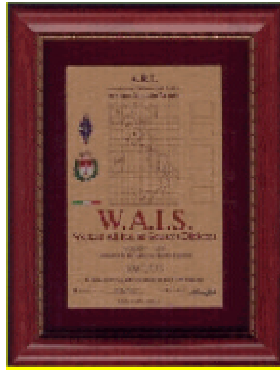


Rules



The A.R.I. Section of Busto Arsizio proposes to OM and SWL of all over the world the Worked All Italian Squares Award (W.A.I.S.).

Organization of the Italian territory.

The Italian territory has been divided into little squares indicated by the geographical co-ordinates: the size of each square is 10' of a degree on the parallel and 10' of a degree on the meridian. In each square are eight WWL little squares, two on the parallel and four on the meridian. The geographical co-ordinates of start and finish on this grid are: from latitude 47°10'N to latitude 35°20'N; and from longitude 6°30'E to longitude 18°40'E, for a total of 5183 squares. This grid contains all the Italian territory, islands included. To identify the squares an alpha-numerical code has been used: On the direction of the parallels we gave a number from 00 to 72, on the way of the meridians we gave a pair of letters coupling the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H with the letters J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R and S, obtaining: AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN, AP, AQ, AR, AS, BJ, BK, BL, and so on, until the couple HR. So the codes of the squares come from AJ00 to HR72. Many squares are occupied by the sea, some other does not contain parts of the Italian territory, and they cannot be used for this Award. The valid squares are 1488.

Aim:

The aim is to make QSO with based or mobile stations in the different squares.

These are the versions of the Award:

- 1) Mixed Award, using, any band and any mode;
- 2) HF Award, using the HF only and any mode;
- 3) Over 30 MHz Award, using 50 MHz, VHF, UHF and over, and any mode;
- 4) Monoband Award, using only one band and any mode;
- 5) WARC Award, using the WARC bands and any mode;
- 6) CW Award, using any band and the CW mode;
- 7) RTTY Award, using any band and the digital modes (except SSTV, ATV);
- 8) PHONE Award, using any band and the phone mode.

For all versions, the contacts via link/repeater are not valid. All contact must be made

from the same Country and with an own and not-temporarily assigned callsign.

The Award is a colour serigraphed aluminium sheet.

To get each Base Award, at least 100 squares worked and confirmed are needed.

Improving Stickers are established for 200 squares (Advanced), 300 squares (Extra), 500 squares (Gold), 1000 squares (Platinum), 1400 squares and over (Diamond).

The sending of the QSL card is not required, anyway they must be in possession of the applicant, and they can be requested in any time for checking.

The requests must be sent, with a log extract signed by two OM and 10 Euro, or 10 U.S.\$ (to cover the expenses) to the following address:

Sezione A.R.I. di Busto Arsizio, P. O. Box 125, 21052 Busto Arsizio (VA) - ITALY. To receive the Award as Registered Mail please add 3 Euro (Europe, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Lybia, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey) or 4 Euro (other Countries).

Validity: Contacts are valid from January 1st, 1994 to date.