3C - Vitaly, VE6JO plans to be active from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea between around 2 and 24 November. The licence has been issued (3C2MV, even though he had requested 3C2A), but Vitaly is still waiting for the visa, which cannot be issued until a person with local residence status sends an invitation. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9L - Andy Chadwick, G3AB (ex G4ZVJ) will be in Freetown, Sierra Leone from 7 November for several weeks. He plans to be QRV as 9L1AB on 160-6 metres mainly CW. QSL via G3AB (Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 1UA, England); e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to andy@g3ab.net. Updates will be posted on http://www.g3ab.net/9l1ab.htm [TNX G3AB]

EA8 - Ben, OZ5IPA will be active (CW and SSB) as EA8/OZ5IPA from Tenerife in the Canary Islands (AF-004) from 29 October until 4 November, including and entry in the IPA Contest (2-3 November; information at http://www.iparc.com). QSL direct only to Preben Jakobsen, 9 Knoldager, DK-2670 Greve, Denmark. [TNX OZ5IPA]

EA8 - Look for EA8/HA6PS/P, EA8/HA6NL/P, EA8/HA7JJS/P and EA8/HA6ZV/P (QSL via home calls) to operate on all HF bands from Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 1-8 November. They will participate in the HA-QRP Contest as EA8/HA5RT/P (QSL via HA6NL). [TNX HA6NL]

EL - Antoine, F6FNU reports that Mario (ex EY8TM) will be staying in Monrovia, Liberia for three years. He has got his licence (EL2TM) but is still waiting for his equipment to arrive. QSL via F6FNU.

FO_aus - Silvano, FO/I2YSB and Adriano, FO/IK2GNW have cancelled their side trip to Maria Island [425DXN 594] due to transportation problems. They will operate from Rurutu (OC-050), Austral Islands until 28 October. QSL via home calls.

HP - Operators from the Radio Club of Panama will be active on all bands and modes as HP100RCP on 1-30 November to celebrate the centennial of the Republic of Panama. QSL to Radio Club de Panama, P.O. Box 10745, Panama 4, Panama. [TNX XE1BEF]

HV - Look for HV5PUL to be activated (on HF, 6 and 2 metres) from the Pontificia Universita' Lateranense, Vatican City on 12-15 November to celebrate the opening of the 2002-03 academic year.

I - Operators from the Salento DX Team will be active on 20, 15 and 40
metres SSB and CW from the lighthouse in Taranto Harbour (WAIL PU-002) on 2-3 November and from the lighthouse at Punta San Cataldo (WAIL PU-010) on 9-10 November. [TNX IK7JWX]

J3 - Mike, K6MYC and Jimmy, W6JKV will operate (probably only on 6 metres) from Grenada from 31 October through 10 November. [TNX SM7AED]

JA - Look for Takeshi, JI3DST to be active (on 40, 17, 15, 12, 10 and 6 metres SSB) as JI3DST/6 from Kuchino-Shima in the Tokara Islands (AS-049) on 6-17 November, from Okinawa (AS-017) on 18-21 November and from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 21 November to 6 December. QSL via home call, preferably via the JARL bureau. [TNX JI3DST]

KH2 - Tack/KA8A (7M4KRX), Nori/AA9WZ (JA1OZK) and Hide/KC9AJS (7N4FTL) will be active as K2G from Guam on 22-26 November, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. Outside the contest they will be on SSB and the WARC bands as well. QSL direct only via JA1OZK (Masanori Watanuki, 5-10-9 Ryokuen, Izumi-ku, Yokohama-city, Kanagawa 245-0002, Japan). [TNX 7M4KRX]

KP3,4 - Rick, NE8Z reports he will be signing KP4/NE8Z (mainly on the WARC bands CW) from many different locations in Puerto Rico (NA-099) between 26 October and 3 November. QSL via NE8Z.

