The International Amateur Radio Union (http://www.iaru.org) has announced that The Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association (PIARA, see "Good To Know" below) has been admitted as an IARU member effective 16 November 2001. This makes the Pitcairn Islands (namely Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno) to be considered a DXCC "Political Entity"; consequently Ducie Island, which is separated from its "Parent" (Pitcairn itself) by 350+ kilometres has become a DXCC "Geographic Separation Entity". The ARRL (http://www.arrl.org) has in its turn announced that starting at 00.00 UTC on 16 November 2001, Ducie Island (IOTA OC-182, CQ zone 32, ITU zone 63) will be eligible for DXCC credit; only contacts dated 16 November 2001 and later will count for DXCC.

As for the DXpedition to the newest "new one", the team's departure from Mangareva (French Polynesia), originally scheduled to take place on 14 November [425DXN 549], has been delayed due to concerns about a nearby weather front. They expected to leave from Mangareva at sunrise (14 UTC) on 15 November, to stop for a couple of hours at Pitcairn and to reach Ducie around local dawn on Saturday 17 November. [TNX K6GNX]

Ed, 4L4FN works for the UN World Food Program in North Korea and has been finally able to get a verbal permission to operate amateur radio from the #1 Most Wanted DXCC Entity. 200+ stations have been able to work 4L4FN/P5 on 20 and/or 10 metres so far (logs at http://www.amsatnet.com/p5log.html). Ed is now awaiting a written permission, which hopefully should arrive around Christmas. This is not a DXpedition, but Ed will try to operate as much as possible. For the time being he has SSB only, and prefers +/- 14205 and +/- 28575 kHz (split up 5-15 kHz), typically between 14 and 15 UTC and again between 22 and 23 UTC during the week, while during weekends more operating time is available to him. Ed is currently using a dipole, but he plans to
build a small beam for 10 and 20 metres. He will be back home for Christmas and will return to North Korea with his keyer and some equipment for digital modes. Ed expects to be in North Korea until June or July 2002. QSL via KK5DO (Bruce Paige, P.O. Box 310, Alief, TX 77411, USA), who will wait for the final written licence before printing the cards. Updates on Ed's activities will be posted by KK5DO at http://www.amsatnet.com/p5.html [TNX KK5DO and The Daily DX]

3D2_rot - Tony, 3D2AG is expected to be active from Rotuma Island (OC-060) from now until around 10 January. [TNX The Daily DX]

5A - The Daily DX reports that Abubaker Alzway, 5A1A will be soon leaving Libya; he will go and study in Germany. In the meanwhile a few new amateur radio licences have been issued to the Assaker Club station (5A1ASC, QSL via DK4HB), Tark Abu Kris (5A1TA, QSL via EA3GIP) and Haymt Hashim (5A1HA, QSL via DJ9ZB).

8P - John, K4BAI will be active as 8P9HT from Barbados (NA-021) on 20-27 November. He hopes to use the 8P9Z callsign during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (SOAB high power). Outside the contest he will concentrate on 160 metres and the WARC bands CW (SSB on request), plus 6 metres CW and SSB when the band is open. QSLs via K4BAI. [TNX The Daily DX]

9U - Gus, SM5DIC will be back to Burundi on 17 November for around three months. He expects his licence will be renewed and most likely he will operate again as 9U5D. He plans to be active on HF bands (all modes with 100 watts and a loop antenna), on 6 metres (with a 3-element beam) and 2 metres (with a 17-element beam and 400 watts for EME). QSL direct only via SM5BFJ (Leif Hammarstrom, Lerklockan 4, SE-73091, Riddarhyttan, Sweden). [TNX SM5DIC]

CN - Jacques, F6BEE will be active as CN2JS from Morocco on 21-27 November. He will participate in the CQ WW CW Contest (SOAB); if he can bring a suitable antenna with him, before the contest he will operate on the WARC bands. QSL via F6BEE. [TNX F5NQL]

CT3 - Frank, DL2CC will be active as CT3/DL2CC from Madeira (AF-014) on 20-26 November. He will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as CT9M. QSL via DL1SDF. [TNX DX News Letter]

CU - Gabriel, CU3AN is regularly active around 19 UTC on HF bands, 6 metres (50.110 MHz) and satellite. QSL direct only to Gabriel Alves, P.O. Box 157, 9701-902 Angra Codex, Portugal. [TNX CU3AN]

D2 - Vitor, CT1FSC will be in Angola from 21 November through 14 December and will try to operate as D2/CT1FSC from Luanda. QSL via home call. [TNX CT1FSC]

FO - Marcel, FO0DEH expects to be leaving OC-062 for Papeete on 20 December. QSL via ON4QM. [TNX JE1DXC and Islands On The Web]
HC8 - Jon, N0JK and others will be back to the HC8N station on San Cristobal Island, Galapagos (SA-004) on 20-26 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest; outside the contest they will be active on HF, 6 and 2 meters as well as the satellites. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

