3D2_cr - The following licences have been issued to the Conway Reef team members for use during their stay in Fiji: 3D2AV (YU7AV), 3D2TT (YU1DX), 3D2NR (YU1NR), 3D2AB (YZ7AA), 3D2ZM (Z32ZM), 3D2RR (YS1RR). [TNX VE3EXY]

3Y - Deon, ZR1DQ reports that the ship that will take Chuck, 3Y0C back to Cape Town is being delayed by pack ice and the date of departure from Bouvet seems to be later than 2 March. His operating schedule is as follows: 03.00-05.30 UTC 3.772 MHz and looking on 1.837 Mhz, 05.30-06.00 UTC 14.195 MHz to Russia and Europe via long path, 06.00-11.00 UTC 14.336 MHz to JA, VK and ZL. [TNX N4AA]

9A - Ewald, 9A5ID will be active from Sv. Marko Island (EU-136, IOCA CI-117) for a few hours on 24 February. He will operate on 40 metres SSB only (+/- 7070 KHz). [TNX 9A6AA]

BV - BV9L is expected to start operating from Liuchiu Yu (AS-???) [425DXN 511] around 6 UTC on 2 March. The team will have three stations with two 2-element yagis (10, 15 and 20 metres) and one 7-element yagi for 10, 15, 20 and 40 metres. They might also have an amplifier. QSL via BV4YB. [TNX J16KVR]

CEO_ei - Team members for the 4-19 March 3G0Y DXpedition to Easter Island (SA-001) [425DXN 509] include XQ3ZW (Danilo), CE3WDD (Alfredo), CE3WDH (Sergio), DK1BT (Fred), DK7YY (Falk), DL2OAP (Tom), DL3DXX (Mar), DL7UFN (Jan) and DL9NEI (Norbert). They operate on all HF bands, mainly CW and RTTY, with an emphasis on the low and WARC bands. QSL via DK7YY either direct DK7YY (Falk D. Weinhold, P.O. Box 700 343, 10323 Berlin, Germany) or through the DARC bureau. Logs will be available at http://www.qsl.net/3g0y

EA - Look for Pepe, EA5KB to operate from Peneta del Moro (EU-151) on 24-25 February. He will be active on 17 and 12 metres only (+/- 18132 and 24942 kHz), plus 10 metres (+/- 28460 kHz) for Japan between 8 and 11 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX EA5KB]

H44 - The Daily DX reports that Bernard, DL2GAC/H44MS is currently stuck on Gizo (OC-149). The ship he was on developed a leak on the way and his voyage to the Shortland Islands (OC-162) [425DXN 511] has been interrupted. "At the moment Bernard doesn't know when he can proceed, may even have to abandon the trip".
**HP** - Special prefix 3E500 (Three Echo Five Hundred) will be used by amateur radio operators from Panama celebrating the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the isthmus from 1 to 31 March. QSL cards for this event will be handled by HP1RCP (Radio Club de Panama, P.O. Box 10745, Panama 4, Republic of Panama). For further information please contact hp1rcp@qsl.net

**HS** - This coming weekend the RAST/Thailand DX Group will conduct a survey of Koh Tarutao (AS-126) for a full DXpedition to take place in early April 2001. The special callsign E29AL and permission have already been issued by the authorities. The survey will be led Cy HS0GBI, assisted by E20NTS, E20RRW, HS4BPQ and HS6NDK. Whilst on the Island they may get chance to do some test operating between approximately 14.30 UTC on 24 February to 3 UTC on the 25th. This will be mainly on +/- 14024 kHz using 5 watts QRP. The QSL arrangements have not been finalised yet, but will be announced later. The costs for the DX Pedition are too high for the group of young DXers to bear completely themselves, and they would be most appreciative of suggestions or offers of help in this respect. The first time operation from AS-126 by HS9AL (Franco, I4LCV) suffered from poor propagation conditions; it is proposed to set a a target of 20,000 QSOs for the forthcoming E29AL operation. [TNX HS0/G3NOM]

**I** - Alfredo, IK7JWX and other operators from the Salento DX Team will participate in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (3-4 March) as IQ7J from the Pedagne Islands (EU-091). QSL via IK7JWX either direct (Alfredo De Nisi, P.O. Box 218, 73100 Lecce-LE, Italy) or through the ARI bureau. [TNX IK7JWX]

**PJ7** - After operating as FS/ND5S from St. Martin on 15-18 February, Ron/ND5S has moved to the Dutch side of the island. Look for him to be active as PJ7/ND5S from St. Maarten until 3 March. On 26 February he will be joined by Bill/W8EB, who will operate as PJ7WB and participate in the ARRL DX Phone Contest as PJ7B (SO low power). Look for them on all bands, 160-10 metres, CW, SSB and RTTY. All QSLs via respective home callsign. Check out their web site at http://www.qsl.net/pj8a [TNX W8EB]

**S2 & TA** - At the very last minute Alessio/I20CKJ and Simon/I27ATN have been forced to cancel their trip to St. Martin's Island (AS-127) [425DXN 509], Bangladesh due to local circumstances beyond their control. They plan to try again later this year. They are currently in Turkey and hope to operate as TA0/I27ATN from Giresun (AS-???) island during the weekend. [TNX I20CKJ]

