take place during this event and by mail. A report should be given to the next meeting of the WG.

If you accept, I would give this into the hands of Karl Heinz Mols, DL9ME, (chairman of sub group) and his team. Asking to include Tchermen Gouliev, UA3BL, in the discussion, because he asked for it.

Referring to Ad 14 of the 24th Plenary Meeting.

Up to deadline there were no applications for hosting the 5th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships 2004.

Situation in Moldova

At November 11th I received the following letters from ARM, the official IARU member society in Moldova (see also attached letters):

1st letter

Association of Radioamateurs of Republic Moldova (ARM) informs you that Federation of Radiosport of Republic Moldova (FRRM) is an official collective member of ARM and represents Moldova ARDF in Europe and in the World

2nd letter

The Association of Radioamateurs of Republic Moldova (ARM) asks you to include in ARDF working group the representative from Moldova – Liudmila Hudeaeva – The President of FRRM.

3rd letter

The Association of Radioamateurs of Republic Moldova (ARM) gives the application for organizing The 5th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 on the territory of Moldova.

Responsible for organizing is FRRM. Moldova has experience of organizing of ARDF competitions. Climatic and relief conditions allow to host these competitions conform to the International rules of ARDF.

I was very lucky to receive these letters, because

- WG got a new active member
- we got an organizer for the 5th IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championships

Welcome to ARM(FRRM) and Mrs. Ludmilla Hudeaeva and many thanks for hostings the Youth Championship in 2004.

This were my items for the EC meeting in 2004.

Requests to the EC

1. International Class Referees in ARDF

The EC is kindly requested to appoint the following International Class Referees approved unanimously at the 24th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF WG in Cetniewo/Poland (V2.6 B Appendix 4.4):

- Bohuslav Koutek, OK1FJW proposed by CRC
- Jiri Pavlu, OK1CHE proposed by CRC
- Maurice Van de Keere, ON6VK proposed by UBA
- Ivan Todorovic, YU1UA proposed by SRSCG
- Dusan Ceha, YU1EA proposed by SRSCG
- Dejan Grozdanovic, YZ1GD proposed by SRSCG
- Anatolij P. Petrovski, UT5AQ proposed by UARL

2. Chairmen of International Juries

According to V2.6 A 9.2 of the Rules for Championships in ARDF the EC is kindly requested to appoint Mr. Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, (Chairman of ARDF WG) to be the Chairman of the International Jury at the 12th ARDF World Championships 2004 in Brno/CZ.

According to V2.6 A 9.2 of the Rules for Championships in ARDF the EC is kindly requested to appoint Mr. Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, (Chairman of ARDF WG) to be the Chairman of the International Jury at the 5th

IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships 2004 possibly to be held in Moldova. Furthermore the EC is requested to accept Mr Panayot Danev, LZ1US, to be the Chairman of the International Jury in the case DL5NBZ is not able to participate at this event.

This ends my report for this season.

Thank you again for all the cooperation!

Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ

IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group - The Chairman

After his report the chairman proposed:

- Starting an eMail voting about the permanent change of the rules according to Appendix of the minutes. This change was tested at the 12th ARDF World Championships in Brno/CZ
- Passing the discussion about course length to the Sub Group Rules. The Sub Group Rules should prepare a report to the next Meeting of the WG

This proposal was accepted unanimously.

The chairman asked Panayot Danev, LZ1US, for a report about the 5th Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships held 2004 in Moldova. Here is the report:

To: Mr. Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ

Chairman of IARU R1 ARDF WG

Copy of the Report to IARU R1 President Mr. Ole Garpestad, LZ2RR

From Panayot Danev, LZ1US

IARU Region 1 EC representative at 5th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships and Chairman of the International Jury
Chisinau, Moldova, 16 - 20 June 2004

Dear Ole,

The 5th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships were held in Chisinau, Moldova from 16 to 20 June 2004. Regrettably, due to different circumstances, only 5 Region 1 societies took part - CRC (Czech Republic), ARDM (Moldova), PZK (Poland), SRR (Russia) and UARL (Ukraine). But the number of competitors was biggest ever - 40 boys and 33 girls up to 15 years old.

Some 8 months ago I wrote in my report after R1 Championships in Poland: "Who would like to organise R1 Youth ARDF Championships in 2004? No one takes this responsibility..."

Fortunately Moldovan society took this responsibility. Furthermore, the organizers, headed by Mrs. Ludmila Hudeaeva, R1 ARDF WG member, ran a perfect competition and I would like to thank all of them sincerely. There were no problems, nor complaints connected with the competition. Thanks to the referees from Moldova, Ukraine and Russia, too, and, of course, thanks to all young competitors. I would like to mention also that Moldovan society was the first ex-USSR society taking the courage to organize a major ARDF event since 1962 (Vilnius, Lithuania - then USSR).

In my address at the opening ceremony I said: "Of course not everybody can be a winner, but if everyone completes the competition satisfied and full with ambition to win next time, that will be a victory, too." I believe this happened.

