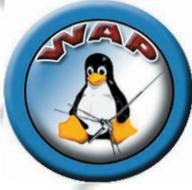


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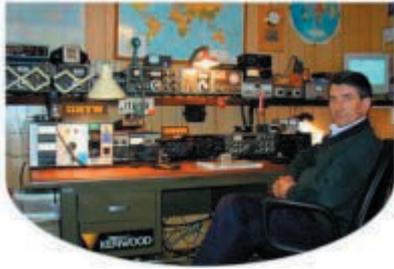
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Hi Folks,

When an hobby is not only pleasure, but became culture, then we can say to have made a good choice and reached a good balance; we can be pleased of our preference.

Knowing Antarctica is a cultural fact, that is undoubted... and that's the way we would like to continue in professing our hobby in such a way.



Now a days, a lot of Antarctic Meetings

and Conferences are going on, and for that, we are happy!

It looks like the world is paying right attention to the subject, and Radio Amateurs are not escaping this reality.

We have already read about the Antarctic Conference held at **the Varese University in Italy**. On the **WAP Special Edition Nr.10**, there was a report about that event.

Then, we have got a message from **Dr. Ichio Obinata JA0WJN**, telling that he was going to



be in Bremen (Germany) to attend a Scientific meeting organized by **SCAR, the Scientific Committee of Antarctic Research**.

As everybody

know, Dr. Ichio Obinata has overwintered at Dome Fuji Base, last season 2003-2004, operating as 8J7RF. Another Antarctic appointment has been hold last 19th of September in Mondovì (Italy) celebrating the **1st WAP Meeting**, where an Antarctic veterans: **Maj. Angelo Romito** from the Meteorological Dept. of the Italian Air Force, has told about his experience at Terra Nova Bay. We have already published something about the event on **Dynamic DX Charterhouse** web site at www.ddxc.net, to let the readers known of what will be going on over there.

Another witness about Antarctica has been hold again in Italy during a **DX Convention in Bologna**, last September, where **Filippo Corbelli IK0AIH**, one of the other operator of **IAOPS** has reported about the XIX Italian expedition in Antarctica.

Those facts are reflecting the high interest about the Antarctic Continent and we are very proud about that, in fact, that's our goal, that is the reason for

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which we are working for!

Now we are working to plan the activities for the **2nd Antarctic Activity Week** which is going to be celebrated from **21st to 27th of February 2005**, joined by Conferences and other interesting news, involving officially the major Italian Institutions.

Special call signs are going to be applied by several Hams not only in Italy. Antarctica is a humanity's treasure and we believe that, Hams activity have also to follow the guide lines of the Treaty.

Up dated information of the event will be inserted regularly on the WAP web site which has rapidly reached the goal of 10.000 visitations.

We would like to remind the chasers that our Antarctic Gallery (Philatelic and QSL) is fully available at www.ddxc.net and on the WAP web site.

We are proud to announce to have recently inserted a **Marconi Gallery** as we found right and proper to pay honor an dedicate something to **Guglielmo Marconi**, the father of our hobby.

Pay a visit there and if you have something in your collection to add, , such as QSL or Marconi stamps, just drop us a mail with your material in jpeg format; we will promptly insert your new items on the Gallery. WAP web site has been renewed and more articles are now available for the Antarctic chasers; just be patient, our Web Master is always tremendously busy....

WAP Award Program is having a great success... thanks to all of those who have already sent their application, through **ARI-Mondovì, WAP manager IK1GPG**.

At the beginning of the new year, the first list of applicants and their score will be located in a specific window on the web site.

QSL Manager Engine is ready and in a few days will be on-line (TNX to the great job done by **Egidio IZ8BRI**); everybody will have an "access key" to enter and insert Antarctic call sign and manager as requested from the chasers

We are working anyway, and we are pleased to see that, the number of readers are improving every month;

evidently we are not alone in the Antarctic adventure, that's why we are proud and happy!



BULLETINS



LU1ZA (ARG-15)

Destacamento Naval Orcadas del Sur Base (Navy)
Martin LU5DO, medical doctor

at the base, will be active until March 2005.
* QSL --> LU4DXU (Horacio E.Ledo, P.O.Box 22, 1640 Martinez, BA, Argentina)
E-mail: lu4dxu@hotmail.com
WEB pages: <http://www.qsl.net/lu8adx/antartida/antartida.htm>

VK0DX (AUS-03)

Davis Station (ANARE)
Finn (VK4LL-OZ2QK) is active from 18 November 2003 and until December 2004.
QSL --> VK0DX (Finn Olsen, P.O.Box 1544, Brisbane 4001, Australia)
E-mail: vk0dx@hotmail.com
WEB pages: <http://www.qsl.net/vk0dx/>
Last spots in the Packet Cluster: K3KO 14032.0 VK0X 1112 04 Jun 2004
VE7IG 10106.0 VK0DX Finn on Davis Base Ant. 1333 04 Jun 2004
JA1JXT 18070.0 VK0DX temp minus 21 0854 20 Jun 2004
G0CGL 14127.0 VK0DX back in 30 mins 1711 21 Jun 2004

CE9/R1ANF (CHL-12) Alfred Wegener Institute Refuge (AWI Refuge)
Oleg R1ANF/UA1PBA was active from Ardley Island on the 15th of May, but unfortunately only this one day. The exact QTH was the former German Ardley Station, now belonging to Chile. Those who made a QSO can be glad to have worked a new WAP reference number "Ardley Refuge".



