The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles has caused changes to the DXCC List. As per the DXCC rules, the two Netherlands Antilles DXCC entities will be deleted and moved to the Deleted Entities List. Four new entities will be added to the DXCC List: (1) Curacao; (2) Sint Maarten; (3) Saba and Sint Eustatius, and (4) Bonaire. The event date and time for these changes will be 0400 UTC, October 10 2010. Confirmations for these new entities will be accepted for credit starting January 1, 2011. Other administrative changes and actions will be announced as they are finalized. [www.arrl.org, 13 October 2010]

Following today's ARRL announcement of four new DXCC entities in the former Netherlands Antilles we can now announce IOTA's position. Curacao will, in accordance with IOTA rule E.5.5 (Island DXCC entity group), become a new IOTA group with the reference number SA-099, operative from 0400 UTC, 10 October 2010. Contacts made prior to that time/date will continue to count for SA-006. Bonaire remains as a valid island within SA-006, so its IOTA status will not change. There will also be no IOTA group number change to Sint Maarten NA-105 or Saba and Sint Eustatius NA-145, islands split from each other long ago in accordance with IOTA rules. [TNX G3KMA, RSGB IOTA Manager, 13 October 2010]

5X - Alan, G3XAQ will be visiting Kampala, Uganda from 14 November to 1 December. He will operate CW only on the HF bands as 5X1XA, with 100W and a small beam. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a single band entrant, probably on 20 metres. QSL via G3SWH. [TNX G3XAQ]

8Q - Jim, G3VDB will be active again as 8Q7EJ from the Maldives (AS-013) from 24 October for two weeks. "Subject to hotel permission", he says, "I hope to be active for intermittent holiday operation during that period mostly on 20m CW". QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

9Q - Christian, CX2CC is working for the United Nations in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo for one year. He plans to operate SSB, digital modes and QRS CW as 9Q5OAR on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (Christian Cardarello, Avenida Italia 3319, 11600 Montevideo, Uruguay). Cards will be replied "after January 2012".

9Q - Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independende of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Patrick ON4HIL, Theo ON4ATW, Marc ON6CC, Luc ON4IA, Wim ON4CIT and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as 9Q50ON on 3-13 December. They will operate SSB and CW on 160-10
metres. QSL via ON4BR, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at www.9q50on.be [TNX NG3K]

9X - Rudi, DK7PE will be active as 5X0CW from Kampala, Uganda from 27 October to 3 November. He will use a jumper beam for 40-10 metres: "I'll stay in downtown Kampala and expect some local QRM", he says, but he will give 80 and 160 metres a try. QSL via DK7PE. [TNX DK7PE]

C5 - Filip, ON4TA will be active as C56FR from The Gambia from 21 October to 11 November. He will operate SSB on 17 and 20 metres with 100 watts and simple wire antennas, but he also plans to give 6m, 2m and 70cm a try using Yagi antennas. QSL via ON4TA, bureau preferred.

E5_sc - Bill, N7OU will be active again as E51NOU from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands between 18 October and 13 November. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres during his spare time. QSL via N7OU. [TNX The Daily DX]

F - The Association des Radioamateurs de la Cote d'Emeraude will be active as TM0RDR from 22 October to 2 November for the ninth Route du Rhum, the 3000-mile single-handed transatlantic yacht race between St-Malo (France) and Pointe-a-Pitre (Guadeloupe). Plans are to operate SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands with three stations. QSL via F4FJH. [TNX F8REF]

FM - Andy, DL3GA is active as TO3GA from Martinique (NA-107) until 20 October, including an entry in the Worked All Germany CW Contest this weekend. QSL via DL3GA. [TNX NG3K]

H40 - Peter, DG1FK (H40FK) and Sigi, DK9FN (H40FN) will operate CW, PSK and RTTY from Nendo Island (OC-100) Temotu from 21 December to 3 January. They will have two stations with amplifiers, a wire pyramid for 160, 80 and 40m and a 2-element beam for 30-10m. QSL H40FK via DG1FK, QSL H40FN via HA8FW.

