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10-15 September 2012

Kopaonik, Serbia

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Small changes to the printed version which was distributed at the IARU R1 Championships in Romania with added information for Foxoring and the Competition for the Blind

To all IARU societies

Dear ARDF friends,

The Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (SRS), the hosting Society of the 16th IARU WORLD ARDF Championships 2012, has the honour and the pleasure of inviting you and your members to visit our country and participate at this Championships.

We take this opportunity to invite not only your competitors but also your radio-amateurs and fans of this radio-sport as well. They will have a chance to enjoy the unique natural beauty of Serbia and also our hospitality.

SRS is proud to host this event and the 1st WORLD Foxoring and Sprint ARDF Championships.

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Venue:

Kopaonik, a famous ski resort

- ✦ Kopaonik is located 290km from the capital city Belgrade, and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Serbia.
- ✦ The unique climate and the endless possibilities for sport and recreation make Kopaonik an ideal place for active holidays and also empathy with the natural world.
- ✦ Kopaonik is also called the “mountain of the sun“ by virtue of nearly 200 sunny days per year.
- ✦ Due to its natural beauty Kopaonik was designated a National park in 1981.

Transportation to the venue:

- Nikola Tesla International airport (Belgrade), is located 290 km from the resort of Kopaonik (3,5 hours by car). A large number of airlines have direct flights from the major European capitals to the capital Belgrade.
- Constantine the Great , International airport (Niš), 118 km from the resort of Kopaonik offers flights from Russia, Montenegro, Italy, Austria and other European countries.

Transfer from Belgrade to the venue and back is provided on request.

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organized in hotels at the MK Mountain Resort.

The accommodation available includes the Grand Hotel & Spa****, the Family Hotel Angella**** and the Konaci apartments.

Double and triple rooms with WC, bath, Wi-Fi and TV are available.

More details:

<http://www.mkmountainresort.com>



Weather:

The weather at this time of the year is stable, sunny, with daily temperatures of 15-20 degrees Celsius.

Terrains:

The competition areas are in close proximity to the event centre, about a 20 min bus ride away. The competition area is mostly forest, at an altitude of between 1500 and 1700 meters asl. IOF Maps will be used.

Programme for the Championships:

- ⤴ 10 September, Monday – Arrival, accommodation
- ⤴ 11 September, Tuesday – Training on both bands, competition for blind people, official opening
- ⤴ 12 September, Wednesday – First competition (80m and 2m), awarding ceremony, official meetings
- ⤴ 13 September, Thursday – Sprint WCH *, awarding ceremony**, picnic, official meetings
- ⤴ 14 September, Friday – Second competition (80m and 2m), awarding, closing ceremony and HAMFEST (banquet)
- ⤴ 15 September, Saturday – Departure, extra day for Foxoring participants - Foxoring WCH*, awarding ceremony**
- ⤴ 16 September, Sunday – Departure for Foxoring participants

* individual ranking only;

**medals and certificates;



Entry fee and terms of payment:

There are two options depending on the status of the participants, and date of payment as follows:

1. Total package for competitors and Team officials: Euro 330 if paid before 1 July or Euro 360 if paid after 30 June. This includes accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, souvenirs, picnic and banquet.
2. Total package for guests/visitors (other than participants and Team officials): Euro 230 if paid before 1 July or Euro 250 if paid after 30 June. This includes accommodation, transportation to and from the finish, souvenirs, picnic and banquet.
 - Extra day for Foxoring participants Euro 65
 - Prices for blind competitors and their escort will be published in Bulletin No 2.

Transfers:

From Belgrade International Airport, bus or railway station and back: Bus - 40 Euro if minimum of 35 persons is reached.
Prices for mini bus will be published in Bulletin No 2.

Visa requirement:

The citizens of the majority of countries expected to take part in the Championships do not need a visa to enter Serbia. Those societies that need a visa will be informed accordingly, on receipt of their Letter of Intent.

Additional opportunities:

- A training camp will be organized during the week prior the Championships with training on the 80m and 2m bands. Details will be published in Bulletin No 2.
 - An official competition – ARDF World CUP will be held during the training week. This is a chance to win more medals. Details will be published in Bulletin No 2.
 - We will organize special education and training for national teams who are taking part for the first time at an ARDF championships.
 - We will give a special offer for the accommodation for these national teams as well.

Important notes:

- Please find enclosed a proforma LETTER OF INTENT. This must be completed and sent back to reach the organisers by 31 March 2012 at the latest.
- All the additional information and following Bulletins will only be distributed to those societies that have responded and then only to the contact person nominated in the Letter of Intent. The information will also be available on the website of the Championships www.ardf2012.org.

16th World Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships

LETTER OF INTENT

We:

(Full name of the society)

(Official abbreviation)

intend to take part in the **16th World Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships, Kopaonik, Serbia** and would like to apply for participation. Our delegation will consist of:

1. Number of competitors:
2. Number of officials (if not competitors):
3. Number of guests/visitors:

TOTAL NUMBER of participants in this event (1+2+3):

4. Number of participants, included in the above number, who will attend the World ARDF CUP competition during the training camp :

Contact person for the Championships (responsible for the correspondence with SRS):

Name and Family Name, Callsign:

Telephone number (including country and area codes):

Fax number (including country and area codes):

E-mail:

On behalf of the society:

(Name and Family name, position in the society, signature)

Date:

Please complete and send back this Letter of Intent (to reach SRS by 31 March 2012 at latest) to:

Savez rado-amatera Srbije
Trg Republike 3/VI
P. O. Box 48
11001 Beograd
Serbia

or (preferably) by e-mail to: office@ardf2012.org

We are looking forward to meeting you in Serbia

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We are looking forward to see you
Welcome to Serbia in 2012



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