Patron of the STAYHOME radio campaign is
the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland Pekka Haavisto

COVID-19 RADIO COMMUNICATION EVENT
DATE: June 06-07, 2020.
STARTS 10.00 UTC SATURDAY - ENDS 09.59 UTC SUNDAY

For amateur radio operators worldwide, social distancing is not an issue. Our ham radio network of radio-wave signals flies high and wide, across all borders near and far. Amateur radio operators are well-known for their communication skills during the happy days, but also during times of crisis.

Even if ham radio operators are now confined to their homes, they are encouraged to communicate, to enhance their friendships, and to keep their minds and skills sharp for global messaging whenever needed.

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GREETINGS FROM THE IARU PRESIDENT, Tim Ellam, VE6SH (extract)

"Amateur Radio operators across the world are experiencing something we have never seen before with the current COVID-19 Pandemic. In times like this on the air activities can benefit our communities and ourselves.

On the air events such as this one are important to improve your operating skills. It is also encouraging us to get on the air and keep active as well as promoting social distancing.

I thank all participating operators in this event and am grateful to the national regulators in many countries who have made a number of special calls available for use by amateurs."

73 Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA
President, International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)

OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT:

To bring this global group of some 3 million radio amateurs together, to have them greet each other, and to enhance their sense of global companionship. The format of this event is similar to that used in their competitive events, and the best efforts are also recognized with an appropriate award program.

The Finnish Amateur Radio League, (SRAL) in cooperation with Araucaria DX Group (ADXG) of Brazil and Radio Arcala, OH8X of Finland invite you cordially to join them in to a global special event featuring their STAYHOME campaign and its radio activity as follows:

TIME PERIOD: 06-07 June, 2020, 10.00 UTC Saturday – 09.59 UTC Sunday

BANDS: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters

MODES: CW, SSB, DIGITAL (FT4/FT8 only)

STATION CATEGORIES:

1) STAYHOME stations. The suffix must be STAYHOME.

> A suffix such as STAY, HOME, or STAYHOM may be used in case STAYHOME cannot be issued by the local telecom authorities. The following call signs are also accepted: 5W1STAYSAFE and W2I/STAYHOME

2) NON-STAYHOME stations: All other stations with their regular suffix.

OPERATOR AND MODE CATEGORIES:

1) Single operator, both in STAYHOME and NON-STAYHOME categories:

> A: Single mode CW, or SSB, or Digital
> B: Multi mode CW/SSB/Digital

2) Team category, of up to three (3) same STAYHOME stations; each on a single mode, using the same call sign. Stations can be in multiple locations and multiple operators are allowed at each station assuming they honor the local distancing recommendations.

3) All participants must operate within the power limits and other conditions corresponding to their license in their respective country.

SUGGESTED CALL: Please use CQ STAYHOME (SSB) and TEST SH (CW) because there are other contests going on at the same time

EXCHANGE: 59(9) and the AGE (years) of the operator. Ladies can use 00.

If you do not want to tell your age, please use 99.

QSO-MAKING ASSISTANCE: DX-Cluster and Reverse Beacon Network are permitted.

Self-spotting is not allowed. Remotely operated stations are allowed.

SCORING:

1) STAYHOME STATIONS: The total number of valid contacts.

2) NON-STAYHOME STATIONS: Each valid QSO gives 1 point.

Stations can be worked once on each mode and band = max 15 QSOs.

There are two types of multipliers:

> a) Number of DXCC countries worked, regardless of band and mode.

> b) Number of different STAYHOME call signs worked, regardless of band and mode.

LOG FORMAT:

Date, UTC time, band, sent and received messages are needed.

Cabrillo is preferred but ADIF files are also accepted. FT8 generated ADIF files are acceptable.

LOG INSTRUCTIONS: The operator's age should be included both in the sent and in the received messages, e.g. 599 73. Please check that your transmitted message (with age) also went into your log. If not, add your age in the SOAPBOX or comments of the log.

Logs received without received age are welcome and count as support logs.

LOGGING SOFTWARE:

The only contest using age is the All Asian Contest and can also be used here. In Win-test, All Asian accepts both modes (CW/SSB)

You may use any other software where age can be included in the messages.

For example, CQ WW DX Contest format can be used, replacing the zone number by age. Submitted logs for three modes can be separate. Please forget about the scoring (see below).

If your program adds a leading zero to your age, that is OK.

SCORE CALCULATION:

Since none of the existing software can score the logs, leave it up to the organizers to do this.

SUBMISSION OF LOGS:

Send your log to covidlog@sral.fi The deadline is 7 days after the end of the contest.

THE AWARDS:

The STAYHOME stations making more than 1000 QSOs will receive an online certificate (all operators). The best NON-STAYHOME scores in each continent receive a plaque.

The top 30 multi-mode scores, top 5 single mode scores on each mode, and top 3 scores of each continent will receive an online certificate. The same group of sixty-three (63) scores will participate the grand prize lottery.

THE GRAND PRIZE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE THE ACTUAL EVENT

Questions and comments: Contact Ville, OH2MM/PY2ZEA email: py2zea@gmail.com

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