

W.A.P. - W.A.C.A. Worldwide Antarctic Program - Worked Antarctic Callsigns Award

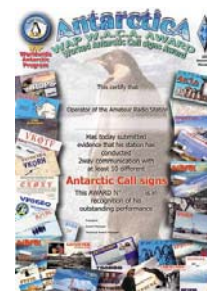
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- 1) The **A.R.I.** (Italian Amateur Radio Association), Sezione A.R.I. of Mondovì (Cuneo) supported by **WAP Staff**, issues, starting from Jan. 1st 2005, to Radio Amateurs and SWLs the **W.A.P. - W.A.C.A. (Worldwide Antarctic Program - Worked Antarctic Callsigns Award)**.
- 2) To get the Award (released in only one category), the applicants must show to have worked and confirmed by QSL cards, at least of **10 different Callsigns** of Ham stations operating from the Antarctic Continent, Peri & Sub Antarctic localities, and Austral Territories, belonging at least to 3 (three) different Nations, as reported on the WAP Directory.
- 3) Contacts could be made complied to rules of Radio Amateur's Service by any of their transmission mode and frequencies bands, therefore on bands, from 2 to 160 metres and on SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV & Digital modes.
- 4) Contacts made from **15 November 1945** onwards are available.
- 5) Are valid and they will count for a total score of Callsigns, the contacts made with Laboratory Ships, Support Ships, anchored in front of Antarctic Bases, Icebreakers operating from the Antarctic and Sub Antarctic Territories. The score will be calculated based on the number of different callsigns and the Nationality of the Callsigns themselves, referred to the Nations which the Base or the Callsign belongs.
- 6) Antarctic Bases, are mainly geographically located to the South of 60° Parallel of the Austral hemisphere, as listed on the WAP Directory, Antarctic Sector, and grouped by name of the belonging's Nation Peri & Sub Antarctic localities and Austral Territories are **only** those listed on each specified sector of the W.A.P. Directory and grouped by name of the belonging's Nation.
- 7) Each WAP reference, is recognized by three letters according to international and alphabetical "**Country Code ISO 3166**" which identify the nation's code, and a progressive numerical group.
- 8) **WAP Directory** is free downloadable from the web site <http://www.waponline.it>
It will be updated any time following the evolution of the Antarctic Continent's scientific installation, as well as Sub Antarctic and Austral Territories ones.
- 9) Starting from **Jan. 1st 2005** a Database containing a collection of all the known Antarctic Callsign, will be insert on the over mentioned two web sites, in order to simplify any kind of research, from the chasers.
- 10) Any information of Call signs or Bases not present on the WAP Directory, will be welcome. Just send a copy of your QSL card or documentation to the Technical Award Manager (TAM). The call of the helper will be mentioned on the first page of the **WAP Directory** as "**Contributor**".
- 11) For Peri & Sub Antarctic and Austral Territories (as listed on the specified Sectors of the WAP Directory), an identifiable **Sticker** is available, when a "**Full List**" is reached. Full list means to have **at least one Callsign** confirmed for each of the **40 still active locations** chosen among the **43 referenced**. (That's because [GBR-28 Spenceley Glacier Camp](#) active in the year 1982, [ARG-22 Corbeta Uruguay Station](#) and [GBR-30 Candlemas Island Camp](#) active in the year 1964 have been dismantled).
- 12) **W.A.P. - W.A.C.A.** Award is available from OM and SWL following a request addressed to the **Award Manager (Massimo Balsamo, IK1GPG) Sezione A.R.I. of Mondovì, C/o Segreteria, Via Torino 89, I-12084 Mondovì (Cuneo) Italy**. It is necessary to send:
 - a) **Application Form** dated and signed, where the applicant certifies that rules and regulations of his Country have been followed, and a detailed list of the contacts made and confirmed in alphabetical and number's order as: WAP Reference, Callsign, Date of QSO and Time GMT.
 - b) **Photocopy of QSL cards** of the contacts submitted.
Note: Photocopies are not necessary if the "Application Form" is signed by two OMs. It could be possible that occasionally, some QSL will be required for check or in case of dispute.
 - c) **The award fee is 13,00 Euro or 13US\$** (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **15,00 Euro or 15US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe). **It is possible to use PayPal**. Please contact us for further information at wap_info@virgilio.it
 - d) **The Sticker "Full List"** is available free on request (just send to the Award manager, **SAE+4,00 Euro or 4US\$** (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **SAE+5,00 Euro or 5US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe).
- 13) The **Technical Award Manager is Gianni Varetto I1HYW**, to whom competes the technical WAP references and up dates. He will also take care of eventual questions and contacts with the chasers.
- 14) The owner of WAP-WACA Awards could use the title to sign their QSL cards and the mail.
- 15) **WAP-WACA Award** consists in a full colour personalized parchment paper (**A3 size 297x420 millimetres**).

