



Scandinavian Activity Contest

more than 50 years of HF contesting with the Scandinavians

SAC 2012

The National Team Contesting Trial

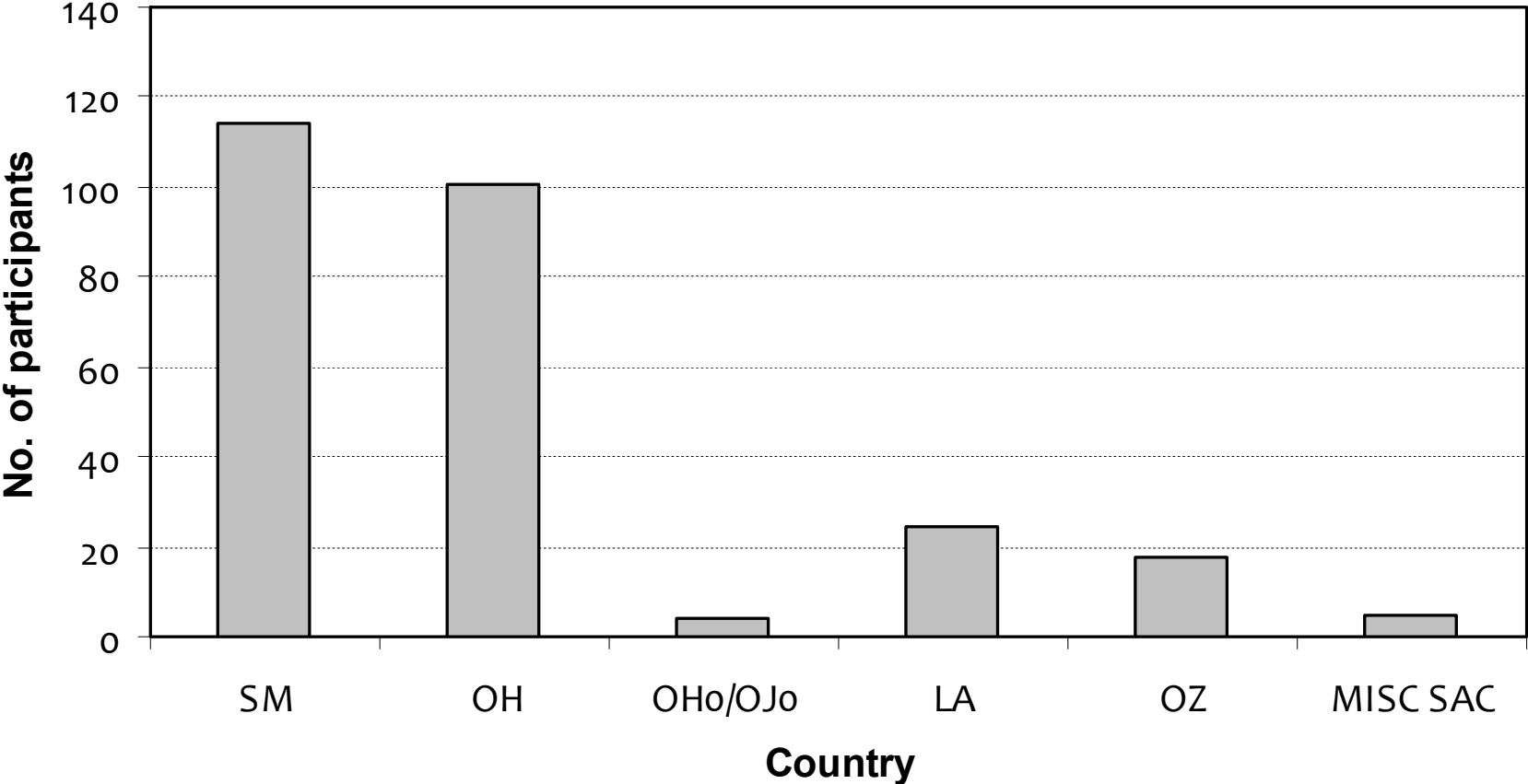
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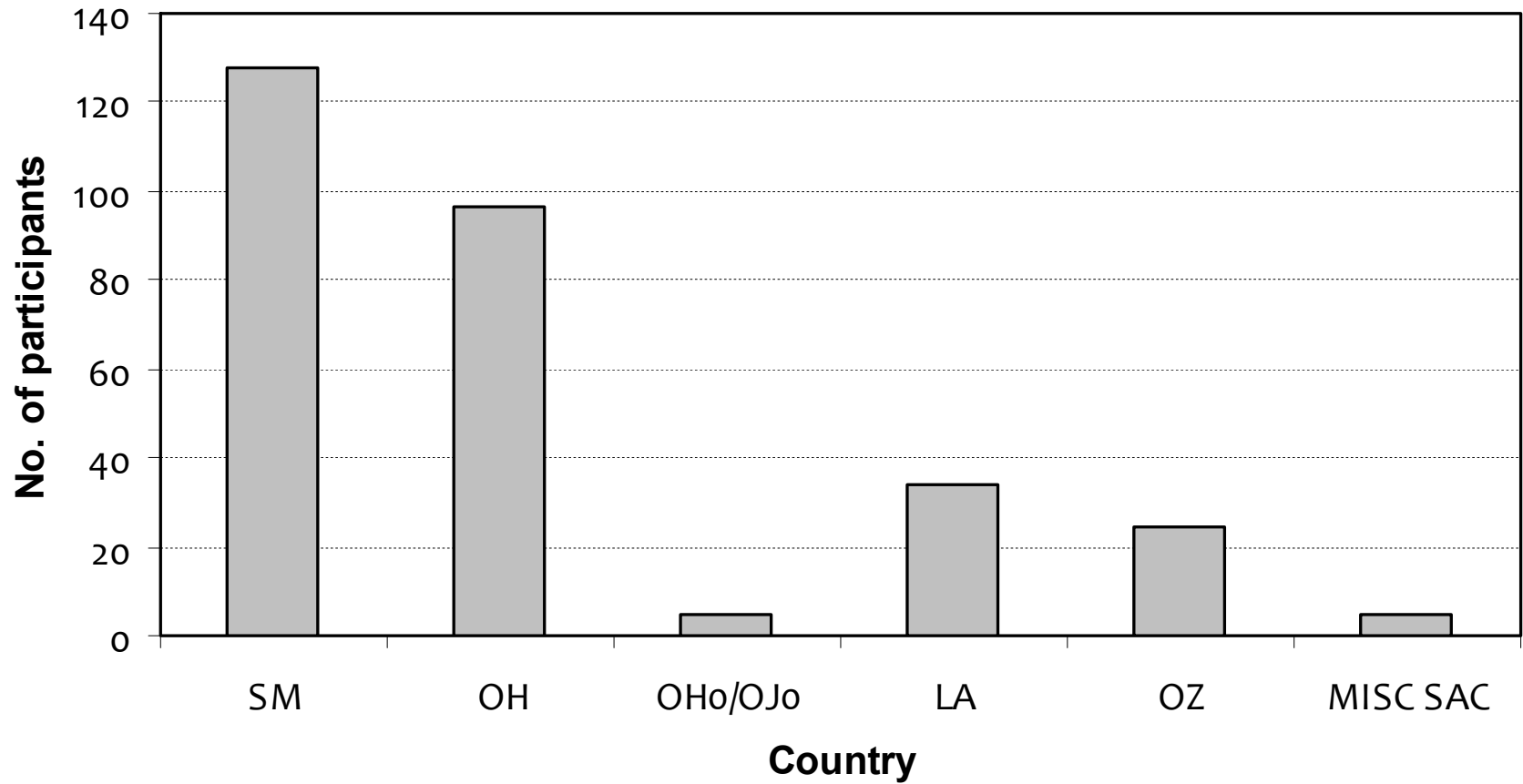
Developments in SAC 2011

