The Andaman Islands (VU4MY and VU4RG) and the Lakshadweep Islands (VU7NRO and VU7SJ) will be activated again this year by teams of foreign and national operators as part of the celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) [425DXN 883]. "This is the third year in a row that the Government of India extends its full support to foreign and Indian radio amateurs to operate their Amateur Radio stations from remote Islands of Andamans and Lakshadweep", S. Suri, VU2MY says. "The simultaneous Amateur Radio activity from these two islands is a path breaking achievement for NIAR during the year of Silver Jubilee". Further information under VU4 and VU7 below.

On June 30, 2008, the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge office in Puerto Rico sent a letter to persons that had previously made inquiries about an Amateur Radio operation from Desecheo. They announced their decision to allow one group to activate the island and invited proposals that must adhere to strict guidelines and criteria. Applicants had 45 days to prepare and submit their proposals.

CNWR received seven written proposals. A panel of three Fish and Wildlife Service employees, from areas within the Service outside of the Caribbean refuge, spent September 24 & 25 reviewing and evaluating the proposals. The selection criteria used were those outlined in the proposal invitation letter. Points were awarded for how well criteria were addressed for thoroughness and documentation.

The proposal with the highest ranking was submitted by team leaders Dr. Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE. Their plan involves a team of fifteen operators for a 14-day operation.

USFWS has not announced the actual dates of the operation yet, but the DXpedition is expected to take place between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. A Special Use Permit (SUP) will be issued as per USFWS regulations. We expect that the DXpedition team and Dxers worldwide will have a minimum of 30 days notice. [TNX K4UEE]

3B8 - After attending the International YL Meeting in South Africa, Ingrid/LA8FOA and Unni/LA6RHA will go and operate as 3B8/LA8FOA and 3B8/LA6RHA from Mauritius (AF-049) on 13-17 October.

5U - Chris, 5U5U is going QRT from Niger and will spend as much time as he can on the bands until he closes down, around 9 November at the latest. His next destination will be the Central African Republic (TL) in January 2009. As always, he will operate SSB in his spare time. QSL to Christian Saint-Arroman, Chemin de Mousteguy, F-64990
Urcuit, France [TNX 5U5U]

5Z - Valery, 5Z4/RW1AU reports that a keyer has arrived from friends in the US, so look for him to be QRV on CW soon from the 5Z4RS club station in Nairobi. Until now, Val has been 100% SSB. Val is as active as possible during his work assignment in Kenya, at night and on weekends. QSL via K5XK. [TNX K5XK]

9L - The 9L1X expedition to Sherbro Island (AF-056), originally planned for January-February 2009 [425DXN 909], has been rescheduled to take place now, from 10 to 23 October. The operators are Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA and Stefano/IK2HKT and they will have three stations active on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL direct only to I2YSB. The website for the expedition is at http://www.i2ysb.com/; the forum where to contact the pilot stations is at http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums/ [TNX IK7JWY]

CEO_ei - Look for CE0Y/JJ2NYT to be active from Easter Island (SA-001) on 16-19 October. He plans to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40, 20, 17 and 15 metres during his evening-night hours. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE_ssh - Tomas, CE3VPM is currently stationed until November at the Chilean Air Force Base "Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva" on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He operates as CE9/CE3VPM in his limited spare time, usually on 40 metres SSB (+/- 7080 and 7095 kHz). QSL via CE1KR. [TNX The Daily DX]

FJ - Joe/AA4NN, Jim/K0RH, Dave/K4SV, Janet/W8CAA, Joe/W8GEX and Phil/W9IXX will be active as TO5DX from St. Barthelemy (NA-146) on 16-28 October, including a M/S entry in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. They plan to have four stations active on all bands and modes. QSL via AA4NN. Their web page is at http://www.to5dx.com/ [TNX JE1LFX]

FO - Hiro, JI1JKW will be active as FO/JI1JKW from Manihi Atoll (OC-131), French Polynesia on 12-16 October. He plans to operate holiday style on 40-6 metres SSB and CW, with a focus on 20m. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX JE1LFX]

G - GB4LI will be active from Lundy Island (EU-120) until 16 October. The main station is at the Old Light, portable stations will be active during the weekend from other lighthouses. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX K1XN]

I - Enrico, I4GAD and Augusto, I4AUM will be cruising around the Egadi Islands (EU-054) on 11-18 October. They plan to operate CW (IF9/I4GAD) and SSB (IF9/I4AUM) while on the islands of Marettimo, Favignana and Levanzo. [TNX I4GAD]

