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by I2MQP

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3D2R	Rotuma	Dec 9 - Jan 9	3D2AG will be on from Rotuma all bands barefoot	H.C. dir
4J	Azerbaijan	NOW	Special stations 4J29RA & 4K29RA are on	4J5T
4S	Sri Lanka	Dec 12 - Mar 10	DC0KK will be active as 4S7KKG mainly CW and digi	H.C.
5V	Togo	Dec 19 - Jan 4	F4FOO will be active as 5V7MA	H.C.
5V	Togo	Dec 26 - Jan 1	JA1PBV will be on mainly CW	H.C.
6W	Senegal	Jan 20 - Feb 3	F6BLP will be again on as 6W7SK	H.C. dir & bur
7Q	Malawi	NOW	G0JMU is active as 7Q7MH HF and possibly 6 meters	G0IAS dir
7X	Algeria	Nov	7U1MA special station by ARA will be on	7X2ARA
8Q	Maldives	Dec 27 - Jan 2	HB9SLO will be QRV as 8Q7LO	H.C.
8Q	Maldives	Jan 25 -Feb 5	CX3AN and CX4CR will be 8Q7HU from AS-013	

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9J	Zambia	2011 - 2012	ZS6RI will be active as 9J2RI during his stay in Zambia	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9M	Malaysia	Dec 31 - Feb 13	PA0RRS will be on all modes as 9M2MRS	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
9N	Nepal	NOW	WP4FE is in Nepal for his job and active during free time as 9N1FE	
9U	Burundi	Dec 28 - Jan 4	IV3TMM will be on as 9U3TMM	H.C. bur
9X	Rwanda	Dec 24 - Jan 7	SM6CPY will be active as 9X0PY	H.C. dir & bur
A5	Bhutan	Now - Sep 2013	JA2PSV is active as A52SV on 10-12-15 meters	H.C.
A6	U. A. E.	Dec 20 - Jan 10	VE6LB will be on /A6 mainly CW	H.C.
CY0	Sable	Oct 5 - Dec 31	VE1AWW is working in CY0 and will be signing /CY0	H.C.
CY0	Sable	Dec 29 - Jan 6	N0TG WA4DAN AA4VK N1SNB will be /CY0	
D2	Angola	NOW - Jun 2012	MM0SSG is in D2 signing D2SG when free from his job	FM4FDM
DP0	Antartica	December	DL5XL & DL1LLL will be on as DP0GVN	DL5XL
FH	Mayotte	Now - Mar 1	F6GNT will be on as FH8NX	H.C.
FH	Mayotte	Jan 28 - Feb 5	IK5BCM IK5CBE IK5CRH will be on all bands and modes as T04M	LoTW
FO	French Polynesia	Jan 14 - Jan 16	F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZZ FM5CD F4BKV will be on as TX6T from OC-046	G3TXF
FR	Reunion	Now - Jan 10	F6CAM is now /FR	H.C.
FW	Wallis & Futuna	Jan 24 - Feb 23	HA group will be on as FW0R all bands and modes	
FY	French Guiana	Jan 2 - Jan 7	T05G from SA-020	F5KDR dir & bur
HH	Haiti	Nov 26 - Jan 9	HB9AMO will be /HH2	H.C. & LoTW
HK0M	Malpelo	JAN 2012	HK0NA expedition will consists of 12 operators and 3 stations working all bands and modes	
II	Antartica	Now - Feb 15	IW0HEU is on as II0ZM from Terra Nova mainly 20 & 40 SSB	
JD	Minami Torishima	Now - Mar 2012	JG8NQJ will work in Minami and will sign /JD1 SSB & CW	JA8CJF dir
JD	Ogasawara	Dec 24 - Jan 2	J15RPT will be on as JD1BLY	H.C.

