



Sezioni di Ravenna Firenze e Verona

DIPLOMA “DANTE ALIGHIERI”

Rules, Rev. 09/03/2020

1 Institution and purpose

To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the death of the Italian Supreme Poet Dante Alighieri which will take place in September 2021, the sections of Ravenna, Florence and Verona of Associazione Italiana Radioamatori (ARI) organize the "Dante Alighieri Diploma".

2 Participation

Participation in the Diploma is open to all radio amateurs and SWLs in the world

3 Period of activity

For the purposes of validity of the Diploma, they will be considered valid the bilateral QSOs or heards that will take place from 00.00 CET on 1 September 2020 to 24.00 CET on 30 September 2021.

4 Frequencies and emission modes

They will be considered valid, for the purposes of this Diploma, any bilateral QSOs or heards carried out on all band frequency assigned to amateur radio service and in any emission mode, provided that they are done directly, without the aid of analog or digital repeater bridges and in accordance with the IARU region 2 band plan.

A special Diploma for satellite, EME and passive reflections (airplane scatter, rain scatter, etc.) QSOs is foreseen.

5 Language

In the spirit of spread and knowledge of Dante Alighieri's works, QSOs carried out in Italian are warmly encouraged.

However, the use of other languages is permitted, as long as they comply with ITU regulations.

6 Dante's places

6.1 Definition

For the purposes of the Diploma they are considered "Dante's Places":

- Places related to the life of the Poet (birth, residence, death, travel)
- Places explicitly mentioned in the “Divina Commedia” or other Dante’s compositions
- Places not explicitly mentioned in the compositions, but whose identification is possible through periphrases, adjectives, etc. and that is normally accepted by Dante's scholars.

Examples of Dante's Places are shown in Appendix A.

Dante's Places are to be considered, without further formalities, all those present in the database of the site:

<https://www.mappingdante.com/>

Based on this data base, a list of Dante's Places has been drawn up which has been assigned a code consisting of two letters and two numerical digits that uniquely identify each Place.

The list of assigned codes is shown in appendix B.

6.2 Categories

Dante's Places are differentiated into the following categories:

- Countries (Spain, Egypt, France etc.);
- regions, historical regions (Romagna, Tuscany, Normandy, etc.);
- provinces, historic provinces (Logudoro, Val Camonica, Marca Trevigiana etc.);
- mountains, rivers, lakes (Monte Soratte, Acquacheta, etc.); and
- cities and other specific places (Arezzo, Paris, etc.).

QSOs / Heards with / from Dante's Places will entitle the accreditation of the following points:

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| • Countries | 1 point |
| • Regions, historical regions | 2 points |
| • Provinces, historical provinces | 4 points |
| • Mountains, Rivers or Lakes | 5 points |
| • Cities and other specific places | 10 points |

Multiple QSOs with the same station and with the same emission mode will not be considered.

6.3 Accreditation of further Dante's Places.

Possible further Dante places which are not included in the lists of Appendix B, can be accredited by the Award Committee upon explicit request of an Activator and upon presentation of the documentation proving the status.

7 Categories

The following categories of Diplomas will be released:

- Dante Alighieri Diploma
- Dante Alighieri Diploma via satellite, EME and passive reflections (airplane scatter, rain scatter, etc.)

Within each category the following sub-categories are defined:

- Hunters
- Activators

7.1 Hunters

The "Dante Alighieri" Diploma and the "Dante Alighieri via satellite and passive reflections" Diploma for hunters will be issued to all OM / SWL who will prove to have connected / heard one of the following

- IQ4RA station (club station of ARI section of Ravenna)
- IQ4FI station (club station of ARI section of Firenze)
- IQ4VO station (club station of ARI section of Verona)

And at least 500 points obtained by connecting stations operating in Dante's Places referred to in the previous article 6.26.2

7.2 Activators

The "Dante Alighieri" Diploma and "Dante Alighieri via satellite and passive reflections" Diploma for activators will be issued to all OM / SWL who will demonstrate that they have activated even in non-consecutive periods between themselves and for the purposes of this Diploma a Dante's Place.

In order to issue the Diploma, the activation activity will be considered valid if:

- The activation station will be within the municipality where the Dante's Place is located or is part of it;
- During the QSO the following information is transmitted:
 - RS Report (T);
 - Dante's Place Code transmitted as "Dante XYYY" if in CW (example: "DANTE LB04" for QSO performed within in the city of Bari);
 - Dante's Place Code transmitted as "Dante's Place XYYY Valid for the Dante Alighieri Diploma" in the other modes of issue (example "Dante's Place LB04 Valid for the Dante Alighieri Diploma");
- The QSL or eQSL to confirm the activation station must contain the following information, also in manuscript form or with stamping or adhesive label:

Dante Alighieri Diploma
 Seventh Centenary of the death of the Supreme Poet
 Activation of Dante's Place "ZZZZZ" Code XYYY
 <<< Extract of the Dante composition which identifies the place >>>

Example:

Dante Alighieri Diploma
 Seventh Centenary of the death of the Supreme Poet
 Activation of Dante's Place "CERVIA" Code LC19
 <<<Ravenna sta come stata è molt'anni:
 l'aguglia da Polenta la si cova,
 sì che CERVIA ricuopre co' suoi vanni.>>>
 Inferno 27,42.
- At least 500 points obtained by connecting stations operating in Dante's Places referred to in the previous article 6.2.