T8 - Tosy, JA6VZB and Seiji, JH6RTO will be active as T88JA (QSL via JA6VZB) and T88FS (QSL via JH6RTO) from Palau (OC-009) on 19-27 November. Tosy will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest, while Seiji will concentrate on 6 metres. [TNX JH6RTO]

VK - Steve, G0UIH (the rsgbiota.org Website Manager) will be back in Australia as VK2IAY/p in from 22 November until 15 December and will operate from the following IOTA islands:

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Steve has also a mind to operate from OC-171 for a couple of days, but exact plans have not yet been decided for this group. He will be using 100 watts and monoband dipoles for 20, 17 and 15 metres; look for him on or around 14260, 18145 and 21260 kHz SSB only. QSL via G0UIH either direct or through the RSGB bureau. Any queries to rsgbiota@aol.com [TNX G0UIH]

W - Look for N4EX/4 to be active (on 10-80 metres CW only) from Bogue Banks (NA-112) from 27 October through around 17 UTC on 3 November. QSL via N4EX either direct or through the ARRL bureau. [TNX Islands On The Web]

W - Look for K4E to be aired on 10-80 metres CW and SSB from Egmont Key/Lighthouse on 2-3 November. QSL via KU4BT. [TNX The Daily DX]

XT - Dani, EA4ATI is currently active as XT2ATI and will be stationed in Burkina Faso for the next six months. QSL direct only via EA4YK. [TNX EA4YK]

XT - Look for XT2DX to participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso in the multi-multi category, with seven stations. The operators will be G0MTN, G3PJT, G3SXW, G4BWP, G4PIQ, GM3YTS, K4UEE, K5VT, KC7V, KY7M. There will be some activity before the contest, on 20-22 November. QSL via G3SXW. [TNX G3SXW]

ZS - David, GI4FUM will be active as ZS1/GI4FUM/p from various locations in South Africa, including the top of Table Mountain, between 27 October and 3 November. This will be a QRP (2 watts) operation on
DL0SWA ---> Tom, DL8AAM reports that during the night from 8 to 9 November the National Weather Service of Germany (Deutscher Wetterdienst) will celebrate its 50th anniversary. A special crossband event will take place between amateur radio stations and weather service longwave transmitter ddh47 on 147.3 kHz from 22:30 UTC until 05:30 UTC. Amateur radio stations are invited to call DL0SWA/DDH47 on 3565, 7025 or 14052 kHz (please give RST and locator only). QSL via the DARC bureau. Web page at

www.dwd.de/de/wir/Geschaeftsfelder/Seeschifffahrt/Sendeplaene/Amateurfunk

EUCW 160M CONTEST ---> The second EUCW 160M Contest, sponsored by the Union Francaise des Telegraphistes ([http://www.uft.net](http://www.uft.net)), will be held between 20-23 UTC on Saturday, 4 January and 4-7 UTC on Sunday, 5 January 2003. Full rules are available at [http://www.agcw.de/eucw/eucw.html](http://www.agcw.de/eucw/eucw.html) [TNX F5NQL]

MARATHON DES ILES ---> The French Islands Marathon, sponsored by "Presence Radioamateur", the Clipperton DX Club and "Megahertz" magazine, is for working stations operating from the DIFM, DIFO and DIFI islands between 1 November 2002 and 31 August 2003. For further information please contact Alain, F6BFH at f6bfh@wanadoo.fr [TNX La Gazette du DX]

R1ANF ---> The R1ANF/p operation from the Brazilian Antarctic refuge "Padre Balduino Rambo" (WABA PY-04) closed down on 21 October after 1100 QSOs. QSL via RK1PWA. In early November Oleg and Alex will probably operate from the Chilean base "Profesor Julio Escudero" (WABA CE-11) on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). [TNX DL5EBE]

QSL STATUS ---> Giovanni, I5JHW reports that all of the 2970 direct requests for 3V8KO (Kuriat Island, AF-092) have been replied to. The rest of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via bureau in November.

QSL STATUS ---> Jarno, OH6NJ reports that "almost every direct QSL" for the June 2002 OH6AW (EU-101) and OH6AW/8 (EU-184) operations has been answered.

