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CENTENARY OF THE AWARDING OF THE NOBEL PRIZE TO

GUGLIELMO MARCONI



Father of the Radio

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Special Award "1909 – 2009, Centenary of the Nobel Prize to Guglielmo Marconi – Father of the Radio"

It all began towards the end of the 19th Century, when, in his father's house on the hills surrounding Bologna, a twenty-year-old young man began studying and experimenting in the field of physics and the propagation of electromagnetic waves.

Less than 15 years later, in December 1909, as a happy conclusion to an extraordinarily intense work program whereby he had publicly demonstrated his discoveries, Guglielmo Marconi was awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize "in recognition of his contribution to the development of wireless telegraphy".

Wishing to celebrate that extraordinary event: Marconi, the first Italian ever to be given such prestigious award; the experiments carried out initially in Africa and then onboard of the yacht Elettra; his link with the Italian Navy for his service in the Royal Navy and so as to make his experience a model and a motivation for everyone, the Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani – A.R.M.I., in cooperation with Associazione Radioamatori Italiani – A.R.I., Associazione Italiana Radioascolto – A.I.R. and Associazione Italiana Radio d'Epoca – A.I.R.E., has founded a special international award for all OM's and SWL's responding to the following rules.

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TIME OF EFFECTIVENESS

In order to have access to the special award, valid QSO/HRD will be, according to the regulations, from 00.00z of November 15th 2009 to 24.00z of December 15th 2009..

BANDS

Valid QSO/HRD will be on the following frequency bands: 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters, in full obedience of Band Plan IARU – Region 1.

EMISSION MODES

Valid emission modes are: CW, SSB, MGM (PSK31, RTTY e S.S.T.V.).

CATEGORIES and CLASSIFICATIONS

Valid categories are as follows: CW, SSB, MGM, SWL.

The MGM category includes all contacts made in RTTY, PSK32, SSTV, as long as the emission mode is specified in the relevant log.

The CW, SSB and MGM categories includes the following sub-categories: Italian, European, Extra-europe, YL

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The SWL category includes the following sub-categories: Italian, Foreign.

The results of each of the above sub-categories will be published on the website of the Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani (www.assoradioamatori.tk), and, if possible, on the official bulletins of the associations taking part in the award, in accordance with the editorial needs of each publication.

CALLS

Valid calls will be those following the pattern: CQ MARCONI 2009 de ...

REPORTS

Will be considered valid QSOs when a full report with RST and a relative score (only for stations authorized to issue points) will be exchanged.

SCORES

Regardless of the broadcasting mode, in order to obtain the Special award "1909-2009, Centenario della Consegna del Premio Nobel a Guglielmo Marconi – Padre della Radio", it is necessary to score a total of at least:

- **25 points** for *Italian* OM and SWL;
- 20 points for European OM, Foreign YL and SWL;
- 15 points for extra-European OM.

Stations of A.R.M.I. members or other Naval Clubs and stations of members of A.R.I., A.I.R.* and A.I.R.E.* associations will grant 1 point (regardless of emission mode). There will also be special stations granting points according to the following scheme:

- 10 points (regardless of emission mode) the following stations:
 - IQ9MQ, Club Station A.R.M.I., operating from Augusta
 - IQØLT, operating c/o A.R.I. Section in Latina (from the operating center of the section or /Ø from P.zza del Popolo in Latina)
 - IIØGM, operating from I.I.S. "Guglielmo Marconi" in Latina
- **5 points** (regardless of emission mode) the following stations:
 - IZØMVN, operating from I.T.I.S. "Galileo Galilei" in Latina
 - IZØHSA, operating from I.I.S. "Carlo e Nello Rosselli" in Aprilia
- **2 points** (regardless of emission mode and **only** on the weekend between Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December of this year) Jolly stations operating for the 5th A.R.M.I. International CONTEST of "Santa Barbara"

Upon authorization of the Award Manager, who will publicize it in advance on the official website of Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani (www.assoradiomarinai.tk) – **1 point** will be awarded (regardless of emission mode) by stations operating from schools or universities taking part to the initiative which aims, among other things, to stimulate and motivate students of all age groups with a hands-on approach.

A single station can be contacted/listened **only once in a day** and **once for each band**; throughout the duration of the award QSO's with the same station in the same band will not be valid.

The above-mentioned special stations can be contacted/listened **only once** throughout the whole period of activity.

^{*} only members with a regular Licence and a relevant General Permission will be entitled to award points.

SWL

The same rules for OM's apply; namely:

- for each station listened, must be reported also the other contacted station;
- special stations (see relevant paragraph) cannot be reported more than once;
- one station can be listened to only once in a day for each band and each mode, that is multiple HRD of a given station in the same day, on the same band and in the same operative mode are not allowed.

LOG (excerpts)

Log excerpts – filled in in all their parts and supplemented with a summary report, **must** report the data concerning the operator (including e-mail address for all future notifications regarding the award!), the number of QSO's/HRD's, relevant score and total score, classified according the band and the operative mode.

Closing dates for application: 31st July 2010.

All documents must be sent by post, with a contribution of 10,00 € (13,00 \$), to the Award Manager:

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Log excerpts received after the above closing date will be considered "Control Log" and the money paid will be entirely devolved according the note at the bottom.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Contestants who will violate this regulation and/or break the rules of fair-play will be disqualified.

Contestants whose log excerpts are incomplete, with incorrect scores and QSO's that cross-checks will show as not bilateral will be penalized or disqualified by the Award Manager.

PRIZES

A prize will be awarded to the winners of each category/subcategory. Publications regarding the prizes will be kindly provided by **A.I.R.E – Associazione Italiana Radio d'Epoca**.

The Award Manager or a delegate will notify the winners by e-mail to finalize the details.

NOTE

All proceeds, net of all charges, **will be devolved to Istituto "Andrea Doria"**, a celebrated organization that provides for families and orphans of Navy members. People wishing to receive the award exclusively for the its original charitable purposes, and who have not scored the necessary points, can contact the Award Manager before the closing date for the submission of log excerpts (see above).