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National JOTA Organizers (NJO's)
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43rd JOTA, 21-22 October 2000!! **(Jamboree-On-The-Air)**

Dear colleagues,

This is a final reminder that the 43rd JOTA will be held over the weekend of 21 and 22 October 2000.

The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. It's the sheer excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide at some other place in the world that attracts so many youngsters to this event. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting.

The JOTA is a world-wide event. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00 h until Sunday 24.00 h local time.

Details of the JOTA organization were already published in our first JOTA circular 18/2000, issued in May 2000. Please check this circular again for important details. It can also be downloaded from our web site at www.scout.org/jota

JOTA info on the web

More and more our JOTA information is being published on the WOSM's web server. In this circular you will find several references to documents that are also available on-line. You can access and download them at your convenience. Reactions we received from National JOTA Organisers indicate that this service is appreciated and convenient.

You will find the site at www.scout.org/jota. It is being further developed and currently is linked to the JOTA service site of the World JOTA Organizer, which has further resource material available that you can download electronically.



New services that will be introduced on the web pages during this coming month are 3 email lists:

- “Radio-alert”, for interested Scouts and leaders that would like an automatic notification each time the content of the JOTA pages changes;
- “NJO-forum”, a discussion list for registered National JOTA Organisers. This list is moderated (access only for NJO’s). It will be a place where JOTA organisers can find last-minute help, get resource material from a colleague NJO or seek answers to specific questions;
- “JOTA sked book”, where participating Scout groups can, among others, pre-arrange for radio contacts.

The web site will give instructions on how to subscribe and unsubscribe to these lists. The JOTA web services aim to make available and easily distribute information on the Jamboree On The Air to national JOTA Organizers and interested Scout groups.

Programme ideas and help

How to organize a JOTA for your Scouts? Are you put off by the Amateur Radio jargon and all the technical stuff? You need not be. Here's where you get help.

A lot of JOTA programme ideas and organizational tips and tricks are presented in the JOTA fact sheet. It shows tips for preparing your Scouts for the event, additional suggestions for programme activities during the weekend and a ideas for a follow-up on the contacts you have made. The JOTA fact sheet is available in English, French, Spanish and Russian. It can be ordered via your National Office or downloaded directly in pdf format from our web server www.scout.org/jota

The Cartoon Network

Here's your first millennium challenge: the first JOTA in the new millennium has an exciting international game for you and your Scouts. The JOTA circular issued last May shows you all the details.

The game instructions can also be downloaded directly from:

www.middelkoop7.myweb.nl/jota/cartoon.pdf

Make sure you advertise the game to all your participating Scouts.

HB2S activities

The radio station of the World Scout Bureau, HB9S, will operate this year from the Scout centre Les Perouses, just outside Geneva, Switzerland. Because it is the first JOTA in this second millennium we have obtained the special radio call sign **HB 2 S**.

The operator team will consist of Yves Margot, HB9AOF, Richard Middelkoop, PA3BAR, World Bureau staff members and an international team of Scout radio amateurs.

The radio station will start to operate during the Friday evening and will continue during most of the Saturday and Sunday, with short breaks during the night. Transmitters will be on the air simultaneously on the 10/15/20 metre, 160/80/40 metre and 0.7/2 metre bands, mostly on or nearby the world Scout frequencies. It can be reached by packet-radio at the address: HB9S@HB9IAP. You may send requests for skeds in advance to the station manager Yves Margot, by packet HB9AOF@HB9IAP or email hb9aof@uska.ch. Please note the propagation predictions when selecting sked times.

Making a contact with HB2S takes some patience. Usually many stations are calling at the same time. Please follow the instructions given by the operators and do not interfere with on-going contacts. The operators will do their very best to make contact with Scout stations world-wide and speak to Scouts in as many languages as possible.

Participation Cards

This year's participation cards were mailed at the same time as the 1st JOTA circular, to the National Scout Organisations. The intent is that each participant receives a card, as confirmation of his or her participation and as a souvenir of the event.

The design follows an idea by the Raposa patrulla, AEP grupo 23 in Queluz, Portugal. It emphasises the use both of computers and of radios during the JOTA weekend. This year's background colour is marine blue.

National JOTA Reports

JOTA organizers are kindly requested to send a report to the World Scout Bureau soon after the event. Enclosed with this circular is the report form for the 43rd JOTA.

