

To: All IARU ARDF WG representatives and contributors to the book
From: Jan Hoek - PA0JNH
Subject: Book about ARDF IARU Championships
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Dear OM's, YL's and XYL's

In recent months I have many of you approached with a request to send me information about the ARDF championships organized between 1961 (Sweden) and 2012 (Serbia). Over time much has been changed in the structure of these championships, the rules and the equipment. etc.

Jan Hoek - PA0JNH, is an active fox hunter since the mid 60s. Mid last year he started collecting information on these IARU ARDF Championships. These included reports with photographs of the championships. Furthermore, the maps used, participant numbers, medals, badges, results lists and everything else that has to do with the championships.

The data were found, among others, in my archive (participant since 2001 in France), the club magazines of DARC and VERON, websites and from anyone who was willing to look into his or her own archive to discover what old data could be brought back to the surface.

I contacted via mail and Internet most members of the IARU ARDF Working Group and a number of amateurs who have participated in past competitions. In any case, in so far as they could be reached.

Ultimately, a large amount of information has been collected. All this is brought together in a book that will soon appear. It has the title:

IARU ARDF - European - Region 1 - World Championships in general and the Dutch participation

The book is printed in full colour and has approximately 250 pages and is A4 size.

It is self-published, in cooperating with the Fox-hunting Committee of VERON, in one limited edition. There will be both a Dutch and an English version. These are completely identical in terms of the content and size of the book.

The book consists of three parts.

- The first part deals with the development of the rules, the types ARDF competitions, the (registration) equipment, the organization of the championships and the state of affairs during a championship.
- The second part contains each individual championship with an overview of what has happened with the accompanying photographs and any other details.
- Finally, an overview of the Dutch participants, the numbers of participants and the participating societies, a summary of all the championships containing the Dutch results, a total overview of all the numbers 1, 2 and 3 individually and in the teams. Furthermore, some more statistical information and pictures of the participants who individually have won a medal 10 times or more.

In late August (ARDF competition in Bad Bentheim) the book will be available for the first time.

The selling price is set at Euro 27.50.

Who wants a copy can now have a reservation, than he/she is sure of a copy. This is best done via an email to PA0JNH: pa0jnh@kpnmail.nl.

The aim is to distribute the books as much as possible via ARDF or other fox hunts meetings at which PA0JNH is present in our country or in Belgium / Germany. **The books will be present at the 16th ARDF World Championships in September in Serbia.** Of course someone else can take one or more books (after payment) for you from there.

For those who want to receive the book by postal service, there will be additional costs for packaging and shipping.

These costs are (per book):

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| - Europe (CEPT-countries): | Euro 12.00 (registered mail) |
| - Outside Europe (non-CEPT countries) | Euro 18.00 (registered mail) |

Payment can be made in cash at the event or through an international payment (in advance) through a bank via IBAN (International Bank Account Number). The details are provided upon request via email. Outside Europe, the transfer fees are to be paid by the applicant. You can specify in your email how many books and which version(s) (English or Dutch) you want. Please also indicate in your email how you want to get the book(s). By post or at the Championships in Serbia.

Finally, many thanks to all who helped in collecting the data.

I hope to meet you in September in Serbia.

73,

Jan Hoek, PA0JNH