



## **DIPLOM INTERESSEN GRUPPE DIPLOMA INTEREST GROUP**

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### **What's DIG ? - How to become a DIG member ?**

Diploma Interest Group (DIG) was founded in 1969 as replacement of the German Chapter of the Certificate Hunters Club (CHC). The prime challenge of DIG is the distribution of any information about Amateur Radio Awards and Certificates, mainly in German language.

We co-operate with many national IARU societies and with Ted Melinoski, K1BV, the organizer of the world biggest online collection of award and certificate rules in English language [ [www.dxawards.com/](http://www.dxawards.com/) ].

On the other hand, DIG is an association of very active ham radio operators worldwide, joining contests and all kind activities on the amateur radio bands.

DIG itself issues a number of Amateur Radio Awards that culminate in the “Trophy 1000” for holders of all DIG awards and plaques in the highest possible class.

DIG has weekly nets in CW and SSB with news bulletins giving information on all aspects of amateur radio activities, like new or updated rules of awards, DX activities, upcoming contests. DIG members meet regularly on occasion of big conventions like “Ham-Radio” in Friedrichshafen or at smaller events, like meetings of DIG or DSW (Diplomsammler Waterkant).

Though DIG is working in German language, we are open to every new member worldwide that likes to support the activity of our group. There is no “must” to speak German. The main targets are friendship and activities across national boundaries. Principle for DIG members should be discipline, activity and politeness on the amateur radio bands and 100% in QSL exchange.

Every licensed radio amateur or SWL worldwide can join DIG when fulfilling some few requirements:

- 1) The applicant has to be also a member of the national IARU society in his own country.
- 2) The applicant must be in possession of 25 amateur radio awards/certificates; three (3) among them have to be from the DIG-award-programme.
- 3) The applicant has to pay an admission fee (15,00 € or 20,00 US\$ for non-German applicants). There is no further annual fee after that to keep up membership, as long as the member meets the requirement Nr 1 (Membership in an IARU society).

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