However, Oleg complained about the very poor conditions at the moment allowing only 2-3 hours of operation per

day.
Due to the ice on the bay they don't risk to go to the island for such a

short band opening but they will try again

later. Also, the guys are having some trouble with the big diesel generator, so they are using mostly the small one which doesn't allow the use of a linear. We keep you updated!
QSL --> RK1PWA (Nick Shapkin, P.O.Box 73, 164744 Amderma, Arkhangelskaja, Russia).

VP8SGB (GBR-23)

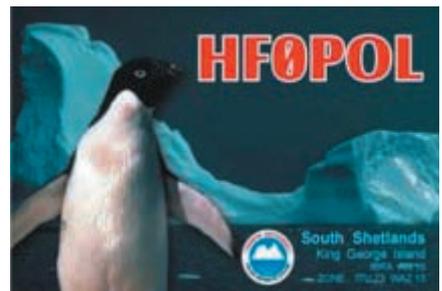
Station "BI" Bird Island Station, South Georgia Islands
Alex is active from 12 May 2004.
QSL --> GM0HCQ (Mike Gloistein, 27 Stormont Way, Scone, Perthshire PH2 6SP Scotland, UK).
<http://www.gm0hcq.com>
E-mail: gm0hcq@qsl.net

8J1RL (JPN-03)

Syowa Station (NIPR)
Shiba san is active now.
QSL --> JA QSL Bureau
WEB pg: http://www.jarl.or.jp/English/4_Library/A-4-7_8j1rl/2002/frame.htm
Last spots in the Packet Cluster:
DL0EAM 21025.0 8J1RL - sri big fingers... 1221 16 Jun 2004
JA1JXT 21028.0 8J1RL Antarctica 0941 25 Jun 2004
JA1WLO 21028.0 8J1RL op FUJI om fb sig.200deg. 0950 28 Jun 2004

HF0POL (POL-01)

Henryk Arctowski Station
Andy is active now.
(<http://www.qsl.net/hf0pol> or <http://qtc.radio.org.pl>)



* QSL --> SP2GOW (Andrzej Grotha, ul Mikolaja Gomolki 5 m 1, 80-279 Gdansk Poland)

Last spots in the Packet Cluster:

SP2AJO 14033.0 HF0POL 1851 03 Jun 2004
SM3OSM 14002.0 HF0POL 1903 05 Jun 2004
SM0DTK 14019.9 HF0POL CQ..CQ 1848 06 Jun 2004
EA4FW 14019.9 HF0POL qsx 5up S3 nr Madrid 1902 06 Jun 2004

DISCOVERING ANTARCTICA

By: **Gianni Varetto I1HYW**

We have already seen how interesting is the Antarctic world, made of different branches of activity. This time we would like to return back on a very felt subject, requested from several of our readers.

Thanks to the **Fuerza Aerea Argentina, Comando de Regiones Aereas, Servicio Meteorologico Nacional, Buenos Aires**, we have got a bulletin edited regularly by the **Argentine SMN (Servicio Meteorologico Nacional)**, on which we have found this following notes.

METEOROLOGY AND PHILATELY

Member countries of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, a specialized Agency of the United Nations, meet in Congress every four years at the Organization headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland). The **WMO Ninth Congress** (Geneva, May 1983), agreed as to the need for an effective public information programme, so that the world may know about the important support that meteorology and operational hydrology can provide to the different human activities and to social and economic development. During that Congress, a philatelic exhibition took place, based on some postage stamps dedicated to meteorology and to other related subjects. Emphasis was placed on the concept that "...these philatelic exhibitions should be encouraged as an efficient way of increasing meteorological awareness among the general public".

On the other hand, at the thirty-fourth session of the WMO Executive Committee in June 1982, it was decided that Members of the Organization should undertake a unique cultural project, consisting in the collection of those postage stamps that have been previously issued by their own postal services, and that related to different activities of the national Meteorological Services, or to honouring relevant personalities in the fields meteorology and hydrology. Such a collection of postage stamps would then be bestowed to WMO, as a contribution to the

constitution of a **WMO Philatelic collection**, that would be kept at the Organization headquarters.



Illustrated Post mark (original size) showing the silhouette of a Meteorological observer, measuring wind intensity with hand anemometer, and some of the meteorological instruments in the observation field.

