

STATUTE

Diploma Action on the occasion 60th anniversary of the Youth Astronomical Observatory in Niepołomice and 10th anniversary of the Niepołomice Shortwave Radio Club SP9MOA

Amateur radio amateurs from the Niepołomice Amateur Radio Club SP9MOA invite you to take part in a diploma event commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Youth Astronomical Observatory in Niepołomice and the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Niepołomice Amateur Radio Club SP9MOA.

The Youth Astronomical Observatory (MOA) is named after the Polish astronomer Kazimierz Kordylewski. The observatory is located in the center of Niepołomice, 20 km east of Kraków. It was established in 1964 as the Observation Station of the Polish Society of Astronomy Lovers and its initiator was Zdzisław Słowik, a local photographer, astronomy enthusiast and shortwave radio operator (SP9CLP). This is a unique place where children and teenagers discover the secrets of the world and the youngest learn the secrets of science while having fun. In modern laboratories, course participants have at their disposal telescopes, measuring devices, astrophotography equipment and components for building robots. They all share a passion for learning, which is combined with the competences of experienced teaching staff. Teaching activities include regular classes for children and teenagers, training camps and workshops for teachers. The observatory also popularizes astronomy and nature by preparing live presentations of the night sky, planetary shows and exhibitions. The most important mission is to delight others with the Universe.

The Niepołomice Shortwave Club at the Youth Astronomical Observatory SP9MOA was established in 2014 on the initiative of local radio amateurs. The club popularizes amateur radio among the local community, prepares young people to obtain an amateur radio license, conducts electronic workshops and builds radio equipment. Club members, with the support of local authorities, create a backup crisis communications network in the Niepołomice commune, providing alternative communication for professional services.

Duration of the diploma campaign: from **November 15 to December 15, 2024**

Conditions for obtaining a diploma:

- the condition for granting the diploma is to conduct communications (listening calls) in the HF band and collecting at least **60 points**
- contacts with organizer stations on each HF band with CW, SSB, DIGI emissions (RTTY, BPSK, FT8/4) are included
- communications with the same station can be repeated on the same day with different emissions or on other bands
- contacts with the same station can be repeated on other days
- a necessary condition is to conduct at least one communication with the **HF60ASTRO** special occasion station.

Scoring:

- occasional station HF60ASTRO awards **15 points**
- club station SP9MOA awards **10 points**

- individual stations of the Niepołomice Shortwave Club members (SP9BCH, SP9BMA, SP9FK, SP9KSK, SP9MUF, SP9PAP, SP9UMI, SP9WSS, SQ9IAB, SQ9WGR, SQ9ZAY) award: CW - **10 points**, SSB - **5 points**, DIGI - **3 points**
- *for DX stations, the points scored are counted twice.*

Diploma application:

Diplomas are issued electronically via the website www.QRZ.com/db/hf60astro.

After obtaining the required number of points, submit your application using the provided application form. The organizer's collective Log is completed within 12 hours of the end of station operation each day.

SWL stations send their logs to hf60astro@gmail.com and after verification they receive a diploma by return e-mail.

Communication Confirmations:

QSL cards exchanged by BIURO (OT-12 PZK), e-qsl and direct

Electronic confirmations: QRZ.com, Club Log

Procedure in the event of disputes and complaints:

All disputes and situations not regulated by these Regulations will be resolved by the Organizer of the Diploma Action. The Organizer's decisions are final.