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Introduction:

In his speech during the opening ceremony of the HAMRADIO 2006 exhibition in Friedrichshafen Dick Harms, PA2DW, president of VERON reported about the outcome of questioning the very young radio amateurs in his country:

Contests were named as the most popular and interesting part of amateur radio!

Probably all national societies have the same problem to get and keep newcomers in the school age interested in amateur radio. Why not try to reach this objective by offering an own special contest event for them?

Such a contest, in which only participants up to a certain age limit are competing, allows these beginners to concentrate first on contest activities. It could keep them interested in amateur radio until they reach an age when technical items become better understood and more interesting. Although a new additional contest might be contrary to the aim to limit the number of contests, but at least it should be discussed whether it will be useful to have such an EYC.

Proposal: To organize an annual European Youth Contest (EYC).

A frame could be: 2 or 3 groups of up to a maximum age (to be defined), duration 6 hours, exchanging of their age, all modes and parallel with another contest (this allows them to gain also points by contacting participants of this other contest).

To run the EYC parallel to the WAG, but is open to any other suggestion. DARC offers to start organizing the first EYC, and then the society with the highest numbers of logs should do it in the following year.