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# 10. IARU ARDF for Arpad Šarkezi



Arpad Šarkezi YU7AM  
in his shack

On his site  
<http://www.ravangrad.net/~yu7am/yu7am.htm> Arpad Šarkezi wrote:

I was born on March 29, 1948, in Baranja, a small place Suza near Beli Manastir, where I graduated my first four school years. I attended the elementary school in Batina, too, but finished it in Bezdan. After a not successful career in the Gymnasium in Sombor, the fate wanted to see me in the world of electricity. My first contact with Amateur radio was during my army days (1967), where I met Andon Upcev, YU4VEM, an excellent teacher, who made me feel this wonderful world. In a short period, I gave exams for the third amateur class in YU4AVW in Tuzla. Besides radio-traffic, I got basic knowledge on different radio equipment repair, installation and use. 1969, in Sombor, I was given the second amateur class, and in September this year, with the radios made by my hands, I started transmitting under my call sign YU1NWJ. During 1973 I obtained a most modern short wave transceiver. It was Yaesu FT101 which is still nowadays in order and use. In 1976, in front of SRV commission, Laza Isakov, YU1NGO, the president, I succeeded to get the highest amateur class. Besides radio-station work, preferably in CW, I started loving

one more ham specialty - ARDF, amateur radio direction finding. Everything happened when I got two ARDF radios from the radio club in Baja, 1973. Since the following year up to now, I have not omitted any year with competing in SRJ. Have been the winner in SRV and SRJ many times, and since 1978, I often used to be a SRJ team member, competing in various championships abroad.

My best results were achieved together with Brano Brajović and Drago Petrović, category - older seniors. In SPARG, Sarajevo 1986 and SPARG Beatenberg - Switzerland 1988, we took the third place and bronze medals. My best individual success was taking the first place VHF, in the huge international competition in Checkoslovakia 1989. I am still active working on radio station, though I am recently using digital modes of communication. Besides Packet radio using separate computer, I am working PSK 31, SSTV with pleasure, but most of all RTTY. Note, I was one of the first in YU using this mode, in late 1975. In big international contests I often used to take highest places - 1st, 2nd and 3rd (WAE, BARTG, ARRL, OKDX..). Using Penium II PC for RTTY and WRITELOG software. Having worked from the DXCC list of countries: Mixed 334 - Phone 300 - CW 305 - RTTY 291.

Last time, since I have been retired, I am using to run in order to keep my physical condition good, what is needed for ARDF. During these trainings, I got acquainted with marathon runners, who persuaded me to try marathon races. I successfully ran out several half-marathons, 21.1 km, in Sombor, Novi Sad, Beograd.

These days I made my jubilee - the 20th half-marathon, in Podgorica 2005. My best time achieved was 1:43:39. In the meantime, I opened my web site [www.somaraton.org.yu](http://www.somaraton.org.yu), where competitors data and results can be found.

### JUBILEE

Our veteran Arpad Šarkezi has checked in 10 IARU championships, European and worldwide, into his diary. Much effort, time and money has been given, mostly by himself. There were not so much support and understanding. But, let us illustrate this reach and unique sport jubilee.

Year	World	Eu	L	Remark
1986	3.		YU	1
1988	4.		HB	2
1990	5.		OK	3
1992	6.		HA	UN sanctions
1993		9.	OK	
1994	7.		SM	
1995		10.	OM	4
1996		11.	LZ	5
1997	8.		DL	6
1998	9.		HA	7
1999		12.	9A	Political relations
2000	10.		BY	8
2001		13.	F	Nonability of selffinancial support
2002	11.		OM	
2003		14.	SP	
2004	12.		OK	
2005		15.	YU	9
2006	13.		LZ	10

Participating in 7 world wide (IARU) and 3 European (IARU R1) ARDF championships. The first competition in ARDF abroad started in ŠARG Sarajevo, on Igman.

The Third Worldwide ARDF Championship on Igman 1986, I was participating as an older

senior. Arpad overpassed time on 144 MHz so that we won the 5th team place. With a little more happiness, we could win the golden medal. On 144 MHz Arpad won the 7th place, together with Brana Brajović, and our team got bronze / the third place (Brajović was 10th).



ARDF team on training



Arpad with a part of men team at opening of the manifestation.

## II

The Fourth Worldwide ARDF Championship in Beatenberg, Switzerland, 1988, was his 2nd IARU. He wins 27th place in category older seniors 144 MHz and 14th on 3,5 MHz. The money support for this expedition was very modest, so the team was settled in a camp some 5 or 6 kms appart of the other competitors, with no food.



Bronze medal, team trophy, HF



Arpad with Drago Petrović and Brano Brajović – third place

## III

The Fifth Worldwide ARDF Championship, on the High Tatra, Checkoslovakia, 1990, was his third IARU competition. Due to lack of financial support, there were no preparation trainings. A deal was achieved with the Hungarian team, so that their bus was used. Arpad obtained sports vests for his team. Their accomodation and food were obtained at lower prices, based on friendship with the Organizer. Arpad participated in the category of older seniors, and on 144 MHz won 11th place, his team 5th, and on 3,5 MHz 9th place, the team 7th.



Djordjo Vlah, Arpad Šarkezi, and Drago Petrović



The Sixth Worldwide ARDF Championship 1992 was held in Hungary, but our team did not participate due to economic sanctions.

The 9th European ARDF was held in Checkoslovakia 1993, but our team was not there - the same reason.

The same situation happened with the 7th worldwide ARDF in Sweden 1994.

Arpad omitted these three important championships just in his best age. 5 years being out of international manifestations is really too much!

