3B9 - Giorgio, IZ4AKS will be active as 3B9/IZ4AKS from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between 28 August and 4 September. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres using 100 watts and a vertical placed near the sea. A few days before and after this operation he might be active as 3B8/IZ4AKS from Mauritius (AF-049). [TNX IZ4AKS]

4J - Yannick, F6FYD is back to Azerbaijan until 20 August. He operates from the 4K7Z club station using his new callsign as 4J6FR (previously 4J0FR). QSL via F6FYD. [TNX F6AJA and les Nouvelles DX]

9L - Four Dutch radio amateurs will be active from Sierra Leone for three weeks in March 2011. Arie/PA3A, Arie/PA3AN, Ad/PA8AD and Bas/PD0CAV plan to operate, hopefully as 9L5MS, on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, using three stations with amplifiers and several beam and vertical antennas. The team will provide support and raise funds for a Mercy Ships Charity Project. QSL via PA3AWW, direct or bureau. An OQRS for direct cards will be available on the expedition's website. Further information on the project can be found at www.sierraleone2011.com/sl_2011/home.php

A2 - K5LBU (A25CF), K5ZOL (A25BI), KD5TAN (A25AN), IO2Y (A25ZY), IK1MDF (A25DF), IZ5MMB (A25MB) and W5SL (A25ASL) will be active from Botswana between 21 October and 4 November. QSL via home calls. They plan to operate with three stations on 160-10 metres (hopefully also on 6m) and to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as A25HQ (QSL via K5LBU). Financial support to help with the expenses is gratefully accepted. The group has a website at www.qsl.net/a25-2010 [TNX IK1MDF]

CE - Hector CE3FZL, Ricardo CE3HDI, Hugo CE3BBC, Cristian CE3PCN and Esteban XQ7UP will operate SSB and CW as XR2A from the lighthouse at Punta Angeles (Valparaiso) on 21-22 August for the 12th annual International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. QSL via CE3BBC. [TNX CE3FZL]

CT7 - Jose, CT1CJJ and Filipe, CT1ILT have been active holiday style as CR6K/p from the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park (www.rep.pt/ct1ilt/swalentejano2010.html) since 31 July and will remain there until 14 August. On 7 August they will use that very same callsign from Pesseguierio Island (EU-167). They will operate CW and SSB with 100 watts and a vertical antenna near the water. QSL via either CT1CJJ or CT1ILT. [TNX CT1ILT]

CT7 - CT1CSY, CT1GZB and CT2JXT will participate in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (21-22 August) as CR6LH from the lighthouse at Cape Espichel. They plan to operate on several bands SSB, RTTY, PSK31, plus QRS CW on demand. QSL via CT1GZB. [TNX CT1GZB]

DL - Volker, DL1WH will be active as DF0MF from the lightship "Amrumbank" on 19-22 August, including participation in the
International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 80, 40, 30 and 20 metres. He will be joined by Rene, DL7WR, who will operate PSK31, RTTY and some SSB and FM. QSL via bureau or direct to DL1WH. [TNX DL1WH]

EA6 - Jacek, SP5OXJ will be active as EA6/SP5OXJ from Mallorca, Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 8-20 August. He will be QRV mainly on 20 and 30 metres CW and various digital modes (PSK, MFSK, Hell, RTTY etc.). QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX SP5OXJ]

I - Look for Alfredo, IK7JWX/p and others to be active from Sant'Andrea Island (EU-091) on 7-8 August, from 7 UTC to 17 UTC each day. They plan to operate on the HF bands and 6 metres SSB, possibly with some CW, PSK31 and RTTY. [TNX IK7JWX]

I - Look for IQ0FM/p to take part in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (21-22 August) from Monte Orlando lighthouse in Gaeta. They will operate mainly SSB on the HF bands and 6 metres. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to IZ0GZW. [TNX IZ0EGC]

J6 - The Buddies in the Caribbean DXpedition group, which specializes in 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems, will be back to St Lucia (NA-108) on 5-13 December. This time the operators will be K4MK, K8EAB, N4LA, N7UN, NX8L, W3FF, W4OKW and W7ZT. There will be three fixed stations active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, and RTTY. At the same time, several teams will be battery-only, field portable either from St Lucia beaches or mountain tops. The group is applying for a unique J6BP callsign for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (11-12 December), outside that event they will be signing J6/homecall. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to the operator's home call. Further information can be found at [31x406]http://sites.google.com/site/caribbeanbuddies/ [TNX N7UN]

KL - Wayne, K9YNF says he will "also give PSK31 a try (14070.15)" during his 16-20 August operation from Fox Island (NA-197) [425DXN 1002]. He informs IOTA chasers that "there is a mandatory 'quiet time' on the island from 0600Z until 1500Z", and that he "will be working by call areas and countries/geographic areas, following the sun". Updates from the pilot (K9JA) will be posted to [31x420]http://dx-world.net [TNX islandchaser.com]