QSL STATUS ---> Josep, EA3BT reports that all the direct QSLs for TN3B and TN3W received so far have been confirmed. The list at [http://www.ea3bt.com/congo/congo-qsl_information.htm](http://www.ea3bt.com/congo/congo-qsl_information.htm) includes direct requests received through 20 October and will not be updated any longer. If you have any doubt, please contact Josep at ea3bt@ea3bt.com

QSL STATUS ---> The Pearl River DX Association announces that all direct QSLs for W2WTC (the World Trade Center special event station) have been answered.
as of 21 October. [TNX K2HJB & KA2NUE]

QSL T99C ---> Henryk, SQ1GYH is receiving cards for T99C, but he is not the QSL manager for this station. [TNX SQ1EUG]

QSL YJ8MN ---> Masahiro Nada, JH3IIU has been working in Vanuatu for two years. QSL cards can be sent either direct to Masahiro Nada, PMB 005 [or 9005, both OK], Port Vila, Vanuatu or via the JARL bureau to JH3IIU. Do not send direct cards to his home address in Japan. [TNX KI4RU]

QSL ZY5G ---> Fernando, PY5DZ is not the QSL manager for ZY5G (CQWW 2001). He says the correct route is via PP5WB.

QSL VIA KZ8Y ---> Dave, KZ8Y is the QSL manager for 4S7AR, 4S7AVR, 4S7NMR, N8DCJ/8P6, 8Q7AZ & TG9NX and apparently does not accept bureau cards. The QSL bureau is going to return the cards back to the original bureaux marked either "unclaimed" or "QSL Direct Only". [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

URDXC 2002 ---> The Ukrainian DX Contest will be held from 12 UTC on 2 November through 12 UTC on the 3rd. The new rules for the 2002 edition, as well the results of last year's contest, are available at http://www.qsl.net/ucc [TNX UY5ZZ]

ZS23I ---> The planned ZS23I operation [425DXN 597] from Seal Island (AF-077) has not taken place due to the weather conditions. "Permission is only for day visits which means that not only must conditions be acceptable for getting on to the island but also at the end of the day for getting off", Barry, ZS1FJ says, "the authorities will not take the chance of us being left on the island and possibly face impossible conditions with no protection". Barry has now left for the US; their next attempt to operate from this rare IOTA group is expected at the end of November.

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IOTA SPOTS: The latest 100 IOTA packet cluster spots are available at http://www.mdxc.org/spotiota [TNX IZ8CCW]

KH8: The web site for the upcoming K8T (OC-045) and K8O (OC-077) operations is at http://www.ukdxers.co.uk/

QLSs received direct: 3B8CF, 3B9FR, 3D2KY, 3DA0TM, 3V8KO (AF-092), 3W2LWS, 3XA8DX, 3XY6A, 4J9NM, 4S7NE, 5B4/G0LII, 5B4AHA, 5N6NDP, 5V7BR, 5V7XO, 5Z4DZ, 6W1QV, 7P8LJ, 7X2RO, 8P9AM, 8Q7KK, 9K2MU, 9K2ZZ, 9L1B8, 9M2TO, 9N7ZK, A25/V51AS, A25LJ, A35RK, A52DX, A71MA, A92GJ, A92Z, AH4/AH7G, BG2EX, B15Q (AS-137), C56/G4IRN, CE6BN/7 (SA-018), CU9/CT3FN/P, CX5BW, CY0DX, D2BB, D44TD, DU1BP, DU1UGZ, DU9RG, EK3SA, ET3BN, EW/NP3D, EX8F, FK8GM, FO/JJ8DEN, FO/SP9FIH, FS/N3OC, GB50, GJ3XZE, HC8N, HV5PUL, IU7LE, J3/F4TVY, J79TVY, JT1/K4ZW, JT1CO, JT1DA/4, K1B, K4P, KH0JZ, KH4/W4ZYV, KH9/N6XIV, LA/KD6WW,
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