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- 1) The **Italian Castles Award (D.C.I.)** is issued from **Section A.R.I. of Mondovì** (Cuneo) for O.M. and S.W.L. with the purpose to let know the Castles built in the different points of the Italian geography and to valorise its historical and architectural patrimony.
- 2) For obtaining the Award, that will have released in an single category, the applicant will have to show to have contacted the following number of Castles:
 - Italian stations: **30 castles of Italy situated in at least 5 different Regions** for the HF.
 - Italian stations: **10 castles of Italy situated in at least 2 different Regions** for the VHF (50MHz and up).
 - Foreign stations: **20 castles of Italy situated in at least 5 different Regions.**In every case it will be obligatory to contact **at least a castle of the Province of Cuneo** for the HF.
- 3) Contacts on all ham radio bands, from 2 to 160 meters, and in the SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV and any other digital mode are valid. There is not differentiations of mode or band.
- 4) Contacts with working stations from the Castle are valid since **January 1st. 2001.**
- 5) The **D.C.I.** Award is issued to each O.M. or S.W.L. by presenting to **Award Manager (Betty Sciolla, IK1QFM)** or to **Technical Award Manager (Massimo Balsamo, IK1GPG)** of the **Section A.R.I. of Mondovì C/o Segreteria, Via Torino 89, I-12084 Mondovì (Cuneo) Italy**, as follows:
 - 5.1) **Application form of DCI** completed on each point (downloadable from web site at <http://www.dcia.it>) and file **DCI_DaACC.TXT** generated by DCI program of IK6CAC (<http://www.ik6cac.com>).
 - 5.2) **From 01/01/2008 the QSL cards** won't owe to be sent to the Checkpoint because the control will automatically be effected by the Award Managers during the elaboration of the data with the Software I0SSH-Log-DCI-Dbase.
 - 5.3) **Cost of the Award** is equal to **13 Euro** or **17US\$** (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **15 Euro** or **20US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe).
 - 5.4) **Endorsements** are free and now issued on electronic form.
 - 5.5) It is possible to use PayPal. Please contact us for further information.
- 6) Owners of D.C.I. Award could use **DCI logo** on their QSL and on their letter.
- 7) The **Cuneo Province Castles Award (D.C.P.C.)** is free **online** for who have at least **10 different Castles** contacted of this Province and with the D.C.I. Award in the hand. In paper parchment to send **13 Euro** or **17US\$** each as contribution (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **15 Euro** or **20US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe).
- 8) The **D.C.I.** award consist of personalized parchment paper to colours of the dimensions 297x420mm in size.
- 9) The **D.C.P.C.** award consist of personalized parchment paper to colours of the dimensions 210x297mm in size.
- 10) The **endorsements** consist in an adhesive colour sticker showing the Italian Regions, and it will be granted to have worked at least **3 Castles for every Region**. For the request annex **SAE + 4 Euro** or **5US\$** (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **SAE + 5 Euro** or **7US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe).
- 11) The **list of the Castles** is available on the web site at: <http://www.dcia.it>
- 12) The Radio Amateurs that have activated at least **3 Castles**, has right to apply automatically the **D.C.I. Operator Award** with the relative **sticker** of the activated Region and he can accredit own activity.
- 13) Callsign of those giving information concerning Castles not listed in the directory or to correction will be mentioned on the first page of the directory as contributor.
- 14) Each O.M. or S.W.L. can send own updating each time he want but with a minimum of **2 month** from the previous request.

