

CROATIAN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION



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15th ARDF World Championships 13-18 September 2010 Opatija, Croatia

CROATIAN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION (HRS) is pleased to invite ARDF teams, individual competitors, visitors and guest from all over the world to the 15th ARDF World Championships to be held in Croatia during September 2010.

Venue:

OPATIJA - is the most popular sea resort in Croatia, at the Adriatic coast, 175km far away from Zagreb.

Opatija, often called the Nice of the Adriatic, is one of the most popular and the oldest tourist summer and winter destination in Croatia, and a place with the longest tourist tradition on the eastern coast of the Adriatic and one of the most elite resort in Croatia today.

OPATIJA - this elegant tourist destination, lies at the centre of the Riviera with the longest tradition of tourism in Croatia. The very attractive geographic position, enabling its warm seas to be quickly reached from many cities in **Central Europe** (only about 90 km from Trieste in Italy, 500 km from Milan, Vienna and Munich), lush green scenery and a pleasant climate (45° 20' north latitude) were some of the main reasons for its beginning and the quick development of its tourism at the end of the 19th century. It became a fashionable destination for the Austrian imperial family and Austrian nobility, especially for the Austrian emperor Franz Joseph I who used to spend a several months in Opatija during a winter period and enjoyed it's mild, favorable climate. Built mainly at the turn of the 20th century, but many of late 19th-century luxury hotels and villas have survived to present times. **Opatija** has remained in complete harmony with Nature right up until the present day.

Well-maintained public gardens, the illuminated **12-km-long coastal promenade** known as the "**Lungomare**"(from **Volosko**, via **Opatija**, to **Lovran**). Well-kept beaches and fountains provide a stunning backdrop for the villas and hotels that cater comfortably for up to **6.000 guests**. Due to a relatively constant temperature (**winter average 7.0 °C, summer average 21.9 °C**), high air pressure and constant circulation of

air, the climate in **Opatija** is relaxing and refreshing. The contrasts of sea and mountains, green parks and blue ocean, old buildings and modern comforts, noisy entertainment venues and quiet destinations for excursions all combine to make **Opatija** and its surroundings a very attractive tourist resort at any time of the year.

The tourist offering of Opatija includes its **congress centre** (with space for 500 to 800 delegates), **11 indoor swimming pools, wellness programmes, a casino, discotheques, a summer theatre with seating for 2.000, carnivals, festivals**, and opportunities for shorter trips to nearby surroundings or all-day excursions to the **Brijuni National Park, or Risnjak National Park, Plitvice Lakes, or even to Trieste or Venice in Italy.**

The characteristics of the climate have all the traits of a gentle Mediterranean climate with a warm sea, lots of sun and lush vegetation which paints a picture of **Opatija** as a kind of green oasis. Summer temperatures are relatively low because of the cool breezes to come from the Ucka mountain while in winter, the temperature is relatively high. **Opatija** is also a place for business meetings throughout the entire year, as well as a center for convention tourism, scientific gatherings and congresses.

The Pearl of Kvarner, Opatija is an ideal starting point for an inspired walk through the past of this region, as well as for taking pleasure in the intimacy of the still untouched present.

In behalf of Organizing Committee we are promising to do our best to make this event unforgettable for all of you.

Kresimir Kovarik, 9A5K
HRS vice-president
Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Transportation to the venue:

Some of the teams travel, as tradition, by their own bus/cars. The rest may select their final destination amongst **Pula, Rijeka or Zagreb International Airport** or the relevant Railway Station in these towns. Zagreb International Airport is located relatively away from the venue (175 km) but the organizers will provide transfers to the venue and back upon request.

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be organized in a hotel located only 100 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 2010.

Visa requirement:

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

Program of the Championships:

13 September, Monday - Arrival, accommodation;
14 September, Tuesday - Training on both bands, competition blinds, official opening;
15 September, Wednesday - First competition, awarding;
16 September, Thursday - Day off, excursion;
17 September, Friday - Second competition, awarding, closing ceremony and banquet;
18 September, Saturday - 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 (double/triple occupancy): Euro 320 if paid till 30 June or Euro 350 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation on full board basis, free day excursion, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, and banquet;
- b) Total package for competitors and Team officials (single occupancy): Euro 415 if paid till 30 June or Euro 450 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation on full board basis, free day excursion, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, and banquet;
- c) Total package for guests/visitors (out of participants and Team officials): Euro 270 if paid till 30 June or Euro 300 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation a full board basis, free day excursion, transportation to the start and from the finish, and banquet;

Additional days before and after competition:

- a) Double occupancy accommodation: Euro 30 per person per day
- b) Single occupancy accommodation: Euro 50 per person per day

Transfers:

AIRPORT PULA (IATA airport code PUY)

- Taxi Euro 65 OW (one way) (min. 2 pax)
- Mini bus /25 seats Euro 30 return transfer (min. 20 pax)
- Bus / 49 seats Euro 25 return transfer (min. 40 pax)

AIRPORT RIJEKA (IATA airport code RJK)

- Taxi Euro 50 OW (one way) (min. 2 pax)
- Mini bus /25 seats Euro 25 return transfer (min. 20 pax)
- Bus / 49 seats Euro 20 return transfer (min. 40 pax)

AIRPORT ZAGREB (IATA airport code ZAG)

- Taxi Euro 150 per way (min. 2 pax)
- Mini bus /25 seats Euro 55 return transfer (min. 20 pax)
- Bus / 49 seats Euro 40 return transfer (min. 40 pax)

Additional opportunities:

1. A training camp will be organized during the week prior the Championships with trainings on both bands. Details will be published in Bulletin No 2.

Important notes

1. Please find enclosed a **LETTER OF INTENT**. It must be filled in and sent back to reach the organizers no later than **31st March 2010**.
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.ardf2010.com
We would like to draw your attention on the fact that the Championships will be held during the vacation season when all hotel reservations must be made in advance. Therefore HRS will consider all late entries (received after 31st March 2010) with a willingness to help but **without any guarantee that they will be satisfied and participants accepted**.

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LETTER OF INTENT

We:

(Full name of the society)

(Official abbreviation)

intend to take part in the **15th World ARDF Championships in Opatija, Croatia, 13 - 18 September 2010** 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):

Note: The referees for the International Jury are not included in the above number and will be personally invited.

Contact person regarding the Championships (responsible for the correspondence with HRS)

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 fill above and send back this Letter of Intent (to reach HRS on **31st March 2010 at latest**) to:

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