This year the Radio Society of Sri Lanka's annual activity during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (16-17 August) will take place from Point Pedro Lighthouse, on the extreme northern tip of the main island (AS-003). Look for 4S7LGT to be QRV on the HF bands CW and SSB. QSL via bureau. [TNX 4S7JL]

Look for Marco, 9A/IZ3GNG e Joris, 9A/IZ3QHA will be active from Krk Island (EU-136) on 19-25 August. They will operate SSB and digital modes. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX IZ3GNG]

Mirek, 9M8DX/2 (VK6DXI) will be active from Tioman Island (AS-046) on 22-24 August. QSL via SP5UAF. [TNX The Daily DX]

Three Japanese operators expect to be active from Bhutan in early September as follows:
Kunio, JH3LSS as A52LSS on 4-10 September. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on the HF bands. QSL via JH3LSS, direct or bureau, and LoTW.
Jusei, JA3IVU as A52IVU on 4-11 September. He will operate SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on the HF bands. QSL via JA3IVU, direct or bureau.
Ryo, JH7EQW as A52EQW on 5-7 September. Look for him on or around 18150, 21250 and 24500 kHz SSB. Planned QRV times are 13-17 UTC on 5 September, 01-17 UTC on the 6th and 01-04 UTC on the 7th. QSL via JH7EQW, direct or bureau.

Pekka, OH2YY will be active again as A52YY from Bhutan between 26 September and 1 October. "This time I have nothing else to do", he says, "and I can focus 100% on operating amateur radio! The QTH will be up on a hill facing to north giving a good take off to North America, most of South America, northern Asia, Middle-East and whole Europe should be good". He will operate SSB on 20, 15 and 10 metres with a tribander, and on 40, 17, and 12 metres with dipoles. QSL via OH2YY, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

EA5HPX, EA7FTR, EB7DX and others will be active as 5E7R from the Association Royale des Radio Amateurs de Maroc (ARRAM) in Rabat on 21-24 August. QSL via EB7DX.

CO7DG, CO7EH, CO7FR, CO7RR, CO7WT and CO7YM will be active as T47LH from the Colon Lighthouse on Cayo Sabinal (NA-015, not NA-086) during the ILLW. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes with two stations, from about 1 UTC on 16 August until about 16 UTC on the 17th. QSL route TBA.

Once again a team from DARC OV Delmenhorst will be active as DK0FC/LGT from the old lighthouse on Wangerooge Island (EU-047) during the ILLW. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres mainly SSB and digital modes. QSL via DB1BAC, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]
EA8 - Grupo DX Gran Canaria and URE Las Palmas will participate in the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) as AO8LH from the lighthouse at Punta de Arinaga on the island of Gran Canaria (AF-004). Look for activity on the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA8AKN and LoTW. [TNX EA8URL]

G - Dave E19FBB, Nobby G0VJG, Richard G7GLW and Charles M0O XO will be active as M0UKI/p (requested callsign) from Longstone, Farne Islands (EU-109) on 6-7 September. The operation will depend on weather, and may also include participation in the SSB Field Day. QSL direct to M0O XO: bureau cards will be honoured, but they must be requested via the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/ (which is the preferred method also for direct requests). [TNX M0O XO]

I - Alessio, IZ0CKJ is active as IB0/IZ0CKJ from Palmarola Island (EU-045) until 31 August. Side trips to nearby satellite islets for the Italian Islands Award are also being planned. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Coffee]

I - A group of operators from ARI Genova (IQ1GE) will be active on the HF bands as II1L from La Lanterna and as II1PV from the lighthouse at Punta Vagno during the ILLW on 16-17 August. QSL via bureau or direct to A.R.I. Sezione di Genova, Ufficio Postale Centro, Casella Postale 1117, 16121 Genova GE, Italy. QSL direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1BZS]

JA - Look for JA4GXS/4 to be active from Kasado (AS-117) on 23-24 August. He will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JW - Pete, SQ9DIE will be active holiday style as JW/SQ9DIE from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 22-25 August. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

PA - Forty years ago, on 31 August 1974, Dutch offshore stations Radio Veronica and Radio Northsea International had to stop their transmissions. Arie, PD0ARI will operate SSB on 40, 20 and 10 metres as PD538RNI from 28 August to 19 September. The special callsign's number 538 stands for the last frequency used by Radio Veronica, while the suffix stands for Radio Northsea International. QSL via PD0ARI, direct or bureau. [TNX PD3EM]

SM - Special event station SE100SAF will be active on 23 August from Vaxholm Island (EU-084) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Vaxholm Radio (callsign SAF), the coast radio station located at Vaxholms Kastell. Look for activity on 3755, 7055, 14255, 18130, 21255, 24950 and 28460 kHz SSB; 3530, 7030, 10115, 14035, 18090, 21035, 24915 and 28035 kHz CW. QSL via SM0MPV (bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX SM0MPV]

TA - The TC Special Wireless Activity Team will participate in the ILLW as TC1LHW from Istanbul Terkos Karaburun Lighthouse and as TC6LHW from Samsun Bafras Lighthouse. As usual with TCSWAT operations, all of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. If needed, direct cards should be sent to TCSWAT, PK 73, 34421 Karakoy/Istanbul, Turkey. [TNX TA1HZ]

UA - Vasily R6AL, Vasily R7AA, Vasily R7AL and Anatoly R7CQ will be active as RI1O from Morzhovets Island (EU-119) on 15-17 August. QSL via R7AA, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log).