Section Activators

- 15) An activation, for the Award, will considered valid only if will be respected following rules:
 - 15.1) The station (antenna, radio, current, etc.) will have to transmit to a maximum distance from the Castle of 500 meters.
15.1a) Exceptional exemption is granted where the security conditions or proven impossibility exist.
 - 15.2) The station will have effected at least **100** contacts in HF or 30 contacts in VHF.
 - 15.3) The station will have effected at least **80** contacts in HF or 15 contacts in VHF for an activation already accredited also from others operators.
 - 15.4) For activation (**in the same day**) to which participates more than an operator, the reference will be accredited to the holder of the nominative (100 QSOs if it is the first activation or 80 QSOs if it is the second activation). To get the accredit for **other operators** (the 2°) he will have to do least other **50 QSOs** with home call, **from the 3°** the number of QSOs **must be at least 30**, without limit of time and using 40 meters and also other band.
 - 15.4a) For activation with **Radio Club** or **Special Call**, the reference will be accredited for all of the operators that will be on the air (**including special callsign or Club Call if required**), with clear photographic evidence of the presence of he same at the station (so not only visitors), respecting the point 15.2 (always 100 Qso in the two bands) and 15.6.
 - 15.5) Are not admitted any activation or will be thought valid operations in which the activator QRP is declared.
 - 15.6) It is not possible to activate contemporarily more **than 1 reference** and are not permitted more than **4 activations a day (with a maximum of 3 new-one)** with the same callsign. The duration of the activation **has to be superior to 1,5 hour (new one) and 1 hour (reactivation)** and in addition to the band of 40 meters a second band (20m, 30m, ect.) must necessarily be used.
 - 15.7) - Electronic shipment of Logs (only on **ADIF form as specified on FAQ module**);
 - clear photograph documentation of the reference;
 - photo which prove the activation (for those living is needed a topographic map of the own country with marked the distance from the own house and the reference), the photos must be of dimension between 300 and 500 Kb;
 - request of accredit form of the operation;
 - **two files** with extension. **kmz** with the coordinates of the location produced by the program Google Earth (as specified on FAQ module); **one file for transmission place and one file for the exact position of the DCI reference. They will be necessary to determine the distance between place of transmission and DCI reference and to calculate the geographical coordinates for the POI updating.**

- Short movie of the activation in MOV. MP4, MPEG or others format (not obligatory, but recommended).
 - if available special authorization;
 - must be sent to the Technical Award Manager **within 15 days from the activation** via e-mail to: dc_info@alice.it (all zipped or compressed on only one folder) and sent for knowledge to ik8shl@alice.it
- 15.8) To the attainment of the **500 QSOs** already accredited for the same reference it won't be more necessary to send the logs and photo.
- 15.9) The final courtesy of a QSO is always the QSL. **We recommends to the activator to send the QSL by the bureau**, independently if the QSL cards has been received. It is possible to put on the QSL more contact and references.
- 15.10) Will be not considered to the same activator further activation if the previous is not ended and not reached the requested quorum as per the point 15.2) and 15.3). Activations not completed must be informed immediately to the Award Manager and the activator must perform instructions received from the Award Manager, which are on his appeal able judgement. If there is impossible to end the activation also on another occasion, will be necessary to send all documentation to the Award Manager who will answer to the activator giving all necessary instructions. These are not under judgement.
- 15.11) Will be not considered to anyone further activation if for the previous, the activator has not sent request valid documentation via e-mail (log, photo and validation form **within 15 days from activation**. If there are valid cause to respect those timing. For this purpose Manager must be obligatory informed.
- 15.12) To activator that is behaved in different way from the regulations or other improper actions, to judgement of the Award Manager and of the President of Section ARI of Mondovì, titular of the Award felt the opinions of the Technical Award Manager, and after to be informed to average letter (also via email), the following endorsements could be sanctioned:
- a) notice
 - b) suspension from the activations for a period not less of 1 month and till a maximum of 24 months
 - c) definitive and irrevocable disqualification as DCI activator
- 15.13) After the validation the logs cannot have integrations or modifications. After 3 month the logs cannot have integrations or modifications
- 15.14) **During the DCI Meeting, held in the 3° weekend of September, activities are prohibited.**
- 15.15) Only for Italian Stations
- 15.16) Only for Italian Stations
- 16) The Castles will be considered valid if indicated on geographical map 1:25.000 or on the General Castles Repertory of Italy or with the census procedure as per point 17.
- 17) The Castel will get a reference number as per the following example:
- DCI-CN001 (Castle - Province - progressive Number).
- New request of reference must be submitted to the Responsible Technical and Historical Consultation ik8shl@alice.it, if the technical opinion give the approval, than the Technical Award Manager will assign the number. **The application form must be accompanied by historical sources from books, Websites or Municipal statements. The time fixed for the paternity of the new references since the date of the release is 15 days.** Activity from other activators in the paternity period will be not accredited.
- 18) The **Regional Responsible, Foreigners Checkpoint and collaborators** are listed the document **DCI_STAFF** downloadable from web site at <http://www.dcia.it>
- 19) Those **References** not visible due to the fact that are inside private properties or hidden from vegetation will be not recognized are not activable and must be cancelled. The same thing is for those which are forbidden to make photos due Military Installation or for expressed request of the property. Furthermore if are already on the database will be not possible to be activated anymore and it is necessary to request deletion. If some reference already assigned do not meet anymore requested criteria, e/o in the time lost conservation status it is necessary their deletion using the specified module. Building of architecture "neo castellana" which are never been used for military purpose e/o for defence are not possible to be recognized. For all not included here follow point 20.
- 20) **Definition of Castle.** Castles, towers, bastions, house-forts, house-towers (tower at home), walled city or villages, bastioned and fortified city, citadels, fortresses, forts, shelters, civic or fortified doors, ducal Palace bastioned or fortified, castle or imperial villas, and all Italian buildings of the Middle Ages, royal building and palace, renaissance and **till 1900**. Baronial Buildings not fortified will be not valid. If some DCI references assigned don't have these characteristics can be cancelled through the special predisposed form.
- 21) The task of **Regional Responsible** is to coordinate and supervise DCI activities on the own Region in collaboration of the Awards Manager of the award.
- RECOGNITIONS FOR ACTIVATORS AND HUNTERS**
- 22) For obtaining the **Honour Roll D.C.I. Hunters** the applicant will have to show to have contacted and confirmed with QSLs **1.000 different References** and at least **100 Provinces**. It consists in a personalized decorated ceramic plate (mm.280). The **plate fee** is **40 Euro** or **60US\$** to cover the shipping cost in Europe (**Euro 50** or **75US\$** to cover the shipping cost outside Europe).
- 23) The Radio Amateurs that have activated at least **25 different References** can obtain the **Honour Roll D.C.I. Operator**. It consists in a personalized decorated ceramic plate (mm.280). The **plate fee** is **40 Euro** or **60US\$** to cover the shipping cost in Europe (**Euro 50** or **75US\$** to cover the shipping cost outside Europe).
- 24) For obtaining the **Top Honour Roll D.C.I. Hunters** the applicant will have to show to have contacted and confirmed with QSLs **2.000 different References** for all the **110 Provinces** and to have already request the Honour Roll DCI. It consists in a personalized decorated ceramic plate (mm.280). The **plate fee** is **40 Euro** or **60US\$** to cover the shipping cost in Europe (**Euro 50** or **75US\$** to cover the shipping cost outside Europe).
- 25) The Radio Amateurs that have activated at least **100 different References** and to have already request the Honour Roll DCI Operator can obtain the **Top Honour Roll D.C.I. Operator**. It consists in a personalized decorated ceramic plate (mm.280).
The **plate free**.
- 26) From September 2005 there are **adhesive Stickers** for hunters: **1.000, 2.000, 3.000, 4.000, 5.000, 6.000, 7.000, 8.000, 9.000, 10.000, 11.000, 12.000** references confirmed.

