3D - Juha/OH1LEG, Kari/OH3RB and Tuomo/OH8KXK have been active as 3D2RB from Nadi (OC-016), Fiji Islands (not Rotuma!) since 20 December. They are expected to remain there until 5 January. QSL via OH3RB. [TNX The Daily DX]

6W - Francis, F6BLP will be active holiday style as 6W7SK from Senegal on 8-21 January. He will operate mainly CW on 17, 20, 30 and 40 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

9L - The dates for the 9L5MS operation from Sierra Leone [425DXN 1005] are 15 March-4 April. Arie/PA3A, Arie/PA3AN, Ad/PA8AD, Bas/PD0CAV and Dickson, EL2DT will operate on 160-6 metres 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 (plus LoTW one year after the expedition). 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

9Q - Barney, ZS6TQ is operating as 9Q0HQ/6 from the Democratic Republic of the Congo until 11 January. He is QRV on 40, 20, 15,10 and 6 metres, SSB, CW and PSK-31, during the weekends and some days after 18 UTC. QSL via K3IRV. [TNX K3IRV]

CY0 - The tentative dates for the third attempt at operating from Sable Island (NA-063) are 7-15 March. The operators will be Randy N0TG/CY0, Ron AA4VK/CY0 and Murray WA4DAN/CY0. Further information and updates at www.cy0dxpedition.com [TNX NG3K]

HA - Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt, the renowned Hungarian composer and virtuoso pianist, special event callsign HG200LST will be used between 1 January and 31 December 2011 by a group of operators from the city of Janoshalma. QSL via HA5GY. [TNX HA0HW]

HS - Eddy, ON4AFU will be leaving Belgium on 9 January for a 3-month stay in Thailand, with a side trip to Cambodia (see XU below). His main QTH in Thailand will be Pathui, where he will operate as HS0ZJF. From 20 January to 20 February he will be active as HS0ZJF/8 from two different islands (Samui and Tao) in IOTA group AS-101, while on 22-28 February he expects to be QRV as HS0ZJF/9
from IOTA groups AS-126. Dates may change according to local circumstances. QSL via ON4AFU, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

I - Special station IA7MM will be active throughout 2011 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Italian Navy. QSL via IZ7AUH. Further information at http://ia7mm.iz7auh.net [TNX IZ7AUH]

I - Fred IK7JWX (SSB), Vincenzo I7FPXV (SSB and CW) and Mike IK7FPX (SSB) will operate as IO7DAI from the abbeys of Lecce and its province between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via IK7JWX, bureau preferred. Information on the Italian Abbeys Award (Diploma delle Abbazie Italiane) can be found at www.aribusto.it/dai_rules.htm

KH0 - Kan, JE1SCF will be active as KU2F/KH0 from the Mariana Islands from 29 December to 1 January. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL via JE1SCF, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

OA - Martijn, PA3GFE will be active as OA4/PA3GFE from Peru between 28 December and 28 January. He will operate holiday style on 40-15 metres (possibly on 80 metres as well) using mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

PA - VERON Section 54 (Etten-Leur) celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2011 and a number of special prefixed callsigns will be in use between 1 January through 31 December: PA30ATG (QSL via PA0ATG), PA30BR (PA1BR), PA30CPA (PA1CPA), PA30CVD (PA2CVD), PA30DD (PA9DD), PA30EPB (PA3EBP), PA30GBI (PA3GBI), PA30JSB (PA5JSB), PA30LOU (PA0LOU), PD30GWF (PD1GWF), PH30B (PH1B) PI30ETL (PI4ETL club station, QSL via PA1CPA). Details on the relevant award can be found at http://a54.veron.nl/award [TNX PA1BR]

V5 - Ulmar, DK1CE will be active as V5/DK1CE from Namibia from 26 December to 6 January. He will operate CW only on 160-10 metres. QSL via homecall (bureau) or DH3WO (direct). [TNX NG3K]

XU - Eddy, ON4AFU will be active again as XU7AFU from Kampong Som, Cambodia between 5 and 15 March. If circumstances allow, he will also be active as XU7KOH from Koh Russei (AS-133) during that timeframe. QSL XU7AFU via ON4AFU, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

