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“Training of Contesters”

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In recent years the DARC has developed, many ideas how to form and train prospective contesters. Thus, in 2010 for the first time, lectures about contests were held and contest simulations were offered at the Contest University during the Ham Radio Fair in Friedrichshafen. The interest in this first event was outstanding: 130 YLs or OM attended.

In the past year, also for the first time, we have donated prizes for participants in the WAG Contest (Worked All Germany) holding their amateur radio license for less than 2 years. These trophies were handed over to the winners at the contest forum at the Ham Radio Fair.

For 2011, it is planned to organize a short pre-contest training of 2 hours, before the start of the WAG contest when contest newcomers can learn from experienced contest operators how to run a contest effectively without pressure.