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JD	Ogasawara	Dec 30 - Jan 7	JG7PSJ will sign JD1BMH all bands and modes	H.C. bur & dir
KC4	Antartica	NOW - Jan 7	WA2DKJ will activate KC4AAA	
KH4	Midway	NOW - May 2012	W5FJG is /KH4 for at least one year	N7RO
KL7	Alaska	Jan 5 - Jan 8	Russian Robinson Club will activate NA-240	
OR	Antartica	Nov 16 - Feb 28	ON5TN will be on as OR4TN	H.C.
P2	Papua	NOW	SQ5RGR is qrv as P29FM	SQ1K
P4	ARUBA	Dec 9 - Dec 31	P41HQ will be on Read below	I2MQP
PJ2	Curacao	Jan 7 - Jan 8	N6EE & W6XK will be / PJ2	LOTW & NN6NN dir
PJ2	Curacao	Jan 21 - Feb 4	AA9A will be /PJ2 CW and SSB	LoTW & H.C.
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 8 - Jan 22	PA8A will sign PJ4B	H.C. dir
PJ4	Bonaire	Jan 12 - Jan 23	PJ4C by the F6KOP team	
PY	Brasil	Jan 30 - Feb 9	PY/I8LWL, PY/IZ8GDO, PY/IW8EZV, PY2VA/P, PY2YW/P will be on from SA-024 and SA-071	I8LWL
R1	Antartica	2011	RD1AV is on signing RI1ANC all bands SSB & CW	RN1ON
ST	Sudan	NOW	S53R is on as ST2AR	H.C. dir
T2	Tuvalu	Jan 12 - Jan 26	HA5AO & HA5UK as T2HA all bands and modes	LoTW
T32	E.Kiribati	Jan 17 - Feb 2	VO1AU as T32AU(QSL via VO1MX), N8LJ as T32LJ (QSL via K8ESQ KG8CO as T32CO, K8AQM as T32TR, KB8TXZ as T32TX, AC8W as T32WW, T32XX in test (QSL via KB8TXZ)	
T5	Somalia	NOW	PA5M is active as 600M mainly CW	PA7FM
T8	Palau	Now - Jan 8 Now - Jan 7 Now - Jan 6	JH0IXE as T8CW JA0FKK as T88XC JL2TOG as T88KI	H.C. H.C. H.C.
T8	Palau	Dec 30 - Jan 8	RA0FF will be on as T88OW all bands	H.C dir

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TN	Congo	NOW - 2012	TN9SN is active for one year	IZ1BZV
TN	Congo	Jan 22 - Feb 1	6 operators will be on as TN2T	M0URX
TR	Gabon	NOW	SM7RME is on as TR0A/p from AF-089	SM7EHU
TY	Benin	Jan 2 - Jan 9	JA1PBV will be on mainly CW	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 2 - Jan 16	DJ2BQ will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 21 - Jan 13	DL1ZU will be /V5	H.C.
V5	Namibia	Dec 26 - Jan 16	DH3WO & DJ2HD will be on /V5	H.C.
VK0	Macquarie	Oct 31 - Mar 2012	VK0KEV is on mainly SSB & RTTY Try 20 meters from 05.30 to 08.45	JE1LET
VK0	Macquarie	NOW	VK8TH has been heard signing VK0TH	JE1LET
VP2V	British Virgin Isl	Jan 11 - Jan 21	GM0LVI will be /VP2V CW & SSB	H.C.
VP6	Pitcairn	Jan 20 - Jan 29	F6BEE G3TXF VE2Tzt FM5CD F4BKV as VP6T	LoTW & G3TXF
VP8	Antartica	Now - Feb 2012	M0PRL is on as VP8DMH	H.C. dir
VP8	S.Shetland	Now - Mar 2012	EA1CYK will be /P from S.Shetland bases	EA7LS
VP9	Bermuda	Dec 26 - Jan 1	KG2A will be /VP9	H.C. dir
VU	Antartica	Jan - Mar	VU3BPZ will be on from Antartica Indian Base	I1HYW
W	USA	Jan 1 -Jan 3	K6VVA/7 will be on from NA-065	N6AWD dir & bur
XU	Cambodia	Jan 14 - Jan 22	JA Team will be on as XU7AAA	
XU	Cambodia	Jan 3 - Jan 6	UA9YAB as XU9YAB and UA9YPS as XU9YPS will also try AS-133	H.C.
YA	Afghanista n	2011	K9GY as T6MO W6EOD as T6SH WB8LES as T6LB	
YS	El Salvador	Jan 29 - Feb 10	Big DL & YS team will be active as HU2DX with 4 stations	DH7WW

