SUCCESSFUL CONTACT FOR "GESMUNDO MORO FIORE" SECONDARY SCHOOL, TERLIZZI, ITALY

Saturday 6 February 2015, at 09:09 UTC, 10.09 local time, students from "Gesmundo Moro Fiore" Secondary School, Terlizzi, Italy established ARISS contact with ESA astronaut Timothy Peake KG5BVI onboard the International Space Station. This was a telebridge contact performed by Amateur radio ground station LU1CGB, located in Argentina.

School presentation: "Gesmundo Moro Fiore" is a secondary school formed of two different buildings in the suburb area of Terlizzi. The new school was born this school year from the fusion of two schools. What is more, in the last few years some foreign citizens are coming to live in Terlizzi, so the school is having new needs and is facing different realities from the East Europe to the Mediterranean Africa. There are laboratories ICT, Technology, Art, Conference room, Library. Multimedia room and big spaces outside with wonderful gardens.

Mentor Francesco De Paolis IK0WGF proposed a telebridge event to the radio coordinator Mr. Michele Mallardi IZ7EVR and this was accepted. Mr. Gianpietro Ferrario IZ2GOJ was the moderator of the teleconference established by the school and the ARISS Telebridge Station in Buenos Aires, Argentina, operated by Mr. Adrian Gabriel Sinclair, LU1CGB. Mr. Michele Mallardi IZ7EVR radio contact coordinator managed for a telebridge contact from the contact site, assisted by the ARISS Apulia Team.

Contact was established at 09:09 UTC, 10.09 local time with NA1SS via LU1CGB. ESA astronaut Timothy Peake KG5BVI answered 18 questions. The questions were read by students at "Cittadella Mediterranea della Scienza", Bari. Signal from the ISS were loud and clear for almost the entire pass.

Regional and local Televisions and newspapers covered the event, as well as Telebari TV, Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno, Settimanale di Terlizzi. More than 230 students, parents, visitors and media attended the event at "Cittadella Mediterranea della Scienza", Bari.

The contact established with NA1SS was live on:
http://www.cittadellamediterraneascienza.it/webtv.php

Video of the contact is available also here:
https://youtu.be/5kIqPF6itB8

Audio of the contact is available also here:
http://www.ariss-eu.org/media/media/Audio in Terlizzi 20160206.mp3
Congratulations to Adrian LU1GCB, ARISS Puglia Team and all the students for the very successful event!

73,
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ARISS Mentor

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