8 Issuing of Diploma

The Diploma will be issued following an application of the OM / SWL. The application shall be sent to the Organizing Committee by e-mail at the address: diploma@diplomadante.it, or uploading it in the appropriate section of the WEB site.

The application shall reach the Organizing Committee, no later than April 30, 2022. Requests received later will not be taken into consideration.

The Diploma will be sent, following the verification of the applicant's requirements, free of charge and in PDF format to the applicant's e-mail address.

Upon explicit request, the Diploma will be sent in A4 paper format upon payment of shipping fees.

The application shall contain:

For "Hunter" stations

- Compiled application form, complete with log extract in ADIF format of the QSOs / heards performed;
- Declaration that the QSOs have been made according to the code of ethics of the amateur radio, in compliance with the IARU bandplan and in accordance with the national laws in force;
- Declaration of consent for personal data processing (personal data protection); and
- Proof of payment of handling and shipping costs (for the Diploma paper version only).

For "Activators" stations

- Compiled application form complete with log extract in ADIF format of the QSOs performed;
- Declaration that the QSOs have been made according to the code of ethics of the amateur radio, in compliance with the IARU bandplan and in accordance with the national laws in force;
- Copy of the QSL or eQSL which shows what requested in point 7.2;
- Declaration of consent for personal data processing (personal data protection); and
- Proof of payment of handling and shipping costs (for the Diploma paper version only).

The payment of the handling and shipping fees must be made following the instructions highlighted in the website www.Diplomadante.it.

9 Advancements

Advancements are foreseen every 500 points. The advancements stickers will be issued to the OM / SWL following the same instructions as per previous art. □

10 Final rankings

At the end of the receipt of all Diploma requests, final rankings will be drawn up between the stations that have scored the highest number of points in the various categories.

The first stations of the various categories will be awarded with special prizes. The list of prizes will be published with adequate advance on the WEB site of the Diploma.

The prize delivery will take place during a special event that will be organized during the year 2022 in an Italian location to be defined.

Participation at the special event shall be at solely responsibility and charge of awarded OM/SWL

If a winner is unable to participate, the prizes, as far as technically feasible, will be sent at winner's home.

In the case of shipments outside Italy, any import taxes or duties shall at winner's solely responsibility and charges.

11 Improper behavior

To the OM / SWL that behaves differently from the Diploma rules or behaves incorrectly claiming QSOs / heards, breaching the code of ethics of the radio amateur, the IARU bandplan or the national laws in force or, in any case, in a manner different from the spirit of this rules will be withdrawn the Diploma, if issued, and will be banned from any further possibility to participate to this Diploma both as Hunter and Activator.

12 Complaints and disputes

Any complaint or dispute must be sent to the Organizing Committee via e-mail at the email address comitato@diplomadante.it. The Organizing Committee will inform its decisions within 30 calendar days from complaint or dispute receipt.

The decisions of the Organizing Committee are definitive and not appealable.

13 WEB site

The website www.diplomadante.it will be created with the aim of promoting the Diploma. On the site it will be possible to find information on activations of Dante's Places, about the released Diplomas and about the advancements. It will also be possible to send the Diploma application by uploading the required documentation.

To update the "news" section of the website, the announcement of operations from Dante's Places is welcome, as well as the sending of photos, videos and short activation reports.

14 LOG software

A log management software program will be available for the management of the Diploma QSO.

The program, developed by IZ5HQB, can be downloaded from the www.diplomadante.it WEB site.

15 Organizing Committee

The ARI sections of Ravenna, Florence and Verona will appoint an Organizing Committee which will have the purpose to manage the Diploma and resolving any complaints or disputes relating to it.

The committee will be composed of 6 ARI members equally appointed by the three organizing ARI sections.

The committee will remain in office for the entire duration of the Diploma and will cease from any function on 12/31/2022.

In the event of the resignation, impossibility or forfeiture of a member of the Committee, the ARI section to which he belongs will promptly appoint his replacement.

Each member may be removed from office after deliberation by the Steering Committee of the membership ARI section.

Participation in the Committee is to be considered purely free without any indemnity or wages.

The Organizing Committee will elect a President from within and distribute operational tasks.

The Committee will express its resolutions by simple majority of the members. In the event of a tie, the President's vote will be considered decisive.

16 Changes to these regulations

Any changes to these regulations shall be proposed by the Organizing Committee and shall be approved by the Steering Committees of the ARI Sections of Ravenna, Florence and Verona to be valid.

APPENDIX “A”

Examples of “Dante’s Places”

Places explicitly mentioned

Cervia (Italy, province of Ravenna)

Dante explicitly mentions the town of Cervia in canto XXVII of the Inferno:

Ravenna sta come stata è molt' anni:
l'aguglia da Polenta la si cova,
sì che **CERVIA** ricuopre co' suoi vanni.

Benevento

Dante explicitly mentions the town of Benevento in canto III of Purgatorio:

*l'ossa del corpo mio sarieno ancora
in co del ponte presso a BENEVENTO
sotto la guardia de la grave mora.*

Places cited as periphrasis

Pavia

Dante mentions the church of San Pietro in Ciel d’Oro in Pavia in the canto X of the Paradiso:

*Lo corpo ond' ella fu cacciata giace
giuso in **CIELDAURO**; ed essa da martiro
e da essilio venne a questa pace.*

Places cited as adjectives

Venezia

Dante mentions the Venetian arsenal, and, therefore, the city of Venezia in canto XXI of Inferno:

*Quale ne l'arzanà de' **VINIZIANI**
bolle l'inverno la tenace pece
a rimpalmare i legni lor non sani*