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# EURAO at HAM RADIO 2013: lots of visitors and work done



Besides greeting members, friends and supporters, this year **EURAO** held its **General Assembly** and biannual **Meeting** during the fair.

The first **Statutes** were approved and **Board of Directors** elected again: President **ON7GZ**, Vicepresident **DG9KBE**, Secretary-General **EA3CIW** and Treasurer **EA3CWZ**.

It has been time for listening questions, comments and suggestions. New ideas and future projects often start in this way. Also international public relations are cultivated out of the fair, sharing concepts and wishes.

## Free membership drawing (tombola)

**DF7TT**, Jürgen, was the winner of a free individual membership for a year, thanks to the innocent hand of Gabriele.

Others don't be sad, you can also become individual members for just  $\mathbf{10}\ \mathbf{E}$ . And, if you are the first in your country, the second year will be for free. 2x1 technique... hi hi.

Our booth in **HAM RADIO** was visited by hams coming from: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Ukraine and, of course, Germany, the host country.

We hope to see you next year at Friedrichshafen on 27-29 June.



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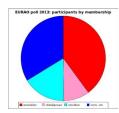


**EURAO Board** members: **DG9KBE**, Vicepresident; **EA3CIW**, Secretary-General; and **EA3CWZ**, Treasurer.

#### **EURAO** member associations

- URC: Union des Radio-Clubs et des Radioamateurs (France)
- <u>CISAR</u>: Centro Italiano di Sperimentazione ed Attività Radiantistiche (Italy)
- <u>FEDI-EA</u>: Federación Digital EA (Spain)
- VRA: Vlaamse RadioAmateurs (Belgium)
- <u>UFRC</u>: Union Francophone des Radio Clubs (Belgium)
- HAG: Ham Association of Greece
- <u>FEDERACHI</u>: Federación Clubes de Radioaficionados de Chile
- <u>AFCD</u>: Amateurfunk Club Deutschland e.V. (Germany)
- FRC: Federació Radioaficionats de Catalunya (Spain)

# EURAO poll 2013: We have a dream...



This summer, the **European Radio Amateurs' Organization** asked its members and supporters to imagine the future and share with us.

The future of the Organization but also the future of Amateur Radio.

The tool used was a poll and the results are the following.

**Participation**: More than 660 responses were received. They came from 40 different countries in 6 continents (85% from Europe). 95% of them are from hams, 3% from SWLs and 2% from others, mainly CB users. 98% of the respondents were OMs (men).

In the above chart, you can see participants classified by kind of membership: red for associations, pink for clubs&groups, cyan for individuals and blue for non-members, yet.

**Mark**: The average punctuation of **EURAO** services was **7,45** but they are really known only by **48%** of participants. Much work to be done in this regard...

What are the likes and habits of this sample of radio amateurs?

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## **Amateur Radio News...**

## **EANET Sprint Contest 2013: opened internationally**





On **November 10**, from 08:00 to 12:00 UTC, it will be held the third edition of the "sprint contest" version of the same name Award, devoted to the "**Radio Clubs of the World**".

In just four hours you can win original and funny prizes that you can share with your mate or friends: hotels, restaurants, wellness or adventures.

Moreover, you will have the opportunity to contact those radio clubs you still needed to complete the **EANET Award**.



# Image archive



EURAO Award: ready to go.

## **EURAO** projects ongoing

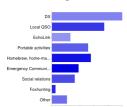
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# EURAO poll 2013: We have a dream... (cont.)



**Likes**: What most like to **EURAO** members and supporters is: DX (25%), local QSO (18%), home-made (14%), portable activities (13%), emergency communications (9%), social relations (8%), EchoLink (7%), foxhunting (1%) and others (5%).

**Time**: 62% of them spend on radio "every day a while" (or maybe they wanted to say "I would like to spend"... hi hi). 15% "once a week", 11% "every weekend", 5% "once a month", 3% "only on holidays" and a 4% confesses being not active.