I - Look for the Marconi memorial station IY4FGM to be activated on HF bands CW and SSB (details available from iy4fgm@amsat.org) and, exceptionally, for IY4FGM/4 on 23cm EME (details available from I4BER, tomassetti@ira.bo.cnr.it) on 12 December to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic radio transmission by Guglielmo Marconi. [TNX IK4UPU]

JT - Ken, K4ZW (JT1/K4ZW) is making his final preparations for a lowband operation from Mongolia along with JT1CO. They expect to be active on 80 and 160 metres early in the week of 19 November. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

KH0 - JF2SKV (NH0S), JG3VEI (NH0V), JQ1UKK (KH0/AD6VI) JE6MYI (KH0/JE6MYI) and JK2VOC (KH0/JK2VOC) will be active (on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, PSK31) from Saipan, Northern Marianas (OC-086) on 22-27 November. They will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as NH0S (Multi-Single High Power). QSLs via home calls. Questions should be sent to Maz, JF2SKV (jf2skv@jarl.com). Their web site is at http://homepage2.nifty.com/jg3vei/ [TNX JF2SKV]

KH2 - Guam Contest Club members JI3ERV/NH2C, JR7OMD/WI3O, JK3GAD/AL7NC, JR8VSE/NH2N and JP1JFG/N2IU will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as AH2R (Multi-Single) from Guam Island (OC-026). QSL via JH7QXJ either direct or through the JARL bureau. [TNX JI3ERV]

KL - John, KL7JR will be active from Kaktovik on Barter Island (NA-050, US1 AK-044S) on 13-18 December. He will operate exclusively on 10 metres (+/- 28495 kHz) and will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. The main purpose of this operation is amateur radio demonstration at school. QSL via CBA (qrz.com). [TNX KL7JR]

PJ4 - Look for Jeff, W8RXR to operate (on 10, 15 and 20 metres CW with some SSB) as PJ4/W8RXR from Bonaire (SA-006) on 18-27 November. [TNX The Daily DX]

UN - Valery, UN9PQ is now active on RTTY and can be found almost daily on 18107 kHz between 10 and 15 UTC. QSL via IK2QPR (Paolo Fava, Via Bertani 8, 46100 Mantova - MN, Italy). [TNX IK2QPR]

V4 - Larry, KJ4UY will be operating (SSB, RTTY, PSK-31 with some CW) on all bands as V47UY from Karl's (V44NK) QTH on Nevis Island (NA-104) from 22 November through 4 December. He will try to operate during the CQ WW DX CW Contest to give the multiplier (but please QRS and be patient with him, as he says his CW is rusty). QSL via KJ4UY. [TNX KJ4UY]

VE - Len, VE9MY and Linda, VE9GLF will try to operate from Purdy Island (CISA NS-028) and possibly Elmers Island (CISA NS-029) on 17 November starting around 14 UTC. QSL via VE9MY and Islands On The Web.

VP5 - John, K3TEJ will be active (on 10-160 metres) as VP5/K3TEJ from the Turks and Caicos Islands on 20-27 November, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as VP5G (SOAB). [TNX The Daily DX]

VP5 - Ed, WA3WSJ will be active as VP5ED from the Turks and Caicos Islands on 20-27 November, including a QRP entry in the CQ WW CW DX Contest. [TNX QRZ-DX]
XU - Andy, G4ZVJ will be in Cambodia on 21-27 November and hopes to be active (CW only) as XU7AAV, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via G4ZVJ (Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase, Ripon, HG4 1UA North Yorkshire, UK). [TNX G4ZVJ]

YB - Adi, YC3MM (http://www.mdxc.org/yc3mm) will operate as YC3MM/p from Madura Island (OC-237) on 24-26 November. QSL via IZ8CCW. [TNX IZ8CCW]

ZF - Joe/W5ASP, John/K6AM and Carl/K9LA are planning single band efforts for the CQ WW DX CW Contest from the Cayman Islands (NA-016). Look for ZF2AM (QSL via K6AM) on 10 metres, ZF1A (QSL via W5ASP) on either 15 or 20 metres and ZF2LA (QSL via K9LA) on 80 metres. Additionally, Vicky AE9YL/ZF2YL will be on SSB before, during, and after the contest. QSL via home call. [TNX K9LA]

ZL - A group of operators from the NZART branch 33 are planning to be active, possibly as ZL6WI, from Whale Island (OC-201) on 23-26 November. [TNX The Daily DX]

ZS_ant - Anton, ZS4AGA is currently operating as ZS7/ZS4AGA from the SANAE Antarctic Base (WABA ZS-01) [425DXN 549]. QSL via ZS4A (Rickus de Lange, 23 Kedron St., Bethlehem, South Africa). [TNX DL5EBE]

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DXCC NEWS ---> The ARRL DXCC Desk reports that ZK1NJC (North Cook Islands) and T5X (Somalia) have been approved for DXCC credit. The documentation has been reviewed and it is OK. Those who have submitted them and had them rejected, can contact DXCC (dxcc@arrl.org) to have their record updated without having to re-submit the card(s). Otherwise, they can be included with the next submission.

