International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)
Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (SRS)

20th World Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships

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To all IARU societies

Dear ARDF friends,

The Amateur Radio Union of Serbia (SRS), the hosting Society of the 20th IARU WORLD ARDF Championships 2020, has the honor 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.

Amateur Radio Union of Serbia
Savez radio-amatera Srbije (SRS)
President
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Venue:

ZLATIBOR, a famous resort

- Zlatibor is located 230km 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 Zlatibor an ideal place for active holidays and also empathy with the natural world.
- Due to its natural values Zlatibor was proclaimed for the Nature Park in 2017.
Transportation to the venue:

- Nikola Tesla International airport (Belgrade), is located 250 km from the resort of Zlatibor (2.5 hours by car). A large number of airlines have direct flights from the major European capitals to the capital Belgrade.

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

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organized in hotel Palisad ****.

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

More details:
https://palisad.rs/en/home/
Weather:

The weather at this time of the year is stable, sunny, with daily temperatures of 15-25 degrees Celsius.

Terrains:

The competition areas are in close proximity to the event center, about a 20 – 45 min bus ride away. The competition area is mostly forest, at an altitude of between 1000 and 1300 meters a.s.l. IOF Maps will be used.

Programme for the Championships:

- 30 August, Sunday – Arrival, accommodation, official opening
- 31 August, Monday – Foxoring, awarding ceremony
- 1 September, Tuesday – First Classic competition (80m and 2m), awarding ceremony
- 2 September, Wednesday – Sprint, awarding ceremony
- 3 September, Thursday – Excursions
- 4 September, Friday – Second Classic competition (80m and 2m), awarding, closing ceremony and HAMFEST (banquet)
- 5 September, Saturday – Departure participants

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 450 if paid before 1 July or Euro 480 if paid after 30 June. This includes: 6 day accommodation, starting fee, excursion, souvenirs and banquet.

2. Total package for guests/visitors (other than competitors and Team officials): Euro 300 if paid before 1 July or Euro 330 if paid after 30 June. This includes 6 day accommodation, transportation to and from the finish, excursion, souvenirs and banquet.

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 organizers by 31 March 2020 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.ardf2020.org](http://www.ardf2020.org).