



**THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION,  
REGION 1  
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**To the IARU Region 1 General Conference**

**The IARU Region 1 ARDF Working Group Report 2012 - 2014**

**1. ARDF in general**

In the last three years we could witness a significant development of the ARDF. Increasing numbers of competitors and participating societies are proving this. Especially Youth ARDF Championships are increasing too, securing the future of our sport and hopefully amateur radio. New ARDF disciplines became regular and well received part of the IARU ARDF events and help to show the beauty of the amateur radio to wide public.

**2. ARDF Rules**

The IARU R1 ARDF rules were improved for handling the increasing number of competitors and categories and to provide fair competitions. In addition, many improvements were made regarding the information flow. Last changes follow the development of the technologies currently used for organizing, communication, media and data and picture processing. Currently we are working on the ARDF Organizer's Handbook which should help to improve the ARDF events technical and sport level.

**3. ARDF WG**

At the 34th ARDF WG Plenary Meeting and afterwards, a lot of effort was focused on the restoration of the effective information flow and communication between ARDF WG members and also between ARDF WG and IARU R1 EC. Special accent is kept to a coordinated team work of all ARDF WG members.

**4. IARU ARDF events held in 2012-2014:**

**4.1 13th IARU Region1 Youth ARDF Championship**

Date: June 11-14, 2012

Venue: Silauai, Lithuania

Hosting society: LRMD

117 competitors (146 participants in total) from 12 countries participated at this well organized event. Results, maps and detailed information can be found at [www.qrz-lt/eyac](http://www.qrz-lt/eyac).

**4.2 16th IARU World ARDF Championship**

Date: September 10-16, 2012

Venue: Kopaonik, Serbia

Hosting society: SRS

576 participants from 33 countries participated at this event. The sprint and foxoring competitions were held for the first time at the World level. Although the schedule was a bit tight, all equipment worked well and all competitions were successfully organized at high, demanding sporting and technical level

certainly worth the World Championships. Results, maps and detailed information can be found at [www.ardf2012.org](http://www.ardf2012.org).

The IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary meeting was held within the schedule of the event

#### 4.3 14th IARU Region 1 Youth ARDF Championship

Date: June 12-16, 2013

Venue: Tři Studně, Czech Republic

Hosting society: CRC

93 competitors (130 participants in total) from 9 countries participated at this well organized event. The sprint competition was held for the first time at the Youth ARDF Championships. Results, maps and detailed information can be found at [www.eyac2013.com](http://www.eyac2013.com)

#### 4.4 19th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championship

Date: September 7-14, 2013

Venue: Kudowa Zdrój, Poland

Hosting society: PZK

273 competitors (321 participants in total) from 27 countries participated at this event. All competitions including two classics, sprint and foxoring were very (sometimes even too much) demanding and organized at high technical and sporting level. All results can be found at [www.ardf2013.pl](http://www.ardf2013.pl). The IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary meeting was held within the schedule of the event.

#### 4.5 15th IARU Region1 Youth ARDF Championship

Date: June 11-14, 2014

Venue: Vinnitsia, Ukraine

Hosting society: UARL

Due to the difficult situation in Ukraine, the whole event was moved to Primorsko, Bulgaria on July 6 - 10, 2014. The whole process was coordinated and approved by ARDF WG. The organisation background is provided by UARL and BFRA. UARL remains the responsible organizer.

#### 4.6 17th IARU World ARDF Championship

Date: September 10-16, 2014

Venue: Burabay, Kazakhstan

Hosting society: KFRR

So far preparations advance according to the schedule. All information can be found at [www.ardf2014.kz](http://www.ardf2014.kz). The IARU R1 ARDF WG informal meeting will be held within the programme of the Championship.

#### 4.7 35th IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting

will be held within the frame of the IARU R1 General Conference 2014 (estimated date September 22nd, 2014).

### **5. IARU ARDF events planned in 2015:**

#### 5.1 16th IARU Region1 Youth ARDF Championship

Date: June 11-15, 2015

Venue: Zakopane, Poland

Hosting society: PZK

#### 5.2 20th IARU Region1 ARDF Championship

Date: August 17-23, 2015

Venue: Mariánské Lázně, Czech Republic

Hosting society: CRC

The 36th IARU R1 ARDF WG Plenary Meeting will be held during the event.

Many thanks to all societies supporting ARDF and Region 1 ARDF Working Group! Many thanks also to all ARDF WG members for their valuable effort!



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