During the unofficial meeting with the team leaders all they recommended a different, more suitable period for Youth Championships to be selected, because most of the potential competitors have to pass exams in their schools in June. Later on I asked Rainer, DL5NBZ, R1 ARDF WG Chairman this issue to be discussed in the WG.

All the results and a lot of photos can be found out in the Championship's site: www.radiosport.org

73!

Panayot Danev, LZ1US

Ad 11: To receive preliminary information of 13th IARU ARDF World Championships to be hosted by the Bulgarian society BFRA in 2006

BULGARIAN FEDERATION OF RADIO AMATEURS

Welcome to Bulgaria in 2006
Preliminary Information

for

**13th World ARDF Championships
Bulgaria, 12-17 September 2006**

joint with

- **5th High Speed Telegraphy Championship of IARU Region I
(Europe, Middle East, Africa and Northern Asia)
Bulgaria, 20 - 24 September 2006**
- Bulgarian Federation of Amateurs dedicates both events to 80th anniversary of Amateur Radio activity in Bulgaria (1926 - 2006)

Venue of the Championships: Bulgarian Black Sea coast, south of Bourgas

Transportation to the venue: by own bus/cars, by railway to Bourgas, by air to Bourgas airport

Accommodation: Three-star hotel at walking distance to the beach, double and triple rooms with WC, bath, TV; accommodation prior and post Championships available upon request

Weather: Usually sunny, daily temperatures (both air and water) 22 - 23 degrees C

Preliminary program:

12 September, Tuesday - arrival, accommodation

13 September, Wednesday - training, official opening

14 September, Thursday - first competition, awarding

15 September, Friday - day off, excursion

16 September, Saturday - second competition, awarding, closing ceremony and banquet

17 September, Sunday - departure

Entry fee and payment:

Description	Standard fee (payment upon arrival) per person	Premium fee (payment till 30 June 2006) per person
Full package for competitors and team leaders including accommodation, fullboard, participation fee, transportation to	EUR 290,-	EUR270,-

<i>the standard from the finish, excursion, banquet</i>		
Reduced package for competitors and team leaders including participation fee, transportation to the standard from the finish, excursion, banquet	EUR160, -	EUR 150, -
Full package for visitors including accommodation, full board, transportation to the Start and from the finish, excursion, banquet	EUR 210,-	EUR 195,-
Reduced package for visitors including transportation to the Start and from the finish, excursion, banquet	EUR 80,-	EUR 75,-
Special package for newcomer societies (participating for first time in World/Regional Championships) including accommodation, full board, participation fee, transportation to the Start and from the finish, excursion, banquet	EUR 250,-	EUR 230,-

The representative of BFRA, Mr Panayot Danev, LZ1US, explained the Entry Fee for the 13th World Championships.

The normal Entry Fee will be EUR 80,- and the Entry Fee for early payment will be EUR 75,-.

LZ1US asked for an approval of this Entry Fees. The Entry Fees were approved unanimously.

Ad 12: To receive preliminary information of 15th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships to be hosted by the Serbian Society SCG in 2005

Recognizing the date of the IARU Region 1 General Conference to be held in Davos/CH it was necessary to change the date of the championships.

The 15th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships 2005 will be held from September 3rd to September 8th.

The venue of the event will be Tara / Zlatibor where several categories of accommodation will be possible.

The Bulletin No. 1 will be issued in November 2004.

The approval of the Entry Fee will be upon Silence Procedure.

Ad 13: To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 13th IARU ARDF World Championships in 2008

The chairman of Region 3 ARDF Committee, Mr. Yoshihiko Arisaka, JA1HQG, confirmed that the option to Region 3 is still valid. At this time there are two possible venues - Beijing/China and Australia. The decision will be done in 2005.

Ad 14: Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1

14.1. To discuss the most suitable period in the year for the Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1

There was a discussion about the most suitable time in the year for the Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships. After checking all pros and cons the WG recommends to the organizing societies two suitable times in the year:

- mid of July
- end of September

14.2. To discuss the venue and to decide the hosting societies of the 6th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2005 and the 7th Youth ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 2006

The kind offer of the Czech society CRC was accepted unanimously.

the following information was distributed to the WG members:

6th European/IARU R1 Youth ARDF Championships

Organizers: CRC-ARDF / Czech ARDF Association

Date: June 27th - July 1st 2005

Venue of the Championships: Czech Republic, Karlovy Vary

Accommodation: school hostel, 4-bed rooms

Program of the Championships:

Monday June 27th 2005: Arrival of participants, registration

Tuesday June 28th 2005: Opening ceremony, training, Jury and team leader meeting

Wednesday June 29th 2005: 144 MHz competition

Thursday June 30th 2005: 3,5 MHz competition, Awarding of winners, Closing ceremony
Hamfest

Friday July 1st 2005: Departure of participants

Participation fee:

The participation fee is 1.200 CZK (approx. 35 EUR) per person per day

or 4.800 CZK = 140 EUR per person per four days of the Championships

7th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championships 2006

Krzysztof Slomczynski, SP5HS, representative of PZK offered to organize the 7th IARU Region1 Youth ARDF Championships 2007 in Poland. This was accepted unanimously.

Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ, reported, that DARC is checking the possibility for hosting a Youth ARDF Championship in 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 23:30 h

The meeting was reopened on Thursday September 9th 2004 at 21:30h

Ad 15: To discuss the venue and the hosting society of the 16th ARDF Championships of IARU Region 1 in 2007

No hosting society of the 16th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships was found.

The chairman told the WG members that the decision must be made in 2005.

The societies were kindly asked to check the possibilities for hosting this championships.

Ad 16: To discuss the preparations for the IARU General Conference to be held in Davos/Switzerland in 2005

16.1 Call for papers

The chairman informed the members of the WG about the deadline December 5th, 2004 for papers. Papers dealing with ARDF matters brought by the WG Papers by the societies are to be discussed in the WG before voting at the General Conference

16.2 Informal Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group in 2005

The chairman asked the WG members if it is necessary to have an informal meeting of the WG at the 15th IARU ARDF Championships 2005 in Zlatibor. The unanimous opinion of the WG members was to have this informal meeting.

16.3 26th Plenary Meeting of the IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group in Davos/Switzerland

In 2005 will be held the General Conference of IARU Region 1 in Davos/CH. According to constitutions and bye-laws the 26th Plenary Meeting of the ARDF Working Group must be held during the General Conference. Societies were asked to be prepared for this meeting and being present at the meeting either in person or by proxy.

The chairman reminded the WG members that there will be elections for the chairman of the ARDF WG.

Ad 17: Any other business, courtesies

Anti-Doping

Jiri Marecek, OK2BWN, brought to the attention of the WG members that CRC has joined the Anti-Doping procedures demanded by the national sport association. He informed furthermore that there is the possibility of anti-doping tests during ARDF competitions in the Czech Republic.

OK2BWN reminded the WG members that there are no anti-doping regulations in IARU ARDF Rules.

It was discussed if a small note in the rules are necessary or if is up to the societies to include such notes in their national rules.

To be prepared OK2BWN was asked to edit a short appendix to the rules dealing with ant-doping on international competitions.

Ad 18: To close the meeting

The chairman passed his thanks for effective meeting to all participants of the meeting and closed the meeting at 23:50 h.

Rainer Floesser, DL5NBZ

Chairman IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

Appendix A

To: IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group

- **From: Czech Radio Club**
- **Suggestion: To register the finish beacon in the same way as other transmitters.**
- **Reasons:**
- This change will bring two main advantages:
- 1. Every competitor will come to the finish corridor from the same direction. Any attempt of shortening the way to the finish by crossing the corridor side etc. will not bring any advantage and therefore need not be considered at all. It will remove all confusions, strays and other problems, which are normally very common.
- 2. Using the electronic registering device (which are quite common now), there is possible to link it to the information table and to the speaker stand and announce the competitors arrivals in advance, which is very comfortable for the organizers and spectators at the finish.
- Registering of the final checkpoint just before the finish corridor is normal at orienteering and brings no problems to the competitors. We tested this at two ARDF competitions at the national level and competitors adapted themselves to this change without any problem.
- **Current wording of the relevant points of the ARDF Rules**
- 25.6 Transmitters shall be searched for by each category as follows:
 - M21 category shall search all five transmitters.
 - M19 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 3 (MOS)
 - M40 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 5 (MO5)
 - M50 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 2 (MOI)
 - M60 category shall not be scored for two transmitters defined by the siting referee.
 - W19 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 2 (MOI)
 - W21 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 4 (MOH)
 - W35 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 1 (MOE)
 - W50 category shall not be scored for two transmitters defined by the siting referee.
- 25.7 The order in which competitors search for and discover the transmitters is entirely at their discretion.
- 25.8 The finish beacon shall be placed at the entrance of the finish corridor. It has no flag and marking device and need not be discovered and registered.
- 25.9 Transmitters No.1 through 5 shall be marked by a flag consisting of three squares 30 x 30 cm arranged in a triangular form. Each square shall be divided diagonally, one half being white and the other orange or red.
- **Suggested new wording:**
- 25.6 Transmitters shall be searched for by each category as follows:
 - M21 category shall search all six transmitters including the finish beacon.
 - M19 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 3 (MOS)
 - M40 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 5 (MO5)
 - M50 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 2 (MOI)
 - M60 category shall not be scored for two transmitters defined by the siting referee.
 - W19 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 2 (MOI)
 - W21 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 4 (MOH)
 - W35 category shall not be scored for transmitter No. 1 (MOE)
 - W50 category shall not be scored for two transmitters defined by the siting referee.
- 25.7 The order in which competitors search for and discover the transmitters is entirely at their

discretion, only the finish beacon shall be registered as the last one.

- 25.8 The finish beacon shall be placed at the entrance of the finish corridor.
- 25.9 All transmitters including the finish beacon shall be marked by a flag consisting of three squares 30 x 30 cm arranged in a triangular form. Each square shall be divided diagonally, one half being white and the other orange or red.