- 27) From **September 2006** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, 650, 700, 750, 800** activated references.
- 28) The special prizes assigned during the meeting, not inserted in the rule, are to discretion of the Section A.R.I. of Mondovì.
- 29) From **January 2007** is founded the "**Fame DCI Activator**" for the activators that will have activated the **most greater number of references (20% new one) from 1° August to 31 July of every solar year (for the year 2007: 01/01/2007 - 31/07/2007, for the year 2008: 01/08/2007 – 31/07/2008, and so on)** and that he already in possession of the **Top Honour Roll D.C.I. Activator**. It consists in a personalized decorated ceramic plate (mm.280).
The "**Fame DCI Activator**" cannot be assigned to the winner of the preceding edition.
For the top 20 in the ranking will be sent a personalized award in PDF format.
- 30) From **October 2013** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **815, 830, 845, 860, 875, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990 e 1.000** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Progression Activators # 2.**"
From **October 2014** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **1.010, 1.020, 1.030, 1.040, 1.050, 1.060, 1.070, 1.080, 1.090, 1.100, 1.110, 1.120, 1.130, 1.140, 1.150 and 1.160** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 3**".
From **October 2017** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **1.170, 1.180, 1.190, 1.200, 1.210, 1.220, 1.230, 1.240, 1.250, 1.260, 1.270, 1.280, 1.290, 1.300, 1.310 and 1.320** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 4**".
From **October 2017** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **11.330, 1.340, 1.350, 1.360, 1.370, 1.380, 1.390, 1.400, 1.410, 1.420, 1.430, 1.440, 1.450, 1.460, 1.470 and 1.480** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 5**".
From **October 2017** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **1.490, 1.500, 1.510, 1.520, 1.530, 1.540, 1.550, 1.560, 1.570, 1.580, 1.590, 1.600, 1.610, 1.620, 1.630 and 1.640** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 6**".
- 31) New Award "**Stickers Progression Activators**" and "**Stickers Progression Hunters**" free online or to application in paper parchment to send **13 Euro or 17US\$** (shipping and handling costs for Europe), **15 Euro or 20US\$** (shipping and handling costs outside Europe). The award will allow both to the activators and hunter to put the **adhesive Stickers of Progression** that you have received with the update. You must send the request by e-mail to dc_info@alice.it and it is necessary to have the DCI award.
- 32) The Italian "**Comunicato DCI #1**" sent to all activators and inserted on the site in date 31/03/2003, the Italian "**Comunicato DCI #2**" sent to all activators and inserted on the site in date 15/01/2004 and the Italian "**Comunicato DCI #3**" sent to all activators and inserted on the site in date 30/04/2005 and the Italian "**Comunicato DCI #4**" sent to all activators and inserted on the site in date 23/04/2007" and the Italian "**Comunicato DCI #5**" sent to the dcinews group and inserted on the site in date 22/11/2010 are integral part of the rule (**only for Italians and activators and activators**).
- 33) The **Managers** are reserved to communicate eventual future activator modifications and instructions and hunters being given of communication on Forum DCI NEWS.
- 34) The Reviews and integrations to the regulations regarding that one published on Radio Rivista magazine February issue **2009 from page 51 to the 52** find in the document Reviews, releasable from the section download of the <http://www.dcia.it> site.
- 35) The **FAQ** form are integral part of the rule DCI.
- 36) From **12/02/2012** the **Managers DCI** (IK1QFM Betty and IK1GPG Massimo) are the **Official Coordinators of WCA Award (World Castles Award) for Italy** designated by WCA Committee.
In agreement with the WCA Manager Andrej RN1CW, who desires to participate at the WCA award must to respect the following rules:
- It is obligatory to communicate during the activation, in concomitance with the DCI reference, also the WCA reference; the list is available at <http://www.dcia.it>
 - WCA award has been authorized to use the DCI directory (Unpublished work is deposited at Società Italiana degli Autori ed Editori - SIAE Sezione OLAF); therefore it is **forbidden** to activate a WCA reference without the combining of the respective DCI reference.
 - The DCI rules has the priority to the WCA rules, therefore it necessitates to respect the present rules, also for the distance of **500 meters**.
 - After the DCI approval documentations the DCI Award Manager will send directly the logs at the DCI-WCA e-Log entry Manager **IK1UGX Angelo**, available at http://qth.cz/wcagroup/export/log_eng.php
- 37) From August 2017, "Fame DCI Hunters" is foreseen for the hunter who has contacted the largest number of DCI references from 1 August to 31 July of each calendar year (for the year 2018: 01/08/2017 - 31/07/2018, and so on) and is already in possession of Honor Roll DCI Hunters. It consists of a personalized plate.
The "Fame DCI Hunters" can not be awarded to the winner of the previous edition.
For the top 50 in the ranking will be sent a personalized award in PDF format.
- 38) The ranking activator will be shown in order of number of activations.

