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## First Balkan High Speed Telegraphy Championship

31 May – 2 June 2013, Lovech, Bulgaria

### Official Invitation



Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs is pleased to invite all **HST competitors** as well as **CW operators** from all Balkan countries (in alphabetical order: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, FYRO Macedonia, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Turkey) to the **First Balkan High Speed Telegraphy (HST) Championship**. It will be organized in **Lovech, Bulgaria from 31 May to 2 June 2013**.

Lovech is a mid-size city located 150 km north-east of Sofia and 160 km south-west of Ruse. The accommodation will be organized in a 3-star hotel in double and triple rooms. Full board will be provided, starting with dinner on 31 May and finishing with lunch on 2 June. **The total price** for two nights accommodation and two days full board will be **65 Euro per person**.

The participants have to arrive on 31 May, Friday, competitions are provided on 1 June, Saturday (whole day) and 2 June, Sunday (morning), celebration dinner (hamfest) on Saturday, medals/certificates giving and departure on Sunday.

All official male and female categories (A to I) are welcome and will be awarded separately. Each country is allowed to participate with **unlimited number competitors** in each category. Team leaders, trainers, visitors (including visitors from non-Balkan countries) are welcome, too.

The format of the competition is relaxed and includes **3 tests** only, as follows:

- **Callsigns Receiving Test (RUFZ)** – according to the official rules. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.
- **Morse Runner Test** – according to the official rules. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.
- **Transmission Test** – mixed text only, 5 characters in a group, composed of Amateur Radio callsigns, Amateur Radio abbreviations, Q-codes, popular names, popular QTHs, etc. The winner gets 100 points, the rest – proportionally less.

The classification will be **individual only**; rankings will be in total sum of points earned by the three tests (maximum 300).

The organizers believe that such format will attract not only traditional HST competitors but also **many radio amateurs, lovers of CW**.

All other details will be available in Bulletin 1 in the end of January 2013. **Please, input that event in the Calendar** of your society, your club, your personal calendar for 2013. BFRA will be grateful if you popularize that event in your websites.

On behalf of BFRA,  
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Chairman of the Organizing Committee