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Proposal

BFRA proposes General Conference 2014 to create permanent body named the Sport Committee.

Considerations

a) The recent development of specific radio amateur sports such as Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), High Speed Telegraphy (HST), HF and VHF/UHF/SHF contesting will have an increasing impact on the future of the amateur radio in general;

b) The radio amateur sports are and will be attractive and productive way to involve newcomers in ham radio, especially young generation;

c) Many member societies are completely passive over the years and one of the reasons is that they have no information what radio amateur sports are; the statistic from last World/Region 1 Championships in 2013 shows:

1. HF World Championship 2013:

Area	Member societies	Participating stations
<i>Middle East</i>	10	20
<i>Northern Asia</i>	4	19
<i>Africa</i>	31	12 (<i>most of them ZS plus two DXpeditions</i>)
<i>Europe</i>	47	2619

2. Participants in the Region 1 ARDF Championship 2013: *Only from Europe*

3. Participants in the World HST Championship 2013: *Only from Europe*

4. Participating stations in the Region 1 VHF/UHF/SHF Championships 2013: *Only from Europe*

d) There is no co-ordination between Region 1 bodies, responsible for different radio amateur sports, which sometimes results in ungrounded coincidence of the dates of main events, illustrated by the example bellow with three major championships coinciding in 2014:

- *World ARDF Championship 6-13 September;*

- Region 1 HST Championship 12-16 September;
- Region 1 VHF Championship (144 MHz) 6-7 September.

e) There are no connections, nor communications between IARU Region 1 and various international sport organizations even such that practice radio amateur sports exactly according to IARU Rules, what is the case with ARDF in TAFISA (*The Association For International Sports for All*) and in ERSF (*European Radio Sport Federation*).

Therefore

It is proposed creating a permanent Sport Committee (SC) consisting of a Chairman, elected by General Conference and Region 1 experts in different sports, selected by the EC. Terms of Reference of that Committee shall be approved by the EC within three months after its official establishment.

The SC will be responsible for:

- Popularization of radio sports, with priority to youth as reasonable way to attract them to amateur radio;
- Popularization of radio sports amongst member societies that have no information or no traditions in that area;
- Co-ordination of annual Region 1 sport calendars of HF, VHF/UHF/SHF, ARDF and HST activities;
- Representation of IARU Region 1 in contacts with international sport organizations.

Recommendation

It is recommended to implement the above by adding a bylaw with the following text:

B.3.13.4 There is a permanent Sport Committee (SC) consisting of a Chairman elected by General Conference and Region 1 experts, selected by the EC.