UA - Pavel R2DX, Eugene RW3FB, Misha RW3FS, Dmitry RZ3DJ and Yan RZ3FW
will be active as RK3DZJ/1 from Kildin Island (EU-082) on 21-27 August. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes from three stations with amplifiers on 40-10 metres and verticals antennas. [TNX RZ3DJ]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 29 September to 12 November. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. His wife Cathy (W5HAM) will also operate occasionally as V47HAM. All QSLs via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Mike, VY0BRR (www.vy0brr.jimdo.com) had to cancel his 8-10 August trip to Coats Island (NA-007) [425DXN 1214] due to bad weather. He now plans to be active from Qikiqtarjuaq/Broughton Island (NA-130) on 2-5 September. QSL via VE2XB. [TNX K0AP]

VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/8 from Bathurst Island (OC-173) on 26-29 August [425DXN 1187]. Look for him around 14240-14265, 18140-18160, 21240-21270, 24940-24970 and 28450-28480 kHz. His detailed operating plan can be found at http://oc173.blogspot.com.au/. This IOTA group has not been activated since 1999, so Craig will focus on 20 and 15 metres "to give out as many unique call sign QSOs as possible". QSL via home call, with logsearch and OQRS on Club Log (he anticipates uploading his log on 30 August, because there will be no Internet access during the expedition).

VU4 - A DXpedition to either the Andaman and the Nicobar Islands is being organized to take place in November. It is one single DXCC Entity, but IOTA wise they count for two separate groups: AS-001 for the Andamans, and AS-033 for the "most wanted" Nicobars. The callsign will be VU4KV for both operations, and exact dates will be published once the logistics are in place. The operating team includes Krish W4VKU (VU2VKU), Prasad VU2PTT, Pai VU2PAI, Nandu VU2NKS, Kumar VU2BGS, Chetan VU3DMP, Deepak VU2CDP, Sangeeth A45WH (VU2WH), Kiran VU3KPI and Aravind VU2ABS. Initially, a short duration activity will be carried out from Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar by three operators (VU2VKU, VU2PAI and VU3DMP) with two stations on limited bands SSB and CW. The operation will be sometime between 3 and 13 November. The team requests DXers to avoid working band-fills. Those who need VU4 for DXCC purposes will have an opportunity to work the larger Andaman activation (five stations operated by the full team), which will take place from Neil Island for at least 10 days sometime between 15 and 30 November. QSL via W4VKU (OQRS available in December). Separate QSL cards will be issued for the Nicobars and the Andamans. Further information, updates and logsearch at www.vu4kv.info. [TNX VU2CDP]

W - AB1QK, KA1CVV, N1OLO, N1ZZ and WB2JVB will use the Greater Norwalk ARC's callsign, N1EV, during the ILLW from the lighthouse on Sheffield Island (NA-136). They will operate CW and SSB with two stations. QSL direct to GNARC Contest Club, 324 Main Ave Box 115, Norwalk CT 06851, USA. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - YB69RI is a special callsign celebrating the 69th Indonesia Independence Day. It will be in use from 12 UTC on 16 August until 12 UTC on the 17th on all bands and modes. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Logsearch on Club Log.
YB - Imam, YB4IR and Din, YB8RW will be active as YB4IR/8 and YB8RW/p from Obi Island (OC-222) on 7-13 September. QSL YB4IR/8 via home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW; QSL YB8RW/p via YB9BU. [TNX DX World]

YB - Gabor, HA3JB will be active as YB9/HA3JB from the islands of Lombok (OC-150) and Bali (OC-022) between 25 September and 7 October. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest. QSL direct to via home call; OQRS on www.ha3jb.com. [TNX NG3K]

DXAC RECOMMENDATIONS ---> At the July 2013 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting a resolution was passed that tasked the Program and Services Committee to request the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) to perform a comprehensive review of the DXCC Rules and recommend changes that may be warranted. The DX Advisory Committee's recommendation (July 2014) as for the DXCC List Entity criteria (Section II.1), is "that NO Change be made to the entity criteria at this time and any efforts presently in process for any entity to gain membership in the UN or the ITU be allowed to take its due course". The complete report, which addresses also remote operating, can be found at www.arrl.org/committee-reports.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Summer edition of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter (Issue No. 106) is available for download: www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. "Since the various DX weekly newsletters are reporting more and more DXers receiving their QSL cards for FT5ZM, we thought you might like to read a little more about what it takes to put such a DXpedition on the air. One of our INDEXA members on the DXpedition, Jay Sough (K4ZLE), does the reporting". [TNX K8YC]

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/8 from Ohio and W1AW/0 from North Dakota to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 20 August until 23.59 UTC on the 26th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

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YB4IR/8 (OC-145), YB4IR/p (OC-204), YF1AR/5 (OC-215), YL2014S, YL3CW, 
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