**V2** - Chuck, N2CY will be active (on all bands CW and SSB) as V26CY from Antigua (NA-100) on 27 February-4 March, including an entry in the ARRL SSB DX Contest (SOAB). QSL via N2CY. [TNX The Daily DX]

**VK9_mr** - The VK9WI (May 2000) team will operate as VK9ML from Mellish Reef (OC-072) on 21-24 April. Team members David/VK4ZEK, Alan/VK4BKM, Peter/VK4APG and Harris/VK4CWT will have two stations, one for HF and one for 6 metres. Suggested frequencies are 3504, 7025, 14025, 21025, 28025, 50105 kHz CW and 3799, 7085, 14195, 21295, 28480, 50145 kHz SSB. This will be primarily a survey trip to help facilitate the planning of a larger "full-on" DXpedition in either late 2001 or early 2002. The pilots will be Bill, GOVDE (BillRothwell@radioham.screaming.net) for Europe and Adam, VK4CP (vk4cp@one.net.au) for the rest of the world. QSL via VK4APG. The
web site for the operation is at http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml [TNX VK4CP]

VP2E - W8ILC, N6JRL, AC8G, WD8MQJ and N8JE will operate from Anguilla (NA-022) between 28 February and 7 March. They will participate in the ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) as VP2EK (QSL via W8ILC). [TNX The Daily DX]

VU - Jose Jacob, VU2JOS reports that permission to use the following frequencies by VU amateur radio operators has been extended up to 18.30 UTC of 31 July: 3790–3800 Khz, 10100–10150 kHz and 50.35 & 50.55 MHz.

XE - XE1RCS will be active once more in the CQ WW 160 Meter SSB Contest this coming weekend. They will be especially looking for Europe, Asia and Africa with improved antennas. QSL via XE1KK. [TNX XE1KK]

PACIFIC TRIP (1) ---> Angelo, I6BQI confirms that his Pacific trip [425DXN 509] will include operations from Tonga as A35BQ (26-27 February and 15-16 March), Niue as ZK2BQI (28 February-13 March) and Vanuatu possibly as YJ0BQI (18 March-6 April). Look for him on or around 1825, 3515, 7015, 10115, 14015, 18075, 21015, 24905, 28015 and 50115 kHz (SSB QSOs on request). QSL direct to I6BQI (Angelo Brandolini, Contrada Colle di Giogo 36/A, 65010 Moscufo - PE, Italy).

PACIFIC TRIP (2) ---> Dominique, F6EPY will operate as FO/F6EPY from Moorea (OC-046) on 3-7 March and as ZK1EPY from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 8-16 March. Look for him on or around 3.518, 7.018, 10.118, 14.018, 18.118, 21.018, 24.918 and 28.018 MHz CW, possibly with some PSK31 and RTTY (SSB QSOs on request). Activity on 6 metres will depend on propagation. His web page is at http://perso.wanadoo.fr/dominique.auprince/SP_DXPED.htm. QSL direct to F6EPY (Dominique Auprince, 4 Allee de la Genestriere, 91600 Savigny-sur-Orge, France). [TNX F6EPY]

II9R ---> Salvo, IT9HLR will use this special call during the following contest: ARRL DX SSB, CQ WPX SSB, ARI, IARU, WAE DX SSB, CQ WW SSB. QSL direct only to IT9HLR (Salvatore Costantino, P.O. Box 11, 96100 Siracusa - SR, Italy).

IR2G ---> Operators from ARI Gallarate will use this special call during the
following contests: ARRL DX CW and SSB, CQ WPX SSB and CW, ARI, IARU, WAE DX CW and SSB, CQ WW DX SSB and CW. QSL via IZ2BHQ. [TNX IK2RXX]

R73A ----> This special call has been issued for the year 2001 to Roman, RZ3AA to celebrate his 25th anniversary as a radio amateur. QSL to RZ3AA (Roman Thomas, P.O. Box 38, Moscow, 129642, Russia). [TNX RZ3AA]

QSL 3D2CI ----> The Conway Reef team has been signing 3D2CI since around 23 UTC on 21 February. Bulletins are regularly posted on http://www.magma.ca/~ve3exy (with link to other sites). Please note that there will be two QSL managers: YT1AD (Hrane Milosevic, 36206 Vitanovac, Yugoslavia) for SSB and CW contacts on 1.8-30 MHz and Z32AU (Dragan Kosteski, P.O. Box 35, 6000 Ohrid, Macedonia) for RTTY, PSK31, SSTV, FM, Satellite and contacts made above 30MHz. [TNX VE3EXY]

QSL OA4DKC ---> Laurent, KM5M reports he his the new QSL manager for OA4DKC for US stations only.

QSL UA1PAC/p & UA1PAO/p ---> Cards were received from the printer in late December, when Alan, UA1PAC was at the university in St. Petersburg. He is expected to start processing the requests as soon as he comes back home. [TNX UA1PAC and RA9XF]

QSL VIA KB6NAN ---> Please note that effective 1 June 2001 Dianna, KB6NAN will NO LONGER be the QSL for E44A, JY4NE, OD5/JY4NE, V31MD and YC0KTQ. [TNX QRZ-DX]

QSL VIA RK1PWA ---> Cards for R1ANF, CE9/R1ANF, HF0/R1ANF, BY/R1ANF, R1ANF/a, UA1PB9/p have been received from the printer and Nick is expected to start processing the requests very soon. [TNX UA1PAC and RA9XF]

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