



Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs

First Balkan High Speed Telegraphy Championship (Open)

31 May - 2 June 2013

Lovech, Bulgaria

Bulletin No 1

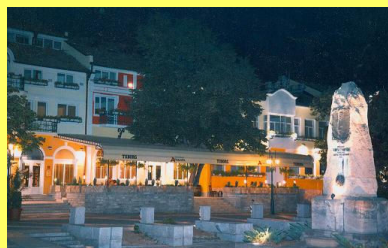
(31 January 2013)

I. Organizer of the event:

Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs (BFRA)

II. Venue for event:

Lovech, Bulgaria. Lovech is a mid-size town located 150 km North-East of Sofia and 160 km South-West of Ruse.



III. Dates of the event:

31 May – 2 June 2013

IV. Invited countries:

Unlimited number competitors, team leaders, trainers, guests, visitors from the following countries are officially invited (in alphabetical order):

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.

It will be an open championship, so competitors from non-Balkan countries are welcome, too. A **separate classification and separate set of medals** will be provided for them. Visitors from non-Balkan countries are welcome, too.

V. Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organized in a 3-star hotel in double and triple rooms. Full board will be provided, starting with dinner on 31 May and finishing with lunch on 2 June. The competition will take place in the same hotel.

VI. Expected weather:

In that period of the year the temperatures during the day are normally 20-24 deg C and 15-16 deg C during the night.

VII. Visa requirement:

Only participants from Moldova and Turkey need visa to enter Bulgaria. Upon request BFRA will send invitations to participants from these countries in order to get visa.

Participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia may enter Bulgaria with biometric passports.

The participants from the rest countries may enter Bulgaria with ordinary passports or IDs.

VIII. Transportation:

If you come to Sofia by plane, BFRA will organize upon request your transportation to Lovech and back.

IX. Format of the championship and time schedule:

All official male and female categories (**A to I**) are welcome and will be awarded separately. Each country is allowed to participate with **unlimited number competitors** in each category.

The format of the competition is relaxed and includes **3 tests** only, as follows:

- **Callsigns Receiving Test (RUFZ)** – according to the official rules. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.
- **Morse Runner Test** – according to the official rules. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.
- **Transmission Test** – mixed text only, 5 characters in a group, composed of Amateur Radio callsigns, Amateur Radio abbreviations, Q-codes, popular names, popular QTHs, etc. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.

The classification will be **individual only**; rankings will be in total sum of points earned by the three tests (maximum 300).

The organizers believe that such format will attract not only traditional HST competitors but also **many radio amateurs, lovers of CW**.

The schedule:

31 May (Friday) – Arrival and accommodation, dinner, team leaders meeting;

1 June (Saturday) – Breakfast, Competition, Lunch, Competition, Hamfest (including dinner);

2 June (Sunday) – Breakfast, Competition, Lunch, Awarding, Departure.

X. Entry fees:

Accommodation for two nights, two days full board and hamfest cost **65 EUR per person** in double or triple room, **80 EUR per person** in single room. Entry fees will be paid upon arrival.

XI. Application for participation:

Please, send the application form bellow not later than 31 March 2013, mentioning the predicted number of competitors and predicted number of visitors to: bfra_hq@hotmail.com or panayotdanev@yahoo.com

WE (SOCIETY OR INDIVIDUALS):

E-MAIL:

INTEND TO PARTICIPATE WITH:

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS:

NUMBER OF VISITORS:

Please, input that event in the calendar of your society, your club, your personal calendar for 2013. BFRA will be grateful if you popularize the championship in your websites.

Do not hesitate to ask for any details using also the above e-mail addresses.

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