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ZD9	Gough Island	Sep 2010 Sep 2011	SZ1LF will be on Gough signing ZD9GI	ZS1A dir & bur
ZK1	S. Cook	Dec 19 - Dec 31	AB7FS will sign E51AND CW & SSB	H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Oct 21 - Dec 31	GM3WOJ will sign ZK2V	N3SL
ZS	Antartica	NOW	ZS6KX is active /7 from AN-016	H.C.

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PFX	Country	Date	Info	QSL Info
3B9	Rodrigues	Feb 14 - Feb 21	OE4AAC will sign /3B9 CW	H.C. bur & dir
3D2	Fiji	Mar 15 - Mar 21	JA1NLX will be on as 3D2YA from OC-156 mainly CW	H.C. dir & LoTW
3DA0	Swaziland	Feb 21 - Feb 29	G3SWH, G3OLU & EA5ARC will be on from Swaziland	G3SWH
3DA0	Swaziland	Apr 4 - Apr 11	FC DX Team will be active as 3DA0FC all bands and modes	ON4CJK
6W	Senegal	Feb 25 - Mar 6	F5RAV as 6V7T	H.C. Dir
8P	Barbados	Feb 14 - Feb 22	K3VX, W3WH and K9CS will be on as 8P9VX, 8P9WH, and 8P9CS , will sign 8P5Y during the CW contest.	K9CS
A2	Botswana	MARCH	Operation planned by K5LBU	
A3	Tonga	Mar 7 - Mar 24	A35YZ by DL7DF and other 9 operators working all bands and modes with several stations	H.C.
A3	Tonga	Apr 2 - Apr 9	JA1XGI will be on as A35XG 20-6 meters	H.C. dir bur and LoTW
C2	Nauru	Postponed to 2012	6 operators and 3 stations will be active as C21AA	VK4FW dir & bur
C5	Gambia	Feb 27 - Mar 2	F5RAV will sign /C56	H.C.

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FH	Mayotte	Mar 21 - Apr 6	DL7BC will be signing/FH possibly with the T07BC call in contest	
FK	New Caledonia	Feb 18 - Feb 25	F4BKV will be on	LoTW & H.C.
FO	French Polynesia	Feb 6 - Feb 7	F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZZ FM5CD F4BKV will be on as TX6T/p from OC-063	G3TXF
FO	French Polynesia	Feb 8 - Feb 10	F6BEE G3TXF VE2TZZ FM5CD F4BKV will be on as TX6T/p from OC-046	G3TXF
FO0	Clipperton	Mar 1 - Mar 31	KK6EK, N7CQQ, AD6E, W6OP, N7XG and N7CQQ will be on as TX5Q	
H40	Temotu	Feb 7 - Feb 20	DG1FK & DK9FN will be on as H40FK & H40FN	DG1FK HA8DD
JW	Svalabard	Mar 16 - Mar 20	LA2XNA as JW2XNA LA8HGA as JW8HGA	LoTW and H.C dir and bur
KH5	Palmyra	Postponed to Nov 2012	25 operators will be on from Jarvis Island signing probably N5E	
KL7	Alaska	Jun 28 - Jun 30	K6VVA will be /KL7 activating a new island	
PJ2	Curacao	Mar 12 - Mar 30	DK5ON will be /PJ2	H.C.
PJ7	S. Maarten	Mar 3 - Mar 17	AA9AA will be on /PJ7	H.C. & LoTW
PJ7	S. Maarten	Mar 5 - Mar 18	SP9PT SP2EBG SP2GKS SP3GEM SP3HLM As PJ7PT	SP9PT
PY	Brazil	Feb 3 - Feb 6	6 PY operators will be on as PS5F from SA-088	PP5BZ
T8	Palau	Feb 17 - Feb 21	JA9APS as T88KF	H.C. dir
T30	West Kiribati	Feb 1 - Feb 23	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T30HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
T33	Banaba	Oct/Nov 2011 Delayed to 2012	HA5AO & HA5UK plan to be active as T33HA	HA5AO LoTW bur
V2	Antigua	Feb 13 - Feb 22	AA9AA will be on as V25AA	H.C. & LoTW
V3	Belize	Feb 11 - Feb 20	K0UU will sign V31SG	H.C. dir & LoTW
V3	Belize	Feb 26 - Mar 15	V31SU by N7MSU	H.C. bur & dir