This postmark shows the legend: FUERZA AEREA ARGENTINA, SERVICIO METEOROLOGICO NACIONAL, INAUGURACION DE LA ESTACION METEOROLOGICA SINOPTICA, CAMPAÑA 1969/70, **BASE**

AEREA "VCOM MARAMBIO", ANTARTIDA ARGENTINA.

Postal piece cancelled at the Radiopostal Office "**BASE AEREA VCOM. MARAMBIO, ANTARTIDA ARGENTINA**" on 20 May 1973, the opening day of that APT Station. **The Postal Department (Philately Section) sent to the Air Base "Vicomodoro Marambio" 2.140 philatelic pieces, which were cancelled with the same date, applying on them a post mark in black ink.** In addition to that postmark, they show printed the National Meteorological Service official Antarctic Emblem (NMS model III)



As a response to this request, the National Meteorological Service of Argentina (**SMN**), prepared special collection postage stamps that had been issued by the "Argentine Postal Administration", based on a special selection of postmarks, franking machines, date stamp cachets and postal pieces related to meteorological or to hydrological subjects.

This collection was then bestowed to **WMO** by the National Meteorological Service, and its contents are detailed in a publication as was exhibited at the International Conference Centre, during the WMO Eleventh Congress at the Philatelic Show "**Meteorology and Postal Stamps**" (Geneva May 1991).

Many postage stamps belong to this collection, that were selected on the basis of the opinions of some of the most well known national and foreign philatelists, and the different designs are closely connected to hydrometeorology and to related subjects, as they show meteorological phenomena and the instruments employed for the observation and measurement of many hydro meteorological and geomagnetic variables.

The selected set also includes some stamps containing drawings or allegories related to the atmospheric sciences, the environment, the hydrological cycle, the Sun and its effects on the Earth.

Stamps representing some rockets that were employed for observations and measurements in the high atmosphere, as well as Argentine ships and aircraft that were used for the purpose of obtaining meteorological and oceanographic data and for scientific research, are also included.

The collection also comprises a "**Postal History**" section, consisting of some letters, envelope letters, postal cards with cancellations, postmarks, and other circulated philatelic pieces connected with



Post Mark that show a map of the Argentin Antarctic Sector and the Meteorological stations operated by the National Meteorological Service. On this Post mark was printed the Legend "RED DE ESTACIONES METEOROLOGICAS ANTARTICAS, FUERZA AEREA ARGENTINA, SERVICIO MEYTEOROLOGICO NACIONAL. The Post mark is applied to all the mail of the following Bases, as of the Antarctic Campaign 1992-1993 : **ORCADA Base, JUBANY Base, MARAMBIO Base, SAN MARTIN**

Base, **BELGRANO II Base.**

In this part of the collection, two different areas maybe distinguished: one is exclusively dedicated to Antarctic meteorology and to the activities of the National Meteorological Service in that Continent, while the other is oriented at the different aspects of this science in the rest of the country.

At the **National Meteorological Museum "Dr. Benjamin A. Gould"**, located at 801 San Luis street, City of Cordoba, Argentina ,it is possible to see still another postage stamp collection quite similar to the one described.

National Meteorological Museum "Dr. Benjamin A. Gould",

located at 801 San Luis street, City of Cordoba, Argentina.



From: I1HYW Gianni Varetto
I've just got the card from Filippo Corbelli, IK0AIH, one of the researchers involved in the last scientific Expedition at the Italian Base TERRA NOVA



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BAY, Antarctica.
While staying there at the scientific Base, Filippo had a chance to visit the Multinational (ITALY & FRANCE) Base called

CONCORDIA Station or "Dome C" located several Kms away of Terra Nova Bay Station.

Concordia is under construction and now, close to be completed.

First time on the air, Concordia Station is listed in the WAP Directory.

As the Antarctic chasers may recall that,

among the scientific Staff, involved in the (2003-2004) XIX Italian Expedition, three of them hold an HAM call sign: Filippo IK0AIH, Michele IK7JGQ, and Fabrizio IOHCJ.

Once again we wish to thank the scientific researchers, for taking their time, and spend part of it, to give us a chance and pleasure to have

Antarctica on the air, and work it. Our appreciation though for their hard job, and for the time devoted to us! KC/IK0AIH QSL card is visible at www.ddxc.net

From: DL5EBE Dominik Weiel
Date: Thu Jun 17, 2004 11:08 pm
Subject: DP1POL presentation in Friedrichshafen 06/2004!

Dear friends,
Felix, DL5XL, who just recently returned from his overwintering on the german Neumayer Station will be giving a PowerPoint presentation about his DP1POL operation during the official DX meeting of the Ham Radio convention organised by DARC in Friedrichshafen on Saturday, the 26th of June. Just to keep you informed Vy 73 and good DX de Dominik DL5EBE

From: IZ8BRI Egidio Settimio
Date: Sat Jun 19, 2004 2:49pm
Subject: WAP SE 10

Hi Guys,
- WAP Special Edition N°10 is available to be download from http://www.ddxc.net/wap/wap_se.php
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Soon the programe and the guests
Best regards, Egi, IZ8BRI

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