OH - Rug/DJ3XG and Mario/DL5ME will be active as OH9AA/p from the uninhabited island of Syvaletto (EU-126) between around 12 UTC on 18 August and about 10 UTC on the 22nd. QSL for this activity via DL5ME (Mario Borstel, Zur Tonkuhle 57, 39130 Magdeburg, Germany). [TNX DH5MM]

OX - Masaru, JA5AQC will be active as OX1JA from the QTH of OX3KQ in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland on 13-16 August. On 17-19 August he will operate as OZ5AQC from the QTH of OZ7OX in Odder, Denmark. QSL for both callsigns via JA5AQC, direct only.

OX - YL operators Waltraud DJ6US, Evelyne F5RPB, Ruth IT9ESZ, Unni LA6RHA, Ingrid LA8FOA and Inger OZ7AGR will be active as OX6YL from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (NA-018) on 16-20 September. They will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands. QSL via OZ7AGR, direct or bureau. [TNX LA6RHA]

PA - Frank, DK5FT will be active as PA/DK5FT from Texel Island (EU-038) on 16-22 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX
SM - On their way back from Syvaello (see OH above), Rug/DJ3XG and Mario/DL5ME will stop and be active as SI0TA from Seskaro Island (EU-139) on 23-25 August. QSL via DL5ME. [TNX DH5MM]

SV - J48LH is being used from the lighthouse at Cape Dukato on Lefkas Island (not IOTA) until 8 August. Four stations are expected to operate CW and SSB around the clock. QSL via SV3DCX. [TNX DX World]

SV - Fred, PA1FJ will be active as SV8/PA1FJ/p from the island of Kythira (EU-113) on 23-30 August. He plans to operate SSB and CW on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - Niels, OZ7FOC says he will be active as SV8/OZ7FOC from Samos Island (EU-049) from 29 August to 3 September.

TA - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team (www.tcswat.org) will operate under six special callsigns (TC2010WUC, TC1WUC, TC2WUC, TC3WUC, TC6WUC and TC9WUC) in August-October for the World Universities Congress that will be held Canakkale on 20-24 October. Information on the relevant award can be found at qrz.com [TNX TA0U]

T8 - Nao, JK1FNL reports that he will be active as T88NA from Palau on 23-26 September. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via home call.

UR - Special station EM75MSD will be active on all bands and modes through 31 August to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the record set by coal miner Alexey G. Stakhanov, who on 31 August 1935 was reported to have mined 102 tonnes of coal in 5 hours and 45 minutes. QSL via UX7MA. [TNX UX7MA]

V4 - John, W5JON will be active again as V47JA from St Kitts (NA-104) from 20 October to 10 November, with a SOAB entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres, 60m included. QSL via W5JON. [TNX W5JON]

VE - Don VE1AOE, Paul VE1MPM and Dana VE1VOX will be active as VB1H from Harris, Tusket Islands (NA-126) on 11-15 August. They plan to operate CW and SSB on the HF bands with two stations. QSL via VE3EXY. [TNX islandchaser.com]

VE - Juergen, DL7RV will be active as VO2/NF6J from Battle Island (NA-044) on 3-10 September. He plans to operate CW only on 30, 20, 17, 15 and 12 metres. QSL via DL7RV, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

XU - Laurent, F8ATM will be active as XU7ATM from Sihanoukville, Cambodia on 10-17 August. He will operate SSB and RTTY on the HF bands. QSL via F8ATM, direct or bureau, and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log (www.clublog.org).

XV - Mal, VK6LC will be again from Vietnam between 12 August and 10 September. He will operate SSB and CW from Ho Chi Minh City (XV2LC) and the Mekong Delta (XV4LC). QSL direct to VK6LC. Further information can be found at qrz.com under XV2LC and XV4LC.

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AMATEUR RADIO IN ETHIOPIA ---> Sid May (ET3SID), a British resident in Ethiopia for decades, coached four young Ethiopians, all members of the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society (EARS), through the RSGB International Amateur Radio Exam. All four now have the qualification to get an Ethiopian licence; however, they cannot apply for callsigns until they have equipment, which is simply beyond their means. Several amateurs made offer of help and it was decided to form a simple appeal to raise funds and accept donations of equipment so that these four young amateurs can get on the air. The appeal is called Amateur Radio In Ethiopia (ARIE): complete information on the project and details on how to donate can be found at http://groups.google.com/group/ETsupportfund/web/faq [TNX GD6TWF]

CLOSING LOGS ---> Paul, ON6DP will close the logs for ON5DXL, QQ50USA, OTOX, OT3M and OT7EPL on 31 December. Should you need a QSL for any of these callsigns, please send a direct request to Paul Delmelle, Grand Route 58, 4122 Neupre, Belgium. [TNX ON6DP]

