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1. Background

YOTA Italy Summer Camp was held between 18 and 25 July 2015 at Marina di Massa in Tuscany; we had 76 participants from 23 different countries and for the first time there were youngsters from Asia and Africa.

This was the first YOTA Summer Camp totally organized by IARU without any other external support from European Commission like in the four previous years; this fact permitted to focus activities only on amateur radio and to extra-EU countries to take part to it.

2. Results

Among the participants were youngsters whose interest in amateur radio was not strong and consolidated, whose knowledge of the various activities was limited by the experience. Through activities made at the YOTA camp they have been able to experience new activities and passionate about them. Many of the them who were not in possession of the call sign and they obtained it in the following periods.

Relationships between the participants continued even after the event through radio contacts, social media and meetings and ham fairs (like Friedrichshafen Amateur Radio Messe).

The international character of the event and the born of friendship relations among young people of different culture, nationality, social extraction but with the same passion for amateur radio has a long-term value that is difficult to measure but we believe is the basis for the future development of individual Associations and IARU.

In the national field, the YOTA Italia project has allowed the development of a previously non-existent group that reaches around 100 youngsters in less than two years and promotes activities, meetings and methods of approaching radiates to young people through a collaborative climate and sharing of difficulties with their peers.

We don't need to divide this project in two or three parts because we have to give opportunity to create an event with a good impact to youngsters with attractive activities and important things; the ones that come to a YOTA Camp have to come back home with good will to be active and share knowledge to other youngsters in their countries.

3. Comments

We suggest to all IARU Region 1 member societies to support YOTA project also at national level with the development of projects in educational and scouting fields. This is the only way to grant us a future for the amateur radio.