I - IQ8OM (QSL via IZ8EDJ) as well as special calls 7S0SRT (QSL via SM01MJ), DZ1SRT (QSL via DU1IVT), EG3SRT (QSL via EA3GHZ), GB0SRT (QSL via MO9CM), I10SRT (QSL via IS0LFZ), I12SRT (QSL via I2JJR), I15SRT (QSL via I2BCT), I18SRE (QSL via I28GNH), I0SRT (QSL via IK5ZTT), IQ8OM (QSL via IZ8EDJ), IR1SRT (QSL via IZ1GJK), IR3SRT (QSL via I5JKI), IR6SRT (QSL via IZ6SQ), IU0SRE (QSL via IOYKN), IU3SRT (QSL via IZ3BA), IU7SRE (QSL via IZ7CRW), IU8SRE (QSL via IK8WEJ), PD0SRT (QSL via PD5CW), V55SRT (QSL via IZ8EDJ), W1SRT (QSL via W3IZ), and YU0SRT (QSL via YT3W) will be aired on 17-19 October for the 5th Strange Radio Team special event. Proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses will be donated to charity. Information is available at http://www.strangeradioteam.com/ or from the Event Manager Marco De Carlo, IZ7DOK
J8 - WB5ZAM will operate as J68WI from St. Lucia (NA-108) on 16-30 October. He plans "to be as active as the bands allow" on 30-10 metres, and 6m if open. No low bands and no contesting. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

JD1_m - Masa, JA6GXX will be active again as JD1BMM from Minami-Torishima (OC-073) from 16 October to 6 November. He will operate in his spare time on 160-10 metres with 500 watts and on 6 metres with 100 watts. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to Masafumi Ishihara, 2-305 Loran, 2-5-35 Miyazaki, Chuo-ku, Chiba, 260-0806 Japan. [TNX The Daily DX]

ON - Very special callsign ON50WAASLAND is being aired through the end of the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of UBA Section Waasland (WLD). QSL via bureau to ON6WL. Information on the WLD Award can be found at http://www.wld.uba.be/ [TNX ON4BB]

PJ - PJ2/K0RAY, PJ2/K4EJ, PJ2/WA4PGM and PJ2/WK4Y will operate from Curacao (SA-006) on 18-21 October and as PJ4/homecall from Bonaire (SA-006) on 21-28 October. Also look for PJ4/K5GS, PJ4/K6AM and PJ4/NOVD to be active from Bonaire on 18-29 October. All of them will participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as PJ4E, most likely as a Multi-Multi entry. [TNX K1XN]

SU - Scout station SU8JOTA will be active during the 51st Jamboree On The Air (18-19 October) from the Cairo International Scout Centre. Expect CW and SSB activity on the HF bands; they will also give 160m a try. QSL via SU1SK. [TNX SU1SK]

T3 - Toshi, JA8BMK was active as T30XX from Tarawa, Western Kiribati for a few days and expected to remain there until 10 October. His next announced activities include T32ZZ from Banaba Island (12-23 October, OC-018) and T31DX from Central Kiribati (20-30 November, OC-043). The dates for T31 are still flexible, but the trip looks promising. QSL direct to JA8BMK. [TNX NG3K]

T8 - JA7RPC and JF7RKV will be active as T88RP and T88SB from Palau (OC-009) on 16-20 October. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

TT - Jovica, E78A (aka 6W1SJ) will be active as TT8JT from Chad from 10 October to 18 November. This is a business trip and Jovica plans to operate mostly CW on 40, 30 and 20 metres during his spare time. QSL via E73Y, direct or bureau. [TNX E73Y]

UR - Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the end of the Nazi occupation during World War II, special event call EM65QM will be used from Melitopol on 18-26 October. QSL via UR7QM. [TNX UR7QM]

VE - Warren, VE3FY, will be active from Bigsby Island (not IOTA), in Lake of the Woods, near Kenora (Ontario) on 12 October. He will operate SSB and QRS CW on +/- 14260 and +/- 3750 kHz with 5-10 watts, from 13 UTC to 23 UTC or until the batteries fail. QSL via home call. [TNX VE3FY]

VK9N - Tomas, VK2CCC (LY1F) is active as VK9CNC from Norfolk Island (OC-005) until 15 October. This is a holiday style operation, with the main focus on 160, 80 and 40 metres CW. He also hopes to be active during the Oceania DX CW Contest (11-12 October). QSL via VK2CCC (bureau preferred).