## IV

After these freezing years, the 9th EU ARDF was held 1995 in Čelnice near Bratislava, Slovakia. The fourth for Arpad, with no preparation, and selffinancing was applied. Arpad took the 15th place on 144 MHz, and his team with Dušan Čeha 8th place on 3,5 MHz..



Arpad with HL1IE and Jan SM5FUG

## V

The 9th EU ARDF in Bulgaria 1996 saw 11 YU competitors. On 144 MHz - 23th place and 7th veteran, team. On 3,5 MHz 22th place, team 9th, achieved.







YU representation

**VI**

The Eight Worldwide held in Germany 1997.

There were no joint preparations; no money. Arpad in the oldtimer category - out of time on 144 MHz, and the 36th place on 3,5 MHz.



Together with A9 Bahrain competitors in Germany

**VII**

The 9th Worldwide ARDF Championship took place in Niregyhaza, Hungary, 1998. No one knew until the last moment if our team would have participating because there were no money.

Arpad took the 39th place on 144 MHz and 27th on 3,5 MHz, category older seniors.



YU ARDF company in Hungary



Arpad with his son Zoltan, YU team, in Hungary

The 12th EU ARDF was held in Croatia. Our competitors were not present there.

**VIII**

The 10th Worldwide ARDF happened in China, 2000. Some preparation was done on Kopaonik and in Arandjelovac, supported by the Republic of Serbia. However, the competitors had to obtain sponsors to support their participation. Arpad was refunded by the Serbian MUP. Took the 26th place on 144 MHz and out of time on 3,5 MHz, category OT.



ARDF SRJ team in China



ARDF SRJ team in China - Arpad with his club YU7KMN companions and a young chinese



The 13th EU ARDF was held in France 2001. No money support was obtained.

The 11th Worldwide in Slovakia 2002. No money, as well. Participating were the ones who had found sponsors by themselves.

The 14. EU ARDF in Poland 2003. Everything repeating. The Worldwide ARDF in Check Republic 2004.

Then four years of freezing, again. The reason is the lack of money support, but Arpad is using this "international pause", improving in Athletics and participating in various athletic meetings.

**IX**

The 15th European ARDF Championship was held on Tara and Zlatibor, Serbia, 2005. The SRS, and its president Slobodan Kojić, managed to obtain a fairly good amount of money for organization expences The team selection was made during a 7-day stay on Goč, and a 14-day training on Kopaonik, with all accomodation and travel expences paid by SRS. Paid were all expences on Tara, as well. The only things bought by team members were sports vests.



Arpad individually wins 10th place ON 144 MHz, and, together with Drago Petrović and Zoran Dimitrijević, the 7th place for the team. On 3,5 MHz, individually



the 12th place, with his team the 8th.



**X**

The jubiliar 10th IARU competition for Arpad happened as the 13th Worldwide ARDF Championship in Bulgaria, 2006. Formerly, The 1st Balcan ARDF took place in Kovačevci, Bulgaria, 2006, too, in July. In the category M50 he wins the 1st place on 144 MHz and the 3rd on 3,5 MHz, or in general placement, the 2nd place and silver medal.



Arpad Šarkezi and Djordje Lazarevski, a representation member of Macedonia.

All money needed for the World Championship was obtained by SRS, without training expences.. Arpad, in the category M50 wins the 20th place on 144 MHz, and 15th on 3,5 MHz. He is alone and, accordingly, there are no team results.



Arrival at the finish on 144 MHz



The foxes are chased crawling, too...



The SRS RS representation in Bulgaria 2006

**FAMILYARY**



The family of Šarkezi on Tara, 2005

It is worth mentioning that Arpad Šarkezi has been a team member of four countries:

- 3 times on worldwide championships he was in the Yugoslav Radio-amateur Association of SFRJ, from 1986 to 1990.
- 3 times on worldwide and two on European ARDF events, he was a member of the SRJ representation, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Once on European ARDF, he was in the SRSCG team in the State Union of SCG and once on worldwide, in the SRS team, Republic of Serbia.



SFRJ

SRJ



SCG

RS

Many people in their lives do not achieve to become representation members, but Arpad does; even he was a member of four countries teams.

**TECHNICAL**

Arpad has made his own design of VHF ARDF receiver, using his excellent experience in ARDF and his technical knowledge. It is named SOKA, and it is still under innovation and improvisation.

Zoltan, the Arpad's son, is a Serbian representative for many years, too. In the same manner, the family tradition will be followed by his granddaughter Beatris.



Let us wish Arpad to celebrate the next jubilee, the 20th IARU Championship.



**10<sup>th</sup> IARU ARDF Championships**

**SFRJ SRJ** **SRJ SRJ**

**1<sup>st</sup> 1986.g.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> W YU**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 1988.g.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> W HB**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 1990.g.**  
**5<sup>th</sup> W OK**

**4<sup>th</sup> 1995.g.**  
**10<sup>th</sup> EU OM**

**5<sup>th</sup> 1996.g.**  
**11<sup>th</sup> EU LZ**

**6<sup>th</sup> 1997.g.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> W DL**

**7<sup>th</sup> 1998.g.**  
**9<sup>th</sup> W HA**

**8<sup>th</sup> 2000.g.**  
**10<sup>th</sup> W BY**

**9<sup>th</sup> 2005.g.**  
**15<sup>th</sup> EU YU**

**10<sup>th</sup> 2006.g.**  
**13<sup>th</sup> EU LZ**

**RS SRS** **DZ SGG SRSGG**

**YU7AM** **Arpad Šarkezi**

**10<sup>th</sup> IARU Championships**

**1<sup>st</sup> 1986.g.** **3<sup>rd</sup> W YU**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 1998.g.** **4<sup>th</sup> W HB**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 1999.g.** **5<sup>th</sup> W OK**  
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**QTHI JN95rs** **ITU Zone 28**  
**EQ Zone 15**