

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MARCONIAN AWARD 2023

“Marconi was here!”

“Marconi was here!” is an international amateur radio award organized by A.R.I. Fidenza Radio Club (www.arifidenza.it), affiliated to A.R.I., Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (Italian Radioamateur League) with the sponsorship, the historical consultancy and the supervision of the “Marconi Museum” (Guglielmo Marconi Foundation) – www.museomarconi.it.

The main objective of this award is to historically commemorate and remember some of the most important and significant places where the Italian scientist and inventor performed many of his scientific experiments in the field of radio engineering, long distance radio communications and radio direction finding, experiments that in the following periods, revealed themselves to be crucial for the technical and scientific advancement and the progress of the whole mankind.

The award will last the whole solar year 2023.

Each month is dedicated to a **specific Italian city** connected to the story of Guglielmo Marconi, and is paired to a different special Call Sign:

Month	Italian city	Event	Year	Special callsign
JANUARY	TURIN	Air – Ground radio communication experiments	1915	I14TRN
FEBRUARY	SESTRI LEVANTE (GE)	Demonstration of blind navigation by means of radio beacons	1934	I14STL
MARCH	ANCONA	Radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall)	1904	I14ANC
APRIL	BARI	Inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes	1904	I14BRI
MAY	GENUA	Switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon	1930	I14GNV
JUNE	SASSO MARCONI	At Villa Griffone, first wireless contact of the History	1895	I14SSM
JULY	LA SPEZIA	Experiments with the Italian military Navy	1897	I14SPZ
AUGUST	GOLFO ARANCI (SS)	Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome)	1932	I14GAR
SEPTEMBER	CASTEL GANDOLFO (RM)	Inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with Vatican	1933	I14CGD
OCTOBER	S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE)	Microwave RTX experiments	1931	I14SML
NOVEMBER	COLTANO (PI)	Inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station	1911	I14CLT
DECEMBER	CITTA' DEL VATICANO	Inauguration of the Vatican radio station	1931	I14CDV



AWARD RULES

OBJECTIVE

To perform as many QSOs as possible with the special commemorative stations listed above.

“JOLLY” STATION”

In addition to the listed monthly special callsigns, during the whole year 2023 the “Jolly station” IQ4FE will be also on air.

The contacts with this station will allow to recover up to a maximum of two not contacted monthly callsigns, according to the following rule:

- To recover 1 monthly special callsign: at least 3 QSOs with IQ4FE during the year are required;
- To recover 2 monthly special callsigns: at least 6 QSOs with IQ4FE during the year are required;

PERIOD OF OPERATION

From 00.01 UTC of January 1 st, 2023 to 23.59 UTC of December 31st, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

The award is worldwide, open to all licensed Radio Amateurs all over the world.

EMISSION MODES

CW, SSB and all admitted digital modes, e.g.: RTTY, FT8, JT65, JT9, PSK.

BANDS

- 1) HF (WARC bands included): 1.8, 3.5, 5, 7, 10, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, 50 MHz
- 2) VHF (144 MHz)
- 3) UHF (430 MHz)

4) Satellite band OSCAR 100, using all emission modes permitted for this band and in compliance with the relevant Band Plan.

Digital OSCAR 100 admitted modes include both narrow band modes and broad band DATV over trasponder.

REPORTS

Only the RS(T) report is required.

LIMITATIONS AND DUPE QSOs

Each commemorative station, as well as the “Jolly station” IQ4FE, can be contacted by the same station (callsign) only one time per day on the same band and using the same emission mode. Any additional contact with the same station on the same day, on the same band and using the same emission mode will be considered as a DUPE QSO, and its score will be set to zero points.

SINGLE QSO SCORE

Each valid (e.g. not dupe) QSO accounts for:

- 1 point for NON QRP stations (emission power > 5 W)
- 2 points for QRP stations (emission power ≤ 5 W)

FINAL ANNUAL SCORE

The final score is the sum of all QSO scores obtained during the year.

LOG

No log is required to be sent by the participating stations.

The logs of the special commemorative stations will be published monthly on the official website www.arifidenza.it .
As a general rule, each monthly log will be uploaded within the 10th of the following month.

PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES AND AWARD'S RANKING

There is only one participation category: ranking is assigned according to the absolute obtained score.

AWARD CERTIFICATES

- A **Participation Certificate** will be awarded to every station having contacted at least one time each of the twelve award's special callsigns.
- A **Special Certificate (Gold, Silver, Bronze)** will be awarded to the first, second and third best scored participants respectively, based on the overall annual score.

All certificates will be made available for download on www.arifidenza.it

The final award's ranking will also be published on the same website.

INFOS AND REFERENCE WEBSITE

The official reference website for any info related to this award is: www.arifidenza.it

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITY

The A.R.I. Fidenza Award Committee is responsible for any evaluation or decision on aspects related to the award, including any judgement about compliance with (or infringement of) the rules stated in this document during the activity On Air and any related litigation.

All participants are expected to follow a respectful behavior, according to the general fair play principles and “HAM Spirit”.

In case of any documented evidence of violation of the rules stated in this document, as well as in case of unfair, unsportsmanlike behavior, the A.R.I. Fidenza Award Committee is empowered to take adequate disciplinary actions, including score cut back or disqualification. The decisions taken by the A.R.I. Fidenza Award Committee will be irrevocable and unappealable.