- 16) Operators who have to activate or having activated at least a WAP Reference, or operating at any title from Antarctica, has the right to apply WAP-WACA Award signed as **OPERATOR**.
- 17) Regular up dates are not required, therefore OM & SWL could send their up dates when they wish.
- 18) The list of Awards issued and the score will be published regularly on web sites <http://www.waponline.it>
- 19) **Honour Roll WAP-WACA** is available to those OM & SWL who have prove confirmation of **at least 100 different Callsigns**, representing at least 20 Nations (Country). **Honour Roll** consists in a Ceramic Plate, hand painted of 280 millimetres in Diameter. **Due to the constant fluctuations in shipping costs for Europe and outside Europe, the cost will be calculated at the time of the request.**
- 20) **Top Honour Roll WAP-WACA** is available for OM & SWL who have achieved the Base Award, the Honour Roll, and subsequently (step by step) shown confirmation of **at least 200 different Callsigns** representing at least 25 Country, including the Green Peace Station, exceptionally considered as a Country, Applicant's must have already issued its **Basic Award** and the **Honour Roll**. The **Top Honour Roll** consists in a Ceramic Plate, hand painted of 280 millimetres in Diameter. **Due to the constant fluctuations in shipping costs for Europe and outside Europe, the cost will be calculated at the time of the request.**
- 21) The **WAP WACA** is conceived and controlled by rules in order to get a modern and simple certificate, by the lowest possible bonds and bureaucracy.
 The WEB use, is more marked to get a fast, nimble and economic communication.
 The main purpose is to allow a collection of several different callsigns of **RAS**, even if operating on same Antarctic Base, Sub Antarctic locality or Austral Territory.
 The rules will allow though, to work the entire solar year, Antarctic DX in any of their specific status such as /P, or /MM or fixed.
 WAP-WACA is an Award that, by the Peri & Sub Antarctic locations, as well as Austral Territories could be worked by sectors, with particular recognitions, when a "**Full List**" will be reached by any of the over mentioned sector. This is also important as it allows to reach the admittance of the Honour Roll since its first level.
 Are therefore valid contacts made with Laboratory Ships, Support Ships and Icebreakers, anchored in front of Antarctic Bases or operating from the Antarctic and Sub Antarctic Territories, even if operating with the Antarctic Base's callsigns.
 For the sector of "Antarctic Referenced Bases, listed on the Directory" the WAP WADA can flow on the WAP WACA, and by using the same Callsign, achieve for the WAP-WADA AWARD itself.
 So, according to WAP purposes we have early declared by responsible clarity, what we mean as **Antarctic Base** and **Antarctic Radio Amateur's Station**. These kind of rules settle the important concept of "nationality" making it really applicable.
 No not rules of penalty to the one bad behaving, because one doing that, is already punish by himself giving up her fairness that is main property of any Radio Amateur.
 This is one of the WAP diplomas entrusting its charm to reliability of efforts for it to get, and easy to be managed.
 All kind of ships: M/V, I/B, Yachts, Cruise Ships, Cargo Ship, Supply Ship and whatsoever else, sailing Antarctic, Sub and/or Peri-Antarctic waters count for **WAP**, but the contacts with /MM stations are valid only if the ship, at the time of QSO, is really sailing Antarctic and/or Sub-Peri Antarctic waters.
- 22) **Operating Portable Stations in Antarctica.**
 Stations in the Antarctic Continent, operating portable (such as /P, /A, /M or /**whatsoever else**), non specifically operating from a Base, a Hut or a Camp, will not qualify for WAP-WADA, as they will not be given a Reference number. Same procedure will be adopted for station operating from Antarctica, but of which, locations is not well identified. For this last eventuality in particular, when a clear location will be provided, they will be referenced with a specific WAP Reference number and qualify for WAP-WADA.
 In the over mentioned cases, these stations will only be valid for WAP-WACA (Worked Antarctic Stations Award), with the same procedure adopted for /MM stations which do not have any WAP reference.
- 23) **WAP Special Events.**
 Starting from **January 1st. 2006** applicants who apply for **WAP WADA & WAP WACA Awards**, can present a maximum of **18 of these** Special Event Callsign, chosen among the list of the **353 referenced Calls actually listed** on the WAP Directory.
 The launch of the new **W.A.P. A.S.E.A. (Antarctic Special Event Award)**, from ARI CR-Lazio and Section A.R.I. of Cassino, foresees that **ALL** the Special Event Stations will be valid for this specific Antarctic Special Event Award, of which the guide line will be the WAP reference number's list, included on the WAP Directory, under Antarctic Event Station's session.
- 24) **Logbook of the World (LOTW)**
 WAP Awards Manager IK1GPG together with the Technical WAP Manager I1HYW have agreed that, starting from **January 1st 2018**, LOTW confirmations of QSOs will be accepted for WAP Awards: The procedure will just require two separate lists: the one for QSOs confirmed by regular QSL cards and another list with data of QSOs confirmed by LOTW. The final score will be a sum of the two lists.

Enjoy Antarctica.

The WAP Staff