



C.O.T.A.
Carabinieri On The Air

The Carabinieri Amateur Radio Association C.O.T.A. celebrating the 205th anniversary of the founding of the Carabinieri, with the sponsorship of the General Chief of the Arma dei Carabinieri, issues the

15th Diploma C.O.T.A. 2019

Participation: It is open to all Italian and foreign OM and SWL

Date: From 07:00 UTC on 20 May 2019 to 22:00 UTC on 5 June 2019.

Bands: 3.5 MHz (80 mt.), 7 MHz (40 mt.), 14 MHz (20 mt.), 21 MHz (15 mt.) according the IARU Region 1 bandplan.

Modes: SSB, CW, Digital (PSK31-63-125, RTTY).

QSO:

SSB mode: Multiple QSO but in different modes and bands.

Digital Mode: Only 1(one) QSO per Day per band is allowed, regardless of the mode.

QSO Points:

1 point: Qso in SSB with all COTA stations.

3 points: Qso in CW and Digital with all COTA stations.

8 points: Qso with IQ6CC/*zone*, II5CC and HG1ØCC (active also in 10, 12, 17 and 30 meters)

5 points: Qso with IQ3JB, IQØJC, IQ5QG, IQ5XJ, IQ6WG, IQ3ZF

3 Points: Qso with Jolly Station (declared at the moment).

The complete list of stations accredited as "ACTIVATORS" to compete for the achievement of the 15th C.O.T.A. will be published on the website <http://www.cota.cc>

RST:

All C.O.T.A. stations and the special stations IQ3JB, IQØJC, IQ5QG, IQ5XJ, IQ6WG, IQ3ZF, will give RS-T + progressive number starting from (001), IQ6CC/*zone*, II5CC and HG1ØCC will give RS-T without progressive number.

The operators must confirm the received number.

CQ Call: SSB & Digital: "CQ 15 ° Diploma C.O.T.A.", CW: "CQ COTA"

Award Request: All the stations can get the Award with almost:

Italian OM / YL / SWL: **15 points**

OM / YL / SWL Foreigners: **10 points**

The award must be requested until June 30, 2019:

- online: see the link on the website www.cota.cc and upload your log in the accepted formats: * .doc, * .xls (x), * .txt, * .adi, * .cbr.
- e-mail: complete the "COTA Application Form Diploma" and send it to diploma@cota.cc
- Any communication and / or log sent to an address other than diploma@cota.cc will not be considered.

Please specify:

- Category of participation
- Name of the participating OM / YL / SWL station
- Name, surname and exact postal address where to send the 15th COTA Award
- Your e-mail address

Please attach:

- the complete station log, signed and showing the QSO details, callsign, date, band or frequency, mode, progressive number obtained and report, detail and total score obtained.
- the receipt of the payment of the requested sum
- A personal QSL (if available)

Participants and activators are invited to send their QSL and a photo of their station, Shack, Antennas, Operator to: diploma@cota.cc, at the end of the award the photo album of the 15th COTA Diploma will be published. The most beautiful image will receive a special award.

Payment: to obtain the Award, payment is required as follows:

- 12.00 Euro (Italian and European stations)
- 18.00 Euro or 20.00 USD (non-European stations)

Payment mode:

- Payment on postal account number 000060567955 Headed to: Carabinieri Radio Amateur Association C.O.T.A., 60022 Castelfidardo (AN) Italy (Note: only for Italy)
- Bank transfer: IBAN: IT 04 L 07601 02600 000060567955; BIC: BPPIITRRXXX (Note: bank transfers from countries outside the European Union are not accepted)
- PayPal (form on the website www.cota.cc);

The proceeds of the award will be donated to the "ONAOMAC" (National Opera Assistance Orphans Military Arma Carabinieri <http://www.onaomac.it>) and to other charitable works.

Categories and prizes:

All those who request the 15th C.O.T.A. Award, will automatically enter the final rankings in the related category.

The first three winners of the following categories will be awarded:

Cat. HF MISTO	Cat. HF SSB	Cat. HF CW	Cat. HF Digitale	Cat. SWL
Italiano	Italiano	Italiano	Italiano	SWL Italiano
Europeo	Europeo	Europeo	Europeo	SWL Straniero
Extraeuropeo	Extraeuropeo	Extraeuropeo	Extraeuropeo	

Note: to participate in the SWL category you must have a valid radio listening authorization and a regular SWL callsign.

The best COTA activator, the YL (s) that will be most distinguished during the award and the author of the most beautiful photo taken from the 15th COTA Diploma Album, will also be awarded.

Every decision of the Award Committee will be final and final.

Plaques and trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category. Each participant can only win One prize that will eventually have to choose. The award ceremony will take place in Castelfidardo (Ancona) - Italy on 22 September 2019 at the 15th COTA Radio Meeting.

QSL: The valid C.O.T.A. stations they will be able to send their QSLs to the connected stations at their discretion.

QSL Manager:

- HG1ØCC via HA3JB
- IQ3JB, IQØJC, IQ5QG, IQ5XJ, IQ6WG, IQ3ZF, II5CC will send their special QSLs.
- IQ6CC / zone, II5CC - via bureau through the IZ4SUC manager
- direct by sending a pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelope (SAE plus green stamp for foreign OMs) to: LORENZO IANNONE, Via Raggiolo 17, 47863 - Novafeltria (Rimini) - ITALY e-mail: qsl@cota.cc

Notes: Incomplete or unsuccessful documents will be excluded from the official rankings but will still be entitled to obtain the Award.

The Award will be printed in limited edition on parchment paper size 30x40 cm

The Award painting represents the "Carabinieri protecting cultural heritage"; the original pictorial oil on canvas was created by the artist Roberta CUOMO. For information: <http://www.cota.cc> or diploma@cota.cc

Diploma Manager: IZ2FOS Lorenzo MENDINI

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