HB0 - A Rhein Ruhr DX Association group of operators (DF7EF, DG3EX, DJ2YE, DL6EAQ, DL6KAC, DL8DAW, DL8EAQ, D02RE, HB9DOD and HB9LCW) will will be active Triesenberg, Liechtenstein from 27 October to 4 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as HB0/HB9AON (Multi-Multi), with a target of 7,000 QSOs and 10 million points. [TNX DK8EY]

HL - The Busan DX Club will be active as 6M0V/5 from Suu-do (AS-081) on 23-24 October. QSL to 6M0V, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

I - IK2SNG, IK3AES, IK4ALM, IK4RQJ, IK4XCL, IZ4AMS and IZ4BBF will be active on all bands and modes as II4PI from Scanno di Piallazza (EU-155) on 21-24 October. QSL via IK4ALM. [TNX IZ4BBF]

I - Special station II1IANS will be active during the Science Festival to be held in Genova from 29 October to 9 November. Operations will take place from the museum submarine "Nazario Sauro", with main activity on 30-31 October and 6-7 November. QSL via eQSL or through http://eurobureauqsl.org/ [TNX IW1PRT]

OX - The IOTA expedition to Tasiilaq/Ammassalik (NA-151), Greenland [425DXN 993] is confirmed to take place on 20-30 October. Gabi DF9TM, Heiko DL1RTL, Frank DL2SWW and Ric DL2VFR will be active as OX/homecall on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY with two high power stations. QSL OX/DF9TM and OX/DL2SWW via DL2SWW, QSL OX/DL1RTL via DL1RTL, QSL OX/DL2VFR via DL2VFR (direct, bureau and LoTW). Further information can be found at www.na-151.de [TNX DX World]
SU - Special event station SU8JOTA will be activated by the Egyptian Radio Amateurs Society for Development (ERASD) at the Cairo International Scout Center during the 53rd Jamboree On The Air (16-17 October). Activity will be on all amateurs bands, 160 metres included, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL direct to SM5AQP.[TNX Southgate ARC]

T31 - An international team will activate Kanton Island (Central Kiribati, OC-043) for nine days in mid April 2011. An additional day may be added depending on the sailing time to the island. Transportation has been arranged, all licenses are assigned and the permit is in its final stage of processing. There will be six stations, 160 through 10 (SSB, CW and RTTY). There are a few berths available on the boat. For those interested in joining the team, please contact W2IJ at kanton[@]t31a.com for details. A website is under construction at www.t31a.com [TNX NG3K]

T32 - The Five Star DXers Association of 9M0C, D68C, 3B9C and 3B7C fame will conduct a major DXpedition to Kirimitati (Christmas Island, OC-024), Eastern Kiribati in September-October 2011. A very large group of experienced operators from 13 different DXCC entities will be active as T32C (requested callsign) on all bands and modes, with up to 16 stations on the air, using amplifiers along with monoband beams and vertical dipole arrays, 24 hours a day, for almost four weeks, including four weekends. The primary objective is to give as many DXers as possible a first contact with this rare DXCC entity and, as a secondary objective, to give as many band-slots as possible. At this time the organizers are seeking contributions from sponsors to help defray the very significant logistics costs of this DXpedition. Details on how to donate and further information can be found at www.t32c.com [TNX G3XTT]

T8 - Tom, DL2OBO (www.dl2obo.com) will be active holiday style as T88DL from Koror (OC-009), Palau from 24 October to 1 November. He will operate CW and SSB (including activity during the CQ WW DX Contest) during his evening/night hours using the equipment at the Palau Pacific Resort complemented with new verticals he will build, "since the hotel only has low dipoles for 80m and 160m". QSL via DL2OBO. [TNX DL2OBO]

TY - Mario, DL2UX, is active as TY1JB from Benin until 28 October. He has been spotted mainly on 15 metres, but he has antennas for 40-10m. QSL via home call, direct or via bureau. [TNX DX World]

V7 - The 15-19 October V73RRC IOTA expedition to Ujelang Atoll (OC-278) [425DXN 1014] has been postponed. Yuri, N3QQ says he will leave amplifier, generator and antennas on Enewetak in anticipation of a new attempt, to take place possibly in late November or early December.

VE - Jay, VY1JA became active as VY0JA [425DXN 1011] on 13 October. He operates CW only from CFS Alert on Ellesmere Island (NA-008). On weekdays normal hours of operation are 22.00-01.00 UTC, with more activity planned during the weekends. Operations are expected to end on 17 November (early UTC hours) at the latest. QSL via N3SL (Japanese stations can go via JA3JM).

