



Commemorative Award

to the station

SP2PBY

on the occasion of 20 years of active amateur radiocommunication service
on the International Space Station.



Organizer: Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK)
in cooperation with
Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS)

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ARISS was established in 1996 as the successor to SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment on the USA Shuttles) existing since 1983. Activities onboard the International Space Station (ISS) by the space agencies: NASA, Roscosmos, ESA, JAXA, and CSA as well as AMSAT and organizations affiliated to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) from the countries participating in the program, began in 2000. The first test of HAM radio onboard the ISS started 20 years ago on 13th November, whereas the first successful ARISS contact with a school took place on 21st December 2000. Presently, ARISS volunteers carry out many amateur radio experiments: radio voice repeaters, Digital APRS repeaters, amateur radio satellites, SSTV images, ARISS activity awards, and direct audio and digital video contacts with the ISS crew. It offers students the chance to have an exciting experience – a face-to-face conversation via amateur radio with the crew members onboard the International Space Station. It activates young people's interest in STEAM and motivates them to learn.

The Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) founded in 1930 is a Member Society of the IARU and ARISS. The association brings together radio amateurs and HAM operators, organizes camps, training courses, radio amateur events, contests, field games, etc. for children. To commemorate these historical moments of HAM radio on the ISS, the Polish clubs: SP2ZIE, SP3POW, SP3YOR, SP5PMD, SP7POS, SP8YAY, SP9PKS – who prepared the past ARISS school contacts, were available on the air using the following special callsigns: HF20ISS, SN20ISS, SN3ISS, HF7ISS, HF8ISS, HF9ISS, 3Z20ARISS, SO1SS – between 13th November and 21st December 2020. The activity was supported even by the operators of the ARISS Ground Station IK1SLD in Italy, the operators of the ISS FunClub F4KLX station and the operators of the French special callsign station TM20ISS.