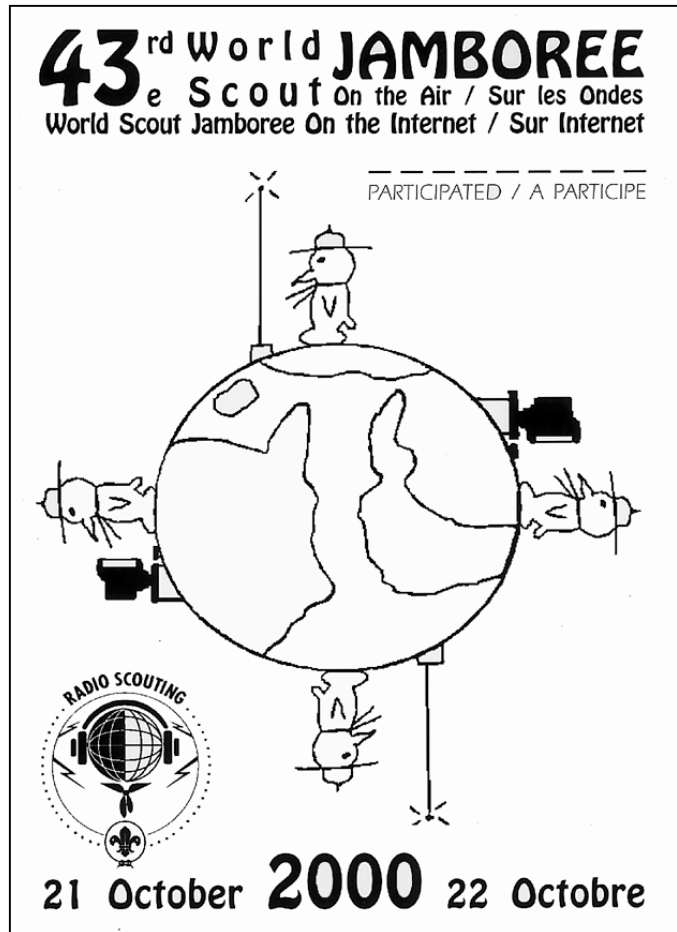
The World Bureau is very much interested to get an impression of what the JOTA was like in your country. Please put your ideas and comments, suggestions for future programmes and description of the most important and interesting contacts that were made in your National JOTA report. A summary of it will be published in the World JOTA Report, of which each NJO and Scout Association will receive a copy. The figures that are requested on the report form will be used to

compile some statistics. A reasonable estimate would be appreciated if they cannot be specified accurately. Please feel free to include any other information on separate papers.

As announced in our previous circular, the report form is also available in electronic form, in PDF format. It will be emailed to all NJO's with an email address known to us. Soon after publication of this circular, the form can also be downloaded from the WOSM web server at: www.scout.org/jota Currently it is not yet possible to fill out your JOTA report on-line.

Since the JOTA is not a competition, you do not need to send a copy of the radio logbook showing every contact you made. We do appreciate to read your description of the most interesting contacts you made.

Photographs are especially appreciated. Photo's, showing Scouts in uniform at the microphone and of other activities like electronic kitbuilding, foxhunting, semaphore, map plotting and the like are most welcome. And how about the self-constructed masts and antennas or a station set up at an unusual location? We're curious to see them.



The World Report editor would very much appreciate it if you could send any additional report text in **English** on a computer disk or via email. You may use any MS-DOS or Macintosh formatted disk with the text in ASCII format or formatted according to any popular word processor.

You can use electronic mail and send your file to: PA3BAR@Amsat.org. Maximum email file size is 500 kb. Clearly mention "JOTA Report" in the subject line. If you use normal postal mail, please note that the address of the report editor has changed recently; the form has the correct current address.

In any case, send your report to the World Scout Bureau or directly to the editor **before the 31st of December 2000 !!**

Last-minute information

This circular is the last information you will receive before the JOTA weekend. If there is any last-minute information of general interest, it will be distributed electronically to National JOTA Organizers with an email address known to us. Also check the SCOUTS@WW directory of your local packet-radio bbs and the WOSM web site on internet at URL <http://www.Scout.org/jota>.

Finally

The JOTA is an excellent opportunity to meet Scouts, Guides and others from many countries. Exchange ideas, learn about other cultures and habits and make new friends. I strongly recommend that you bring this activity to the attention of your Scouts and leaders and stimulate them to take part in it.

I promise you all a most enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely yours,
Jacques Moreillon



Secretary General

Encl.: JOTA report form.