

## ISTRA CONTEST CONFERENCE HONOR PLAQUE

### FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF HAM RADIO CONTESTING

*The Istra Contest Conference is pleased to announce the establishment of a prestigious award to recognize outstanding individuals and clubs or teams that have made significant contributions to the amateur radio society in the field of ham radio contesting.*

*This esteemed award, launched in August 2024, will be presented annually to the deserving winners at the Istra Contest Conference in October, acknowledging their exceptional achievements and dedication to the field.*

*The award is presented in two distinct categories:*

- The first category acknowledges recent contributions to the field of contesting, where achievements from the past year will be evaluated, although not limited to only the previous year's accomplishments*
- The second category recognizes individuals for their lifetime achievements and dedication to the field of contesting*

*The award decision is made by a committee that decides based on proposals and evaluates the promotion of amateur radio competitions (not limited only to HF competitions), the popularization of contesting among young people and other newcomers to the hobby, results achieved in amateur radio competitions, contributions to organizations and gatherings related to contesting, and the development of open-source and non-commercial technology (hardware and software) and related areas, such as social media promotion, work on publishing amateur radio magazines, bulletins, and internet portals, forums, and others.*

*Nominations for recognition are submitted via email by a group of people - clubs, contest teams, DX clubs, national and local associations, or a group of at least four (4) operators. Formal associations (societies, clubs, etc.) verify the application according to their own internal organization rules. If the proposer is an informal group of radio amateurs (contest team, group of individuals, or similar), the application must contain group members' signatures.*

*The nomination must contain information about the group or association that submitted the nomination, the name of the person or group of operators (radio club, contest team, etc.) being nominated, as well as a brief written description of the nomination, which must include a brief biography of the individual, a list of activities that have contributed to the contest community, along with explanations and links to websites, media releases, or professional articles.*

*The Lifetime Achievement Award can only be awarded once to the individual candidates.*

*If the total number of nominations in each category is less than five (5), committee members can provide additional nominations. The committee is assembled by an international team of operators, initially chosen by the Istra Contest Conference organization, and individuals who are awarded automatically extend the committee becoming its members for upcoming rewards and staying on the committee for life.*

*The supervision team of the committee is a group of three Istra Contest Conference organizers, who have the exclusive right to remove a member from the committee due to longer periods of inactivity upon proposal from at least half of the committee members. Any member of the supervision team or committee is not eligible for a personal reward.*