

International Amateur Radio Union Region 1 Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs



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17th IARU Region 1 Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships 16-21 September 2009 Obzor, Bulgaria

Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA) is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors and visitors from IARU Region 1 as well as guests from all over the world to 17th IARU Region 1 ARDF Championships to be held in Obzor, Bulgaria in September 2009. The accommodation and all the meetings have been arranged to take place in Hotel Miramar (www.miramar-bg.com).

BFRA is proud to host that event in a jubilee year marking 50 years ARDF activity in Bulgaria (1959 – 2009).

Applications for participation

Numbers of teams have already declared their intention to participate, as it was requested in Bulletin No 1. **IT IS NOT LATE** any other **teams, individuals or visitors to apply for participation** but organizers need their Letter of Intent **as soon as possible** (see Bulletin No 1 or www.ardf2009.eu).

Visa requirement

The citizens of majority countries, expected to take part in the Championships, **do not need visa** to enter Bulgaria. Those who **need** are listed below:

Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine. Please advise the organizers by e-mail to bfra_hq@hotmail.com as soon as possible **if you need official invitation** or any other assistance.

Expected number participants in each category

According to IARU Region 1 Rules for Championships in ARDF **up to 3 (three)** competitors in each of the following categories are entitled to participate:

Women (W)	Men (M)	Age
W 19	M 19	19 and younger
W 21	M 21	regardless of age
W 35	M 40	35/40 and older
W 50	M 50	50 and older
	M 60	60 and older

Please fulfill the expected number participants in each category in the table below and send it back by e-mail to bfra_hq@hotmail.com to reach the organizers **till 10 July 2009 at latest**:

W19	W21	W35	W50	M19	M21	M40	M50	M60

Payment

There are lot of options depending on the status of the participants, needs of accommodation/full board/transfer, and date of payment. **All the prices are given in Bulletin No 1.** Accommodation prior and post Championships in the same hotel is also available upon request for **Euro 42,- per person per day**. You are kindly advised to use the advantages of the **Reduced Fee**. For that purpose your transfer shall reach the organizers' bank account **till 30 June 2009**. When transferring the amount, please advice the organizers about its purpose as follows:

Description of the payment	Number of the participants
1. Full package for competitors and team leaders	
2. Full package for guests/visitors	
3. Additional payment for the days of HST Championship	
4. Transfer from Burgas and back	
5. Transfer from Varna and back	
6. Transfer from Sofia and back	
7. Accommodation prior and post event (please specify the dates)	

In case of **single or double occupancy** (see Bulletin No 1), please mention the number of persons to use these options.

Please send the above information by e-mail to bfra_hq@hotmail.com

Those who fail to transfer the amount till 30 June 2009 shall be charged the **Standard Fee** (see Bulletin No 1). It may be transferred **till 31 August 2009 or paid cash upon arrival**.

Bank account details:

Beneficiary: **Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs**

Bank: **United Bulgarian Bank**

IBAN: **BG81UBBS80021413582613**

BIC: **UBBSBGSF**

Account in: **EURO**

Technical parameters of the equipment

3.5 MHz RF power: **3 W**;
Frequencies: **MOE-MO5 3585 kHz, Beacon 3515 kHz**;
Antenna: **Vertical 8 meters long**;
Grounding: **Spice 50 centimeters long**.
144 MHz RF power: **1 W**;
Frequencies: **MOE-MO5 144625 kHz, Beacon 144075 kHz**;
Antenna: **Crossed Dipole 2.5 meters above the terrain**.

Marking devices

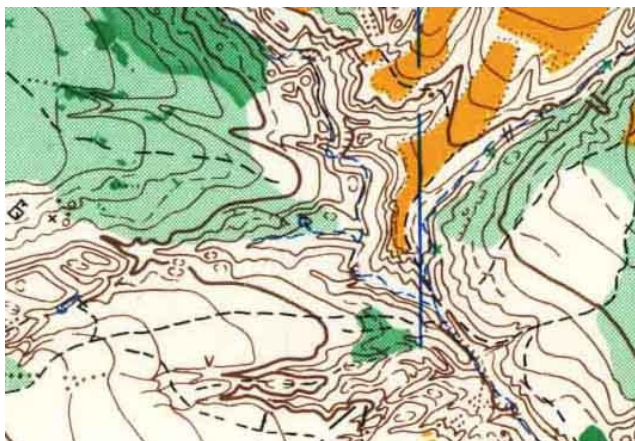
Sport Ident system will be used.

Terrain

Both terrains are located within 50-km range. They are mid-difficult, relatively flat, with small hills, covered with deciduous forest. Relatively dense net of country tracks and paths is available on both terrains. But deep gullies and gorges at some places and some isolated difficult to pass areas shall be expected, too. No hazardous areas.

Maps

The maps for both competitions will be IOF standard, **A4 size** (210 x 297 mm), **scale 1:15000**, contour interval **10 meters**. A sample of a map is shown below.



Opportunities for training

A number of trainings on both bands will be organized during the period **9-15 September** in the vicinity of Obzor (but away from the competition terrains). There are several options:

- to use the period of World HST Championship and apply for accommodation and full board in the same hotel for the whole period (see Bulletin No 1 – Additional opportunities);
- to apply for accommodation and full board in the same hotel for part of the period for **Euro 42.-** per person per day;
- to apply for accommodation and full board in a cheaper hotel (organized by BFRA) for **Euro 25.-** per person per day.

In all the cases above an additional fee for each training **Euro 5.-** will be due.

Amateur Radio Station

An amateur radio station with special call sign **LZ17ARDF** will be at disposal of the licensed radio amateurs during the days of the Championships. CEPT license is required to operate.

Excursion on the day off

An excursion to **Nessebar** will be organized on the day off (19 September). Nessebar (35 km apart from Obzor) is a town with huge historical heritage, included in the UNESCO's List of Cultural Heritage, and in the same time one of the best Bulgarian sea resorts. Visiting the Archaeological Museum, numerous historical churches and spending an hour or more on the beach is a must.

Important notes

1. BFRA would like to remind all societies which have not yet sent their **LETTER OF INTENT** (see Bulletin No 1) that **the Championships will be held during the vacation season** when all the hotel reservations must be made in advance. Therefore BFRA will consider all late entries with a willingness to help but **without any guarantee that they will be satisfied and participants accepted**.
2. All the additional information and next Bulletins will be distributed only to **societies that have responded** and only to the contact person regarding the Championships. The information will also be available on the website of the Championships www.ardf2009.eu

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