VU4 - The NIAR Silver Jubilee celebrations will be held in Hyderabad on 18-20 October. After that event, from 24 October to 3 November,
look for two callsigns to be aired from Port Blair, Andaman Islands (AS-001): VU4MY by an Indian team, and VU4RG by Helmut, DL5DSM (VU3NLG) and Norbert, DJ7JC (VU3NLF). The latter will have two stations active on 160-10 metres (30m included) CW, SSB, BPSK and RTTY, with amplifiers, a G5RV for 160-80m, a phased array (2 GPs) for 40m, a GP for 30m, a 5-band Spiderbeam for 20-10m and a GP for 15m. VU4RG will be QRV during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. QSL via DJ7JC. [TNX DJ7JC]

VU7 - Franz/DL9GFB, Jan/DJ8NK, Juergen/DF7TT and Jos/VU2JOS will be active as VU7SJ (QSL via DL9GFB) from Agatti Island (AS-011), Lakshadweep from 24 October to 3 November. During the same time frame, Madhu/VU2UWZ and Nisha/VU2NIS will operate as VU7NRO (QSL via VU2UWZ) from Kadamat Island (AS-011).

W - Mike, NA5U will be operating as W5NWR from the Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge on 10-12 October. This operation coincides with the National Wildlife Refuge Week, and is in support of the KP1-5 Project. Operations will be SSB and RTTY. QSL via NA5U. [TNX NA5U]

W - Special event station K7P will be active on 20 and 40 metres from the Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island (not IOTA, USi WA-003S) on 17-19 October. QSL direct to KN7T. Further information can be found at [TNX VA3RJ]

http://www.scarcwa.org/ [TNX VA3RJ]

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The latest issue (September 2008) is now available at [TNX VA3RJ] http://www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. Articles and pictures should be sent to Nicola Baldresca, IZ3EBA.

ETHICS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE RADIO AMATEUR ---> At its June 2008 meeting the IARU Administrative Council, noting that "poor operating behavior adversely affects the enjoyment of all radio amateurs and does not enhance the reputation of the Amateur Radio Services", resolved "that all radio amateurs be encouraged to operate to the highest levels of proficiency, with proper consideration for others using the amateur radio bands" and that "the necessary effort be made by member-societies to teach newcomers and others correct operating behavior". IARU AC therefore "endorses and recommends the principles set out in the booklet 'Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur' by John Devoldere, ON4UN and Marc Demeuleneere, ON4WW, and encourages each IARU Region to consider this booklet, with a view to adopting it, including any Regional variations that might be felt appropriate".

The 67-page booklet is currently available for free download from a number of websites, including ARRL, IARU Region 1, IARU Region 2, REF, RSGB, UBA and VERON. Current available languages are English, French and Dutch; translations in other languages are being made.

KP5 2009 ---> The website for the operation is under construction at
LOGS ---> The log search for CN2IPA (as well as for other past operations by HA3JB) can be found on Gab's new website at [http://ha3jb.p8.hu/][1] [TNX HA3JB]

QSL TO5FJ ---> Paul, F6EXV says he would like to stop answering direct requests for TO5FJ and will confirm every outstanding QSO with a bureau card by December. He is not closing the log, but would be grateful to those intending to request a direct card to do so without further delay. The log has been uploaded to LoTW, and can be checked at [www.f6exv.org](http://www.f6exv.org).

QSL VP6DX ---> The website home page ([www.vp6dx.com](http://www.vp6dx.com)) now contains a link to a list of callsigns for which QSL cards have been sent. As of 30 September QSL cards confirming 78,286 QSOs had been mailed to 11,363 stations (the total log contains 183,503 QSOs with 38,502 callsigns). Please visit the website for a comprehensive report on the QSLling progress, including current backlog status, "missing cards" and other related topics.

QSL VIA DL3MDJ ---> Robert says he has uploaded to LoTW his old logs (3383 QSOs) for his DX activities in the early Nineties: 5W1JM (Upolu, OC-097), A35DJ (Vava'u, OC-064), T30DT (Tarawa, OC-017) and ZK1XL (Aitutaki, OC-083). These logs are still open, and paper QSL cards can be requested direct or via the bureau.

VK9DWX ---> Documentary Archive Radio Communication covers VK9DWX, the Willis Island DXpedition, with a special web page, containing background information, a review of previous activations, and soundfiles of the exclusive interviews recorded during the expedition for international broadcasters. Follow the link at [www.dokufunk.org][2] [TNX OE1WHC]

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