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Introduction

This paper is a triennial report for the activities in the High Speed Telegraphy Working Group (HST WG) for the period 2002-2005.

Report

The HST WG took lot of actions during the period of three years in order to improve the HST activities in general: competition, rules, championships, popularisation among hams and outstanding achievements recognized by the Guinness Book of Records.

Starting from the General Conference in San Marino 2002 the HST WG established the new Terms of Reference of the WG which was the legal base for our further activities. The WG proposed and adopted a new version of the rules for HST competition which allow all competitors to have equal conditions for competition and jury members to have easier job while judging the competitors. However the HST WG is open for new ideas and proposals which would improve the competition and make it more interesting and popular. The WG proposed to the EC to establish the Region 1 HST Championship every even year and the first championship was held last year in Nis, Serbia and Montenegro. The next Region 1 Championship will be held in Bulgaria in 2006. HST WG also supported the 5th IARU HST World Championship that took place in Minsk, Belarus, 2003 and will also support the 6th World Championship that will take place in Ohrid, Macedonia this year in June.

During the last World Championship in Belarus one competitor made attempt under the present HST rules and with monitoring of three IARU representatives Mr. Panayot Danev, EC member, myself as HST Co-ordinator at that time and Mr. Oscar Verbanck, International HST referee for entering into the Guinness Book of Records. On 8th of November 2004 we got official notification from the Guinness Book that his result had been recognized and noted as Guinness world record. My personal opinion is that this is just a beginning and in future we will be witnesses of higher results.

My prediction and expectation for this and next year are that for the first time we will have more than 100 competitors during the championships and at the same time representatives from more than 3 continents and all IARU Regions. I also expect that for the first time we will have among us representatives from Africa, South America and Australia which would be a huge breakthrough for further expansion and popularisation of the HST.

During this period HST WG had two official meetings: first at World Championship in Minsk, 2003 and second at Region 1 Championship in Nis, 2004. However WG members were always in communication by e-mail or phone, so all questions were discussed and solved as quickly as possible. All decisions were made unanimously which showed us that we are at the right way.

In the three years that passed I gave my best of knowledge and energy for the success of the HST and I am willing and capable to do this job in the next three years under your authority and with your complete support.