

Bulletin No 1

To all IARU societies

Dear friends,

The Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosport and Radioamateur is pleased to invite ARDF competitors as well as guests from all over the world to 17th World ARDF Championships which will be held in Burabay, Kazakhstan in September 2014. We take this opportunity to invite not only your competitors but also your radio-

amateurs and fans of this radio-sport as well.

They will have a chance to enjoy the unique natural beauty of Kazakhstan and also our hospitality.

We are honored to hold the competitions of such a high rank for first time and we will be happy to welcome you on the hospitable land of Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur (KFRR)

VENUE

Situated 220 km north of Astana, the Burabay area has been termed the 'Kazakh Switzerland', although the mountains qualify only as steep hills. The dense pine woods, strange rock formations and scattered lakes, however, are in stark contrast to the surrounding flat steppe.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE VENUE

Final destination is Astana city, capital of Kazakhstan. International Airport Astana is located 220 km away from the venue. Organizers will provide transfers to the venue and back upon request.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be organized in Sport-hotel complex, located in wildlife park Burabay. The Sport-complex is the biggest and the most modern in Burabay.

WEATHER

The weather at this time of the year is stable, sunny, with daily temperatures 12-

18 degrees Celsius. In September occasional rain is possible.

TERRAIN

The competition areas are in close proximity to the event centre. It takes about 20-30 minutes by bus. The competition area is mostly forest, at an altitude of between 400-600 meters asl.

IOF Maps will be used.

PROGRAMME OF THE COMPETITION

6 September, Saturday – Arrival for classics (as well as for all events)

7 September, Sunday – Training on 80m and 2m bands, official opening, Working

Group meeting, Team Leaders meeting;

8 September, *Monday* – First classic competition, awarding;

9 September, Tuesday – Cultural event, Working Group meeting;

10 September, *Wednesday* – Second classic competition, awarding, arrival for

Sprint and Foxoring;

11 September, *Thursday* – Training for Sprint and Foxoring competitions, in the afternoon Sprint competition*, awarding**;

12 September, *Friday* – Foxoring competition*, awarding**, Closing ceremony and banquet;

13 September, Saturday – Departure

*will be only individual ranking;

**medals and certificates.

ENTRY FEE AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

There are a few options depending on the status of the participants, needs of accommodation/full board, and date of payment as follows:

a) Participation fee (for competitors and Team officials only) – Euro 40 per competition day;

b) Full package for competitors and Team officials:

6-13 September - Euro 490 if paid till 30 June or Euro 540 if paid after 30 June, includes participation fee for Classic, Sprint and Foxoring competitions accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, and banquet;

6-11 September – Euro 410 if paid till 30 June or Euro 450 if paid after 30 June (includes), includes participation fee for classic competitions, accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, and maps;

10-13 September - Euro 330 if paid till 30 June or Euro 360 if paid after 30 June, includes participation fee for Sprint and Foxoring competitions, accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, maps, and banquet;

c) Full package for guests/visitors (out of participants and Team officials):

6-13 September Euro 330 if paid till 30 June or Euro 370 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, and banquet.

6-11 September Euro 330 if paid till 30 June or Euro 370 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation and transportation to the start and from the finish.

10-13 September Euro 250 if paid till 30 June or Euro 280 if paid after 30 June, includes accommodation, transportation to the start and from the finish, and banquet.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The citizens of some of countries expected to take part in the Championships do not need visa to enter Kazakhstan. Those societies that need a visa will be informed accordingly, on receipt of their letter of intend.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Letter of intend will be available via website at the beginning of March. Please log in and fill in the form by 31 March at the latest. All the additional information and following Bulletins will only be distributed to those societies that have responded and only to the contact person nominated in the Letter of intend. The information will also be available on the website of the Championships <u>http://ardf2014.kz</u>

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