V3	Belize	Feb 27 - Mar 11	V31YK by DL2AYK	H.C. bur & dir
VK	Australia	Apr 18 - Apr 23	VK4LDX will be working from OC-185 as VK8PDX	H.C. dir & bur
VK0	Heard Island	Feb 1 - Feb 18 2013	Big group will be on Details will follow later	
ZF2	Cayman	Feb 18 - Feb 19	K6AM will be in the contest as ZF2AM	H.C. dir & bur & LoTW
ZK1	S. Cook	Feb 10 - Feb 15	F4BKV as E51BKV	LoTW & H.C.
ZK2	Niue	Feb 3 - Feb 17	Big DL group will be on all bands and modes as ZK2C	DL7JAN bur

Malpelo DXpedition

HK0, MALPELO ISLAND (HK0NA - The advanced team arrives at Malpelo).

The following was provided by Manu, LU9ESD: "Four members of the team (HK1N, HK1T, HK6F and HK1MW) has departed from the Pier of the Navy Base BAHIA MALAGA aboard the Patrol Boat JOSE MARIA PALAS on Dec 12.

The team arrives safe to Malpelo today at 1400z.

The target of this advanced team called THE FANTASTIC FOUR is to set up all the 11 stations, in 2 camps, wireless network and safety stuff in order to have everything ready when the main group arrive on Jan 21, 2012. To this 4 brave mens who are going to spend 43 days on the island and have sacrifice the Holidays away from his families, we want to say our admiration and gratitude. We still need the help of the HAM community to achieve the suces of this difficult and expensive DX-pedition.

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We appreciate your help."

We will have 2 operating locations. Both locations will have 160 meters capabilities and legal limit amplifiers. The distance between the two operating locations is approximately 300 meters and the difference in elevation is almost 200 meters! Two operating locations are a necessity to provide a low take off angles in all directions. The camp lower in elevation 'OP B, or Baja' will be our main camp and is located adjacent to the military facilities. 'OP A, or Alto' will be located very close to the top of the

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highest point on Malpelo. The antennas for OP A will be located on top of the highest peak. The personnel operating from OP A will have to make a very difficult and dangerous 200m vertical climb on a daily basis to man the stations. OP B will be the primary 160m station for the eastern U.S., Europe, South America, and Africa. OP A will be the primary operating location for the western US, JA/Asia, and VK/ZL. Our current antenna plans call for an Inverted L for 160 at OP B, with Pennants for receive, and for OP A an Inverted V broadside to the US and JA for 160 and Pennants for receive. At 300 meters above the sea we are confident that the efforts to establish this operating location and antenna selection will result in an outstanding signal on 160 to those areas of the world that have been most challenged to work Malpelo in the past. Establishing an operating location from OP A comes at a considerable expense. We have expanded an already strong team with the addition of several experienced DXpeditioners to man the increased number of stations (from 6 to 10). This has also enabled us to extend our stay on the island. We are making every effort to minimize the risk in transit for OP B to OP A through the extensive use of safety equipment wherever possible. Fortunately, we have a commitment from the Columbian Military and the crew of our transportation vessel to assist with transporting equipment, fuel and water to the OP A site. An advance team of operators from Columbia are leaving for the island on Christmas day to begin the efforts of establishing the camp infrastructure, and setting up the antennas. One of our goals is to drop Malpelo out of the top 100 on the DXCC most wanted list from the current spot of #11 worldwide. Operations of this magnitude are expensive. This one in particular also comes with a significant element of risk. The operators are bearing the majority of the expenses. But without support from equipment sponsors, major DX organizations, clubs, and individuals this trip would not be possible. Contributions are still needed and very welcomed. Please visit our Website at www.HK0NA.com and click on 'how can I help'... Lastly, we have a tremendous group of equipment and DX organization sponsors, please support them whenever possible..... 73s, Happy Holidays, and hopes that we are in your log on 160!"