VE - Rob, VE7RSV will be active as VE7RSV/p from Broughton Island (NA-091) during the W/VE Islands QSO Party (from 16 UTC on 23
October through 23.59 UTC on the 24th). QSL directo to home call. Complete information on the QSO Party can be found at www.usislands.org [TNX VA3RJ]

XU - Look for XU7KOH to be active on all bands and modes from Koh Russei (AS-133) on 6-9 November. The operators will be XU7ACY, XU7ADV, XU7AJV and XU7KOH. QSL via ON7PP. [TNX ON7PP]

YN - Jeff, N6GQ will be active as YN2AA from Nicaragua from 27 October to 1 November, including a SOAB HP entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via NN3W. [TNX N6GQ]

ZL7 - Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as ZL1WY/ZL7 from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 2-9 December. He will operate on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes, with a focus on 160 and 6 metres (breakable beacon on 50117 kHz). QSL via JF1OCQ. [TNX JF1OCQ]

CARIBBEAN TOUR ---> Cory, N1WON will be active as KP2/N1WON (QSL via home call) from the US Virgin Islands (NA-106) until 19 October, and as VP5/N1WON (QSL via home call) from Providenciales, Caicos Islands (NA-002) from 21 October to 3 November. He will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest with the VP5DX team (QSL via NU4Y).

FORMER NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND CQ AWARDS & CONTESTS ---> "With several groups operating this week from the 'new' DX entities created by the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles", Richard Moseson (W2VU) says, "questions have arisen regarding their status for CQ DX awards and contests."
- CQ DX AWARDS: The previous entities of the Leeward Islands (PJ2/PJ4) and Windward Islands (PJ5/PJ6/PJ7) were deleted as of 9 October, and four new entities became active on 10 October. Confirmations for contacts made with the new entities - Curacao (PJ2), St. Maarten (PJ7), Bonaire (PJ4) and Saba/St. Eustatius (PJ5/6) - will be accepted for CQ award credit effective immediately.
- NEW MULTIPLIERS IN THE CQWW: The country multiplier list for the CQ World Wide DX Contest (SSB on 30-31 October and CW on 27-28 November) is based on a combination of the ARRL's DXCC list and the DARC's WAE (Worked All Europe) list. The four newly born DXCC Entities will each count as separate country multipliers in the CQWW.
- DX MARATHON: Competitors in the 2010 CQ DX Marathon who worked any of the islands before 10/10/10, get credit for either the Windward or Leeward Islands, as appropriate. Hams who work them again on or after 10/10/10 will get additional credit for the new entities, providing a maximum of six country credits for working the islands in 2010.

+ SILENT KEYS +  Recently reported Silent Keys include Antoine Baldeck
(F6FNU) and Robert Thiery (F6CRT), who passed away in late August. He was active as 5A1FB from Libya (1954-57), FQ8HO and TT8AF from Chad (1958-61) and 6W8DI from Senegal (1961-63).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8DB, 3C0C, 3C9B, 3D2II, 3XM6JR, 4L0A, 4S7NE, 5N50K, 5V7DX, 524/I22DPX, 7P8JK, 7S6W (EU-043), 9A22RS (EU-110), 9H3X, 9K2YM, 9M2CNC, 9M2GCN/6, 9M6JC, 9U2T, 9U4T, 9X0TL, 9Y4D, A33A (OC-049 and OC-123), A41LD, A43MI (AS-014), A65BD, A71A, A05GL, AT10BP, AT60MY, C6ANM, C91LW, C04SM, CX/N3BNA, D2EB, DU9/ DL55DF, E4X, E51WVW, EA6/DL2DXA, EIO0C2, EX8MAT, FG5FR, FG8AR, FK8CP, FO/N6JA, FW5F, FW5G, FW5X, GJ4FDM, HK1X, HP1/I26BRN, HV0A, JA1NLX/VK4, JT1DA, JW/JA8BMK, K4C, KH0/KT3Q, KH2/N2NL, MD0CCE, MJ/PA1AW, N4SF/VP9, NP2B, OH0/PA2A, OH1K (EU-140), OH9AA/P (EU-126), OX1JA, P29VEK (OC-008), PR5D, PX8J (SA-041), R1ANB, RA9LI/0 (AS-086), RP2F, S79BWM, SG3U, SI0TA/2 (EU-139), SP1/DL5AXX (EU-132), T2A, T30GM, TF/DF6QV (EU-071), V31YY, V85TL, VP5/W5CW, VP9/N4SF, VU2JOS, VU2NKS, VU2PAC, XT2EME, XU7ACY, XU7ATM, XU7TAS, XV4D, XX9LT, YU40AF, YU40ED, ZB3B, ZF2UL, ZP6/N3BNA, ZS8M, ZW8B (SA-025).

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