

# YOTA NEWSLETTER

IARU R1 YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND LATEST NEWS



## Greetings from OH1ESI

Hi!

I am super happy that you have found your way to the first YOTA Newsletter! This newsletter covers all things Youth in IARU Region 1 including current events, news, and some additional content for you to enjoy. Our goal is to bring the community closer together and to keep You up to date on what is happening.

We have yet again kicked off a new year with a re-activated Youth Contesting Program, first round of the YOTA Contest and the publication of our upcoming summer camp in Prague, Czechia. More is coming, so stay tuned and see you On The Air!

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## New TTM Program

Many of you are familiar with TTT - Train The Trainer. It was introduced in 2017 by the IARU Region 1 member societies with the core idea of young amateurs training other youngsters and sharing experiences with their peers. As we are looking to develop the program to make it more efficient and to actually serve the youth in the best possible way, a new "branch" of the program was introduced in the last IARU Region 1 General Conference in November 2023.

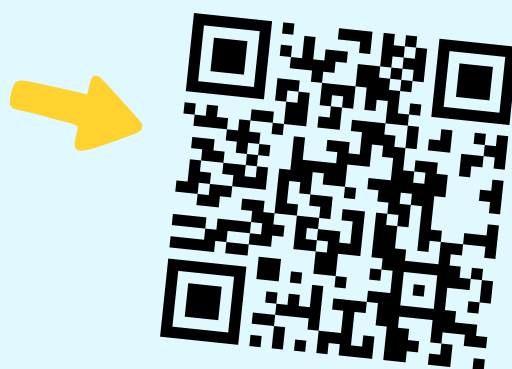


TTM stands for Train The Mentor. Its core purpose is very similar to TTT, but instead of the youth training the youth, we will guide more experienced amateurs to share their experiences with the youth. The Youth Working Group will be launching the pilot in cooperation with HRS (Croatian Amateur Radio Association).

## Monthly Discord skeds

Join us on the YOTA Discord server for a monthly meetup on the 20m voice channel, these skeds will be held **every first Sunday of the month 1700UTC!** We will hang out together and get to know new people in ham radio. If you are not yet on our Discord server join from the following link:

<https://discord.gg/cJQWWZz3wG>



**Join the YOTA  
Community!**

**16th to 23rd  
August 2024  
Prague**

## Summer Camp 2024

The 13th annual YOTA Summer Camp is coming in Prague from 16th to 23rd of August 2024. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there and spending another unforgettable week of ham radio!

*If you want to participate, please contact your own member society to see if there are any spots available.*

## Youth Activities at Ham Radio

Youth will once again be represented at the **HAM RADIO fair** in Friedrichshafen! Stay tuned for more information about the schedule, youth accommodation, International Youth Meeting, and more! We hope to see many of you there in June!

More information about the fair itself can be found on the organizer's website: <https://www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.com/>



## YOTA Contest winners!

The first round of YOTA Contest 2024 was a great success! The results are published - congratulations to all winners!

**Make sure to add the upcoming YOTA Contest dates to your calendar:**

July 20 10-22 UTC

December 30 10-22 UTC







<https://forms.gle/BwvDvyzH3rGoB3abA>

## YOTA MEME CONTEST

Let us introduce - the YOTA Meme Contest!

Create and submit your ham radio or YOTA related memes **by the end of April**. You can make as many submissions as you like. The winning memes will be made into stickers!

## Meet the team behind YOTA!

The Youth Working Group is a group of young amateurs within the International Amateur Radio Union that organizes events, supports and advocates for youth in ham radio. We will introduce a few members of the YWG in each newsletter

**NAME AND CALLSIGN:** Henni OH1ESI  
**WHO AM I:** I am a 23-year-old business student currently based in Helsinki.  
**WHAT DO I DO:** I am the chair of the YWG and make sure everything runs smoothly in Region 1 Youth.  
**IF I WERE HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT:** I would probably be the headset 😊



## Henni OH1ESI

**BEST YOTA MEMORY:** My first ever YOTA camp in UK 2017! Fell deep down the rabbit hole of ham radio and got many new friends that I'm still in contact with almost daily.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE OR A TV SHOW:** The Office



## Tomi HA8RT

**NAME AND CALLSIGN:** Tomi Varró, HA8RT  
**WHO AM I:** I am a long-time youngster, and even if the time is passing... 25 years old, software engineer, living now in Helsinki.  
**WHAT DO I DO:** I am a vice chair of YWG - mainly responsible for events like summer camp and YOTA contest.  
**IF I WERE A HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT:** Hardware interlock. The most annoying piece of equipment. 😊  
**BEST YOTA MEMORY:** 2015 - Italy my first summer camp. I think joining there made sure I am still active in YOTA, contesting, DX etc.  
**FAVORITE MOVIE OR A TV SHOW:** The Bucket List - with Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson. Surprisingly underrated!

## Meet the team behind YOTA!



# Martina OK2YLQ

**NAME AND CALLSIGN:** Martina OK2YLQ

**WHO AM I:** Hi, I'm a multimedia technologies student who loves art, sports, and of course HAM radio!

**WHAT DO I DO:** I am currently focusing on organizing this year's YOTA BEST YOTA MEMORY: Summer Camp, which will be in Prague. I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone!

**IF I WERE A HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT:** Hmm...I guess I would be a walkie-talkie.

**BEST YOTA MEMORY:** I have a lot of them, and it's quite hard to choose the best one, but definitely one of the unforgettable experiences was seeing an elephant on safari in South Africa. However, my first camp in England is also one of them; I remember it very fondly.

**FAVORITE MOVIE OR A TV SHOW:** There are a lot of those, but I guess HIMYM is definitely a comfort show!



## Organize a YOTA event!

Do you want to organize an event? We want to help you! If you are looking to arrange a YOTA Subregional camp, or a Youth Contesting Program event, please **contact us through [youth@iaru-r1.org](mailto:youth@iaru-r1.org)** at least 6 months before the event would take place.

## More YOTA Content!



Craving more YOTA content in your everyday life? **Follow our social medias!** Visit our website at [ham-yota.com](http://ham-yota.com). And join our Discords server!

<https://discord.gg/cJQWWZz3wG>