Revisions and integrations to the rule after the publication on "Radio Rivista" 01/2017 from page 73 to page 76.

- 01/08/2017 Point 29** : **Addition:**
For the top 20 in the ranking will be sent a personalized award in PDF format.
- 01/08/2017 Point 37** : **New**
- 01/10/2017 Point 15.15 e)** : **Only Italian version:**
- 01/10/2017 Point 15.15 f)** : **Only Italian version:**
- 01/10/2017 Point 20** : **Addition:**
Baronial Buildings not fortified will be not valid.
- 01/10/2017 Point 30** : **Addition:**
From October 2017 there are adhesive Stickers for operators: 1.170, 1.180, 1.190, 1.200, 1.210, 1.220, 1.230, 1.240, 1.250, 1.260, 1.270, 1.280, 1.290, 1.300, 1.310 and 1.320 activated references and the new Award "Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 4".

From **October 2017** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **11.330, 1.340, 1.350, 1.360, 1.370, 1.380, 1.390, 1.400, 1.410, 1.420, 1.430, 1.440, 1.450, 1.460, 1.470 and 1.480** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 5**".

From **October 2017** there are **adhesive Stickers** for operators: **1.490, 1.500, 1.510, 1.520, 1.530, 1.540, 1.550, 1.560, 1.570, 1.580, 1.590, 1.600, 1.610, 1.620, 1.630 and 1.640** activated references and the new Award "**Stickers Avanzamento Attivatori # 6**".

7. 01/10/2017 Point 38 : New
8. 17/09/2018 Point 15.1a : New
9. 17/09/2018 Point 15.4a : Addition:

(including special callsign or Club Call if required)