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 10 €. 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.

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

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 formats: web and pdf, which is printed and sent by mail to individual members and club/groups. The others are informed by email when every issue comes out. Thanks for the attention and news supplied.

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.

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: kregzde.algis@gmail.com; +37037300779; LRSF, P.O.Box 210, Kaunas LT-44003, Lithuania.

VRA Activity Day 2013

In occasion 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, CSSTRGM, 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!

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