2013, a decisive year for the consolidation of EURAO

A big step forward in the history of EURAO is done this year: the approval of its first Statutes by the General Assembly. This implied the dissolution of the Promoters Committee (2009-2013). Thanks to all representatives for the great job! But also the balance achieved in the budget is fine. Thanks to all those hams around the world who believed in this idea. In fact, hams in 33 countries and 5 continents are now members of EURAO. Most of them come through their member association, although other categories, such as clubs/groups or individuals, are growing at a good pace. Let’s go on...

Amateur Radio News...

URC General Assembly and Congress 2013

"Promotion and Future of Amateur Radio" was the topic chosen by Union des RadioClubs, F8URC, member association of EURAO, for its annual meeting, held this year near Paris (France) on Sunday 17 November. Several French associations participated in the debate and signed the Chart with the commitment to work on it.

EA0JC QSLs via EuroBureauQSL

According to the Royal Household of His Majesty the King of Spain, those who had made any contact with the EA0JC station and now wish to get its QSL card, may send their own card via EuroBureauQSL network.

Federación Digital EA, member association of EURAO and the one who manages the entry point for Spain and Andorra, will handle the incoming and outgoing traffic of QSLs with the Royal Palace.

ON3NMR/P from Suarlée Fort

The Radio Club of Namur, ON3NMR, belonging to UFRC, member association of EURAO, activated the Suarlée Fort on Monday 11 November 2013, on 40m, giving the following references: BCA NM-051 and WCA ON-00483.

The team, consisting of ON3NK, ONS8IP, ON4CMR, ON2LHA and ON3PCB, made 121 contacts in phone and 2 in CW. A large number of local QMs gave a visit to the installation. The Fort was built between 1888 and 1891 to protect the neutrality of Belgium against the invasion of France or Germany, who were in conflict during these years.

EANET Sprint Contest 2013: final results

Third edition, and keep on expanding the number of participants in both categories: in radio amateurs, where the winners have been EC7BM, EA4FZC and EA4GLA, and in radio clubs, which is dedicated this contest and this time was led by EA5RCD/P, EA3RKF and EA1RKS.

International participation remains with 3 countries confirmed: Spain, Portugal and Italy, replacing France of last year. We hope, in future editions, we will be adding more, thanks to the hard work of promotion is being done.

EURAO member associations

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

EANET Sprint Contest 2013 Winners in both categories

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EURAO projects ongoing

- EuroBureauQSL: the EURAO’s QSL Bureaus Global Network
- EURAO TV Channel
- European Radio Amateur Card
- Member Benefits Program
- EURAO Newsletter
- EURAO Awards
- EURAO Parties

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**EURAO Party - Autumn 2013**

The **European Radio Amateurs' Organization** announces its first party on the air with the motto: "make new friends with classical phone". This is not a contest, it is just a radio meeting with a few simple ‘rules’, better to call them recommendations.

**Purpose:** to have fun and meet hams all over the world. Of course SWLs are welcome to participate.

**Date & time:** December 7th and 8th, 2013, Saturday and Sunday, 00:00-24:00 UTC.

**Bands & modes:** 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m and 10m SSB, around the following recommended frequencies: 3.740, 7.090, 14.290, 21.360 and 28.390 MHz.

**Call:** “CQ EURAO Party”.

**Exchange:** because this is a QSO event, not a contest, you can talk about whatever you want, in any language, and for as long as you like. Here are some topic suggestions to get the conversation going: name, city, locator, weather, antennas, rigs, etc.

Also talk about QSL interchange. Tell the truth. Say “no, thanks” if you are not interested in the conversation going: name, city, locator, weather, antennas, rigs, etc.

Euros Bureau QSL: for statistic purposes only, we ask participants to submit their logs to party@eurao.org in ADIF format, where the filename should be your callsign (e.g. EA3RFK.ADI).

There will be no results or league tables, only statistical information about number of QSOs, countries, callsigns, OMs/YLs/Clubs, etc.

**Certificate of Participation:** for those sending the log and with a minimum of 10% QSOs confirmed.

**EuroBureauQSL:** you can use it to interchange QSLs even if you are not member. In this case, just send the QSL to the entry point of the country of the station you have contacted.

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**Amateur Radio News... (cont.)**

**TekGiornale CISAR November 2013**

In a TV news format, CISAR, Italian member association of EURAO, keeps contact with its supporters and friends periodically.

In this issue there is a reportage of its HAM RADIO presence, a summary of the fair while driving back home and another reportage about its General Assembly at the end of September, which had as special guests the President and the Vicepresident of ARI.

In the picture the presenter Mary, IZ3KZX's YL.

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**RadioAmateur, the magazine of VRA**

Vlaamse RadioAmateurs, ON4VRA, a Belgian member association of EURAO, publishes a monthly magazine in Flemish (Dutch) which is sent by email to its members.

This is just one of the many benefits of VRA membership, which in 2014 will cost 30 EUR. Other benefits are: urgent information by email, QSL Service 100% guaranteed, civil liability insurance, special email call@vra.be, access to members section of the website, etc.

For example, the **RadioAmateur** issue of November had 25 pages, with articles about technics, antennas, scientific dissemination, contests, special events, field day, software, history, propagation, agenda of activities, etc.

Give a try if you understand Flemish/Dutch.

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**About our members...**

**Federació de Radioaficionats de Catalunya**

FRC, newly founded in 2013, has been the last incorporation just before the approval of the first Statutes of EURAO, so it achieves the status of founder member too.

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