

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 Bulgaria in September 2009.

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

Venue:

The Championships will be held in **Obzor**, situated at Black Sea coast, 60 km south of Varna and 60 km north of Burgas. Obzor is a relatively small town (population 2400), but one of well known Bulgarian sea resorts. Many factors make it a preferable destination for the summer vacation – ecologically pure region, 5-km-long beach, active nightlife.

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Transportation to the venue:

Some of the teams travel, as tradition, by their own bus/cars. The rest may select their final destination amongst **Burgas International Airport**, **Varna International Airport** or the relevant Railway Station in these towns. Sofia International Airport is located relatively away from the venue (440 km) but the organisers will provide transfers to the venue and back **upon request**.

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organised in a luxury four-star hotel located only 50 m apart of the beach. Triple rooms with WC, bath, and TV are provided. Double and single occupancy accommodation is available upon request (see below). **Accommodation prior and post Championships is also available upon request.**

Weather:

The weather in this period of the year is stable, usually sunny, with daily temperatures (both air and water) 22–23 degrees C, in other words – ideal for vacation and swimming.

Terrains:

The terrains are located within 50-km range. They are mid-difficult, with small hills, covered with forest. The **maps** (IOF standard) will be reambulated in early 2009.

Visa requirement:

The citizens of majority countries expected to take part in the Championships **do not need visa** to enter Bulgaria. Those societies that need visa will be informed accordingly after receiving their Letter of Intent.

Program of the Championships:

16 September, Wednesday – Arrival, accommodation;
17 September, Thursday – Training on both bands, official opening;
18 September, Friday – First competition, awarding;
19 September, Saturday – Day off, excursion;
20 September, Sunday – Second competition, awarding, closing ceremony and banquet;
21 September, Monday – Departure.

Entry fee and terms of payment:

There are lots of options depending on the status of the participants, needs of accommodation/full board, and date of payment as follows:

- a) Total package for competitors and Team officials: **Euro 279** if paid till 30 June or **Euro 299** if paid after 30 June, **includes accommodation (all inclusive), free day excursion, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, and banquet;**
- b) Total package for guests/visitors (out of participants and Team officials): **Euro 210** if paid till 30 June or **Euro 220** if paid after 30 June, **includes accommodation (all inclusive), free day excursion, transportation to the start and from the finish, and banquet;**
- c) Double occupancy accommodation: the relevant prices above plus **Euro 30** per person;
- d) Single occupancy accommodation: the relevant prices above plus **Euro 50** per person.

Transfers:

The price to Obzor and back per person is as follows:

From Burgas International Airport, Varna International Airport or relevant Railway Station: **Euro 25**;

From Sofia International Airport: **Euro 60**.

Additional opportunities:

- 1. A **training camp** will be organized during the week prior to the Championships with daily trainings on both bands. Details will be published in Bulletin 2.
- 2. Another high level amateur radio competition **will be held in the same hotel in Obzor – 8th World High Speed Telegraphy Championship (11 – 15 September 2009)**. This circumstance creates a great opportunity for those who want to combine both events and **spend a splendid vacation at the seacoast. The price for the whole period 11 – 21 September** is the one shown above **plus:**
Euro 190 if paid till 30 June or **Euro 200** if paid after 30 June and includes accommodation (all inclusive), second excursion and second banquet (after HST Championship). For double or single occupancy accommodation – respectively plus Euro 30 or Euro 50 per person.

Important notes

- 1. Please find enclosed a **LETTER OF INTENT**. It must be fulfilled and sent back to reach the organisers at least on **10 March 2009**.
- 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
- 3. Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs would like to draw your attention on the fact 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 (received after 10 March 2006) with a willingness to help but **without any guarantee that they will be satisfied and participants accepted**.

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