- ▶ Open logs
- ▶ Open log checking reports
- ▶ Quicker log deadline (4 weeks -> 2 weeks)
- ▶ Quicker results process (~ 1 month)
- ▶ New categories
 - Scandinavians: Rookie and Tribander/Single element
 - Non-Scandinavians: Assisted
- ▶ Active public relations
 - "The Polar Battle"

SAC CW - Participant average 2007-2011



SAC SSB - Participant average 2007-2011



SAC 2012: NTC Trial Philosophy

- ▶ National teams compete within SAC
 - The larger Scandinavian Cup runs as usual
- ▶ LA/OZ/TF also have the potential to win
 - Small teams
- ▶ Spectator-friendly
 - Realtime scoring, audio + video

=> A possibility to learn; new hams?
- ▶ A new concept in the entire contesting world

NTC: Putting it into Practice

- ▶ National teams of six stations, announced one week before the CW/SSB legs
 - 2 x SOAB HP
 - 2 x SOAB LP
 - 1 x SOAB LP TS
 - 1 x M/S
- ▶ Nominated by the national leagues
- ▶ Realtime score: cqcontest.ru (**mandatory**)
 - Full support by administrator RW4WM
- ▶ Audio and video streams (**recommended**)

NTC: Information Center

- ▶ <http://www.sactest.net>
 - National team presentation pages
 - ▶ Brief team member profiles
 - ▶ Contact information (media!)
 - Explanations/links to realtime score and streams
 - ▶ <http://cqcontest.ru/teamscore.jsp>
- ▶ SAC CC offers the contest infrastructure; the leagues do their own non-ham PR work
 - Press releases?
 - Contester interviews?
 - National 24-h contest studio for the media?

Uploading your Realtime Score?

- ▶ No special skills required
- ▶ Works in several logging programs, you need a simple internet connection (GPRS)
 - Win-Test
 - N1MM Logger
 - TR4W
 - etc.
- ▶ Instructions for each logging program:
<http://www.cqcontest.ru> -> Help

Streaming your Audio / Video?

- ▶ Requires an internet upload speed of ~100 kbps
- ▶ Audio from rig to computer soundcard (Line In)
- ▶ Simple webcam (USB)
 - **Don't show your VFO reading!**
- ▶ Register
 - <http://cqcontest.ru>
 - ▶ Fill in your stream address, for example www.justin.tv/oh6kzp
 - <http://www.justin.tv>
 - ▶ Use your callsign as the user name, for example [oh6kzp](http://www.justin.tv/oh6kzp)
- ▶ Detailed instructions with screenshots will appear shortly at <http://www.sactest.net>

Concept testing in WAE CW 2012



Partial screenshot from cqcontest.ru (Tnx SM5AJV)

There Is Work To Do "At Home"

The Scandinavian Contest

THE Scandinavian-American Short-Wave Tests were held during the week of 23 to 30 October, 1928. Several American amateurs who participated were rewarded with some very nice prizes in recognition of their deftness in contacting with a very few Scandinavian stations who likewise received prizes. The one regrettable feature of the contest was the scarcity of signals from the vicinity of "the land of the midnight sun"; had the Norwegian, Swedish, and Danish stations been on the air in fuller force we might now be able to chronicle a contest filled with zest. As things turned out there were not enough stations on the other side of the Atlantic to make contact with all of the American stations that operated during the contest.

Source: QST 5/1929
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- ▶ The best non-Scandinavians had 800-900 QSOs in 2011 (improvement ~ 10-20%)

Send your ideas, feedback, and criticism!

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