Contest, mainly from ARRL Bulletin & WA7BNM

Lighthouse Xmas Lights QSO Party: 0001Z, Dec 17 to 2359Z, Jan 1
SKCC Sprint: 0000Z-0200Z, Dec 28
QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test: 1300Z-1400Z, Dec 28 and 1900Z-2000Z, Dec 28 and 0300Z-0400Z, Dec 29
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint: 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 29
QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Dec 30
NCCC Sprint: 0230Z-0300Z, Dec 30
AGB New Year Snowball Contest: 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
SARTG New Year RTTY Contest: 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
AGCW Happy New Year Contest: 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
AGCW VHF/UHF Contest: 1400Z-1659Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1700Z-1759Z, Jan 1 (432)
ARS Spartan Sprint: 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 3
QRP Fox Hunt: 0200Z-0330Z, Jan 4

8th IDXC

The 8th International DX Convention will take on April 22nd, 2012, and will be held in Capaccio Paestum, Salerno, Italy. The convention will have the following presentations: FW0R (Wallis & Futuna) 2012, HK0NA (Malpelo) 2012, T32C (East Kiribati) 2011, VP8ORK (South Orkney) 2011 and possibly others. For more details and updates, watch the following Web page at:

http://www.dxitalia.it/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=82&Itemid=58

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Friday 20 April, 2012**

Press Release Nr 1

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Enhance your DXing adventure! At last, here is your opportunity to directly benefit from the skills and experience of some of the world's best-known DXers.

We all know about the wonderful success of Contest University (CTU), developed in recent years by K3LR and others, and rolled out internationally. Over 1,000 contesters have attended. DX University (DXU) is the twin, providing high-caliber offerings for beginning and experienced DXers alike.

The all-day program will take place on the Friday of Visalia weekend, 20th April 2012. Among the lecturers are AA7A, G3SXW, K4UEE, K9LA, N7NG, W3UR, W6OAT, W9KNI and XE1KK, many of whom are inductees of the CQ DX Hall of Fame. Learn the secrets of operating techniques for working DX, optimizing stations & antennas for DXing, about propagation, information sources, awards, and ethics, remote operating, QSLing and much more. You will also get the DXpeditioner's view of how DXers should operate to get into the log.

Student places are limited. The early registration fee is only \$50, including lunch and breaks. Sign up beginning January 2, 2012 at:

www.dxuniversity.com

Further information from Wayne Mills, N7NG@arrl.net or Roger Western, G3SXW@btinternet.com

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CY0, Sable Island

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CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Update). Murray, WA4DAN, sent the following:
"Greetings From Halifax, Nova Scotia!

Ron AA4VK, and Murray WA4DAN, arrived safely in Halifax, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, Dec 27th, around noon local time (AST) in preparation for the Sable Island DXpedition. All gear appears to have arrived safely at the Maritime Air Charter terminal. We drove over to Maritime Air later in the afternoon and delivered additional gear. We purchased additional food items and have those boxed and ready to load onto the plane just before the flight.