**Age and experience**: The average participant was **54 years old** and has been involved **in amateur radio for 29 years**. There is a gap in the statistics because those leaving the hobby before 5 years.

**Dreams**: Recovering values as: friendship and ham spirit, experimentation and innovation; organizing activities as: contests, parties, awards, exercises, workshops; improve existing services and create a new ones; cooperation with other organizations; getting recognition at European and international level; and more promotion, inside and outside ham radio, about our hobby but mainly about ourselves in order to have more members.

**Summarizing**: a lot of ideas to work and little money, so we will have to sharpen our wits and carefully prioritize efforts trying to build this *borderless community* called **EURAO**.

# Amateur Radio News... (cont.)

#### First anniversary of EURAO Newsletter



We started in September 2012 with this very simple means of communication: just a sheet of *paper*, both sides, sent quarterly to our members, friends and supporters.

**EURAO Newsletter** is in two (really three) formats: web and pdf, which is printed and sent by mail to individual members and clubs&groups. The others are informed by email when every issue comes out. Thanks for the attention and news supplied.

#### CISAR: Members' Annual Assembly 2013





**Centro Italiano di Sperimentazione ed Attività Radiantistiche** will hold its Assembly and Meeting on **28-29 September** in Fano (PU).

As usual, the event will be broadcast live on its TV channel: Meeting on Saturday afternoon and Assembly on Sunday morning. Good chance to practice Italian.

## 8th European Radioorienteering Championship 2013





On **October 4-6**, convoked by **European Radio Sport Federation** and organized by **Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation**, this event will take place in beautifully arranged landscape reserve of Birštonas/Prienai, 40 km south from Kaunas (Lithuania).

All sportmen of any country, city, sport organization, etc., are invited to participate. Contact details: <a href="mailto:kregzde.algis@gmail.com">kregzde.algis@gmail.com</a>; +37037300779; LRSF, P.O.Box 210, Kaunas LT-44003, Lithuania.

## **VRA Activity Day 2013**





In occassion of its 15th anniversary, **Vlaamse RadioAmateurs, ON4VRA**, our member association in Flanders (Belgium), will hold this contest on Saturday **October 19** (from 17:00 to 19:00 UTC) in the following bands: 80m, 2m and 70cm; and in all modes.

Although the contest has, of course, a real classification, the main goal of the event is to promote activity and fun among radio amateurs.

## **Coimbra Radio Fair 2013**





**Tertúlia Radioamadorística Guglielmo Marconi, CS5TRGM**, held the 19th edition of this event on Sunday **November 3**.

There you can purchase, sale or exchange with other OMs/YLs or shops. But the most important is meeting and socializing with people coming from all over Portugal even Spain. Come with your family and visit the beautiful city of Coimbra. We await you!

# iii More than 21.000 QSL cards !!! have been already managed by EuroBureauQSL

#### **EURAO Newsletter: issue dates**

- 15 February
- 15 June
- 15 September
- 1 December



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## **EuroBureauQSL: entry points**

- Argentina: LU1MA <u>CRC</u> P.O. Box 232 - 5500 Mendoza [<u>web</u>]
- Belgium: FRA P.O. Box 1630 -B-1000 Brussels 1 [web]
- Chile: CE3FED FEDERACHI -P.O. Box 9570 - Santiago 21 [web]
- France: F8URC URC P.O. Box 40148 F-42012 St. Etienne cedex 2 [web]
- Germany: DL0AFC AFCD P.O. Box 45 02 49 D-50877
   Köln [web]
- Greece: HAG 22, Kassandras Str. - GR-10447 Votanikos -Athens (Attika) [web]
- Italy: IT9BCC Nino Caracci -Via Campobello, 108 - 91022 Castelvetrano [web]
- Netherlands: PD3SV Sieger Veenhoven - Grotestraat 17 -7471 BK Goor [web]
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