EU HF CHAMPIONSHIP ---> Organized by the Slovenia Contest Club, this year's event will take place on 7 August, from 12 UTC to 23.59 UTC. Only Europe to Europe contacts count. Rules at http://lea.hamradio.si/scc/euhf/euhfc.htm [TNX S50XX]

QSL EK6LP ---> The QSL route is via RN4LP, direct only (Vladislav V. Lakeev, P.O.Box 208, Dimitrovgrad, 433512, Russia). As for LoTW, he says that a QSO will be uploaded to the system only after his receives "your e-mail request" or replies "to your paper QSL sent direct". QSOs made in contest "will be uploaded six months later". Bureau and eQSL cards will not be honoured. [TNX RN4LP]

QSLLING CYPRUS STATIONS ---> "The QSL bureau of the Cyprus Amateur Radio Society is receiving large numbers of QSLs that cannot be delivered to the intended recipient, because that station has a QSL manager outside Cyprus", Alan Jubb, 5B4AHJ (CARS QSL Bureau Manager) says. The problem is threefold: (a) those generating the QSLs are not bothering to check to see if the station has a manager; (b) even if a manager's call is written on the QSL, many QSL bureaux are still sending the QSL to Cyprus; (c) QSLs for calls 5B/DXcall are being sent to Cyprus when either they should be sent to the manager, or in the absence of a manager, they should be sent to the bureau for the home call. Alan has has produced a list of stations with foreign managers, which can be found at www.shacklog.co.uk/5BForeignManagers.htm

SABLE ISLAND 2010 ---> Gary Bartlett, VE1RGB has joined the Sable Island [425DXN 999] DXpedition team. "Everything remains on track for 22-31 October", N0TG says. The callsigns will be CY0/AA4VK, CY0/AI5P, CY0/N0TG, CY0/VE1RGB and CY0/WA4DAN. The preferred QSL route is via the Online QSL Request Service; QSL instructions and options are listed on the expedition's website at www.cy0dxpedition.com

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible
for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow[@]fastwebnet.it)

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent Keys include John Adams (G3YNC), Nuccio Meoli (I0YKN), Paolo Gori (I5ZJK), Elliott K. Klein (K7ER) and Fergus Walshe O'Shea (YV1NX).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2MD, 3B8CF, 4J3M, 4L8M, 4M5IR, 4U1UN, 4U64UN, 4W6AL, 5B4AIA, 5K4T, 5K8T, 5N3WQK, 5N50K, 5N7M, 5W0AP, 5W0CF, 5W0HH, 5W0NM, 5W0WL, 6V7Q, 6Y1V, 6Y5WJ, 7P8YI, 8R1PY, 9H1AL, 9U1KI, 9X0CW, A25NW, A25NW, A41LD, A61BK, A65BD, A71CT, AT10BP, BA8AG/4 (AS-136), BU2AQ, BY8DX, C31CT, C36PP, C91R, CK8G (NA-182), CO4SM, CP6UA, CX7CO, DU1EV, DU9/DL5SDF (OC-130), E4X, E51LEO, E51NAA, E51PMR, E51SNL, E51XIE, E74A, EA9GW, ED9NA, EK1KE, EK5KE, EP3SMH, ERO0W, ER4DZ, ER4ER, ER4KAA, ER65V, EX2T, EZ8AQ, FO/N6JA, FP/K9OT, FS/W6IZT, FW1W, H44MY (OC-127), H44WG, HC1HC, HC1JQ, HK0/NOAT, HP3DX, J38XX, J5UAP, JD1BNF, JY4NE, KH2/N2NL, MS0INT (EU-118), OA4DKC, OD5/DL6SN, OD5ET, OG20YL, OY2J, OY3AA, P25RA, RA9AU, ST2AR, SV5/L21WL, SV9GPV, T30XG, T32CI (OC-281), T32MI (OC-279), T32SI (OC-280), T32VI (OC-282), T77C, T77NM, T88AT, T88CF, TI5XP, TK5MH, TL0A, TN5SN, TO2T, TX1B (OC-032), UK9AA, UN3M, V63AKA, V63JQ, V63JY, V63TR, VK7GN, VP8DLM, VP9BO, VQ9Z2, VR2009EAG, VY0V (NA-231), W8XGI/KH2, XE2WWW, XR0Y, XV2RZ, XV3RRC (AS-157), XV4D (AS-128), XV7RRC (AS-162), YB4IR, YI9PSE, YW5F (SA-058), YW9A, Z21BB, Z21DXY, ZA1FD, ZB2FRK, ZC4VJ, ZL/IK1PMR, ZM4M (OC-203), ZP8AE, ZS8M, ZW5B (SA-025), ZY0F, Z26Z (SA-023).

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