YB - Dani, YB2TJV and several other operators will be active on all HF bands and modes as YE2H from Klirong Lighthouse (Java Island, OC-021) between 28 December and 4 January. QSL via YB2TJV, direct or bureau. [TNX YB2TJV]

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ICELAND ---> Jonas Bjarnason (TF2JB), President of the Icelandic Radio Amateurs (IRA), reports that the Icelandic Post and Telecom administration has extended access to the 500 kHz (493-510 kHz), 70 MHz (70.000-70.200 MHz) and 5 MHz bands by two years, until 31 December 2012. As for 60 metres, TF operators have been granted 150 kHz (5360-5410 kHz) instead of the previous eight fixed channels, but the maximum power allowed has been reduced from 200 to 100 watts.
LOTW ---> ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) is once again accepting DXCC and WAS applications. The system had been down earlier this week while undergoing testing before adding capabilities to apply for awards based on Maidenhead grid squares, such as the VHF/UHF Century Club awards (VUCC) and the Fred Fish Memorial Award. Testing for the addition of these functions is still ongoing.

QSL VIA IK2QPR ---> Paolo is the QSL manager (direct and bureau) for the following, currently active stations: EK3AA, EK3GM, EU6MM, EW6BN, EW6GB, EX2U, EX7MA, EX7MK, EX8QB, UA0FUA, UA0YAY, UK8GH, UK8IZ, UK8OAH, UN1O, UN7FET, UN7FW, UN7JX, UN8FE and UN9PQ. Also, the logs for his operations as FO/IK2QPR, HR9/IK2QPR, IU2ANT, IU2IPY, V25PR and VP5/IK2QPR are still open. [TNX IK2QPR]

WCA ---> Effective 1 January, the certificates for both the World Castles Award and COTA-Russia will be available either printed and in electronic format (free of charge). Details can be found at http://www.wcagroup.org [TNX RN1CW]

+SILENT KEYS+ Recently reported Silent Keys include Otto W. Morroy (PZ1AC), Vladimir V. Terent'ev (RU1AX) and Claude H. Chambers (ZL3ACC).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 4L5O, 4050A, 5B50AIF, 5N6EAM, 5V7TT, 5Z4FM, 6Y5WJ, 7Z1TT, 8R1RPN, 9G5SG, 9L0W, 9M2MT, 9M6BG, 9Q0AR, 9V1SV, A43DI (AF-112), A43GI (AF-119), A43HI (AF-010), A73A, AB5EB/KL0 (NA-158), AO1DX/5 (EU-093), BU2AQ, C21DL, C91WW, E51NOU, EY7AD, FJ/SM5ENX, FK8CP, FP/KV1J, FWD2A, GM3PYE/P (EU-111), GS3PYE/P (EU-010), HC1HC, HI3TEJ, J6/K4MK, JT0YAB, JT1CS, KH2L, LZ55OVU, MJ0AWR, MU/DL2SBY, NP2KW, NP3CW, OA1F, OA4SS, OG5A (EU-140), P40L, PJ2/DF7ZS, PJ2/K2NV, PJ2/K2TQC, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ2/N0YY, PJ2/OH1VR, PJ2/PB2T, PJ2/W1NG, PJ2/W9JUV, PJ2A, PJ2DX, PJ2MI, PJ4/W9NJY, PJ4A, PJ4B, PJ4I, PJ4LS, PJ5/AA4NC, PJ5/ALH6HY, PJ5/K1XM, PJ5/SP6EQZ, PJ5/SP6IFX, PJ6A, PJ7/K4UWH, PJ7E, PJ7MF, R3GM/1 (EU-082), R6AF/P (EU-185), S52WW, T6MB, TC03W (AS-154), TC07DX (AS-115), T5MD (EU-068), T07ZG, TSTT1/p (AF-091), TY5Z, UA0FUA (AS-025), V26B, V47KP, VE7DP/7 (NA-061 and NA-118), VE8EV/p (NA-129), VP2E/W1UE, VP2M/AA4NC, VP2MDG, VP5NC, VP8DH (AN-001), VP9MT, VQ9LA, VY0X (NA-208), XU7ZG, XV2RZ, XW1B, XX9TLX, YI1RZ, YJOHA, YK1BA, YV5EED, ZD8ZZ.

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