OQ AWARD ---> The Belgian IARU society (UBA) sponsors "The OQ Award" (http://qsl.net/on4cas/oq.htm) to honour the birth of Princess Elisabeth (25 October 2001). The award is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs for working Belgian stations using the special OQ prefix [425DXN 548] between 26 October and 31 December. For further information please contact the UBA Award Manager, Egbert Hertsen, ON4CAS.

PIARA ---> The Pitcairn Island Amateur Radio Association has 10 members, representing the entire population of resident amateur operators. Moreover there are 23 amateurs licensed to operate including several temporary residents and visitors, plus one club station. The official address of PIARA is P.O. Box 88, Adamstown, Pitcairn Island, South Pacific Ocean via New Zealand. Tom Christian, VP6TC is the PIARA president and head of the Ducie DXpedition team.

PIRATE ---> Marc, ON6AA reports his call is regularly pirated by someone signing F/ON6AA on CW and RTTY from southern France. [TNX F5NQL]
QSL C91JM ---> Bob, W7MAE still has logs for John, C91JM (August 1997 – June 1998). The TL8JM logs were never recovered. [TNX The Daily DX]

QSL TR0A ---> Miro, OM3LZ was active as TR0A from Gabon during a business trip between 27 October and 4 November. He logged more than 3000 QSOs on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and CW. QSL direct only to OM3LZ (CBA). [TNX OM3LZ]

QSL VIA UT3UY ---> Toly, UT3UY is the new QSL manager for Serge, 4K5CW and club station 4J6ZZ. Cards should be sent direct only to Anatoly Kirilenko, P.O. Box 439/3, Kiev – 151, 03151 Ukraine. [TNX UT3UY]

SP-M@ILS: Sylwester, SP2FAP (editor and publisher "QTC – The Polish Radio Amateur's Journal) reports that e-mail addresses for Polish amateurs can be found at http://qtc.radio.org.pl
9L1BTB  SP7CDG  F6KTL  F6HMJ  [b]  UW7C  UT7UW
9M6/JA1HY  JA1HYG  FG/N4CD  N4CD  UX0FF/P  UX0FF  [c]
9M6/JA8GQZ  JA8GQZ  FG/T93M  DJ2MX  UX3FW/P  UX3FW  [c]
9M6/JK1OPL  JK1OPL  FG/T97M  K2PF  V31JP  KA9WON
9M6A  N2OO  FOODEH  ON4QM  V85TG  JN3GAH
9M6/JU  JA1RJU  FOOSAI  JI1JKW  VK0KMT  VK4KMT
9M6LSC  JA2ADH  [a]  FR5/ON4LAC  ON4LAC  VK4AHN  JP1VXB
9M6SEA  N2OO  GJ2A  GJ3DVC  VK7GK  DL8NU
9M6TDC  JA1BRK  [a]  HF50WAT  SP5PCI  VP5/K5CM  K5CM
9M6US  N2OO  HKGOU  DL7VOC  VP5/N5KW  N5KW
9M8AER  JA3AER  HS0ZDG  K4YT  VU2ABE  JA4DOB
9M8ART  JA3ART  I12R  I2RFJ  VY0/W2NTJ  VE3LYC  [d]
9M8HCK  JA4HCK  IR3MD  IN3BHR  XE2P  AC7DX  [e]
9M8JAA  JA3AA  IR3PO  IK3OYY  XE2P  F6FNU  [f]
9M8JUB  JA3UB  JD1XX  pirate  XF2RCS  KA9WON  [f]
9M8MVF  JR3MVF  JW7VK  LA7VK  XF2RCS  XE1KK  [g]
9M8TG  JH3GAH  KC4/N3SIG  AI3D  XU7ABZ  F9IE
9N1AC  N3ME  KC4AAA  K1IED  YC9MB  IZ8CCW
9N7ZK  SM4AIO  KH2/JA5XAE  JA5XAE  YJ8UU  ZL2HE
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A45WD  Y09HP  MM0LEO  W3LEO  ZC4DW  G0DEZ
A61AJ  N4QB  MW5EPA  W2GR  ZC4VG  G0UVX
BD4XYL  BD4XA  OA/ON4CD  ON4CD  ZD7DP  WI2T
CE0Y/HB9AAQ  HB9AAQ  ODS/OK1MU  OK1TN  ZD9IR  ZS6EZ
CX2AM  EA5KB  OH0NL  OH2BYS  ZF2ZZ  SM7DZ
CX2TG  EA5KB  OH0RM  OH3RM  ZL4/PA0MIR  PA0MIR
CY9/WA4RX  KC6AWX  OQ4ELD  ON5UE  ZM8CW  ZL3CW
CY9/WV2B  KC6AWX  OZ0RM  OH3RM  ZY2Y  PY2Q

[a] 8-11 November 2001 only
[b] 26-29 October 2001 only
[c] 19-21 October 2001 (EU-182)
[d] 13 August-15 October 2001 only
[e] North and South America
[f] others
[g] XE stations
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