The weather is not looking good for a flight on Wednesday, Dec 28th. VFR conditions must exist at both Halifax and Sable Island for the flight to occur. Ceiling heights are critical as well as wind and wind direction. It looks like the ceiling heights will be below the criteria for a flight. It also appears that the wind speed will be above the limits. Al Wilson, the current Officer-in-Charge on Sable, will be checking the beach landing conditions at first light on Wednesday morning. Currently, we are most concerned with the wind direction and the possibility that the strong winds will push water onto the sand 'runway'.

The CY0 DXpedition team has full confidence in the OIC on Sable and Maritime Air to make the correct GO/NO GO call. These are really good people to work with and are true professionals. If we are unable to make it to Sable on Wednesday, the same sequence of events will take place on Thursday in attempting a flight.

This will probably be the final e-mail notification before the flight. Please check our website for the latest updates. <www.cy0dxpedition.com>

Thanks and 73,
Ron AA4VK
Murray WA4DAN"

Update afternoon Wednesday, December 28th:

"Hi Everyone-

We just got an update from Al Wilson, the Officer-in-Charge on Sable Island. Waves this afternoon and evening will approach levels that may breach the dunes and cause significant flooding of the landing

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area. Al will do a visual observation tomorrow morning at 1200Z. We met with Debbie, our pilot with Maritime Air this morning. We did a weather assessment for the period Wednesday - Friday. The winds are very strong in Halifax. It is very difficult to walk outside with this strong winter gale. Rain and snow are blowing sideways! A commercial airline crew is staying at our hotel and they commented on how rough it was even in a large airliner. No doubt the right call was made today.

Since we have a lot of free time, we will keep everyone posted.

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73,

Ron AA4VK

Murray WA4DAN"

(DX Magazine's 2011 Most Wanted Countries Survey).

DX Magazine's has published their Most Wanted Countries. Here are the "Top 20" (in the Mixed modes) as per DX Magazine (Jan./Feb. issue):

2011 Rank	Prefix	Country	2010 Rank	2011 Rank	Prefix	Country	2010 Rank
1	P5	North Korea	1	11	VK0/M	Macquarie Island	13
2	KP1	Navassa Island	2	12	HK0/M	Malpelo	12
3	3Y/B	Bouvet	3	13	FT5T	Tromelin Island	15
4	VK0/H	Heard Island	5	14	SV/A	Mount Athos	14
5	7O	Yemen	4	15	ZL9	Auckland/Campbell	16
6	FT5Z	Amsterdam	6	16	PY0S	St. Peter and Paul	18
7	FT5/W	Crozet	9	17	KH5	Palmyra	19
8	BS7H	Scarborough	10	18	KH5K	Kingman Reef	17
9	VP8/S	South Sandwich	8	19	KH9	Wake Island	22
10	ZS8	Marion Island	7	20	FR/JE	Juan de Nova/Europa	20

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, informs that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

E44PM - Palestine; 2011 Operation;

Logs are expected to be uploaded to LoTW soon.

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FW0/TW0, WALLIS & FUTUNA (Update)

Laci, HA0NAR, and two other operators will be active as FW0R from Uvea Island (aka Wallis, OC-054, DIFO FW-001, WLOTA 0389, WW Loc. AH16VS) next year (2012) between Janaury 25th and February 23rd. Laci, HA0NAR, reported this past week: "Exactly one month from now, the FW0R team will start its journey to Wallis and Futuna Islands, with the first stop in Los Angeles for 2 days before taking an airplane to Nadi (Fiji), the closest international airport to Wallis. From there, we will fly to Wallis and expect to start TX around 25th of January 2012. We would like to remind you that the entire trip and stay on the island is paid in full by each of the operators and that any contribution/support will help us to reduce the high logistical costs. We would like to thank all individuals and especially the Foundations and Clubs as well as equipment suppliers that already support us. Our PayPal account is:

ha0nar@hotmail.com

Additionally, we plan to be active from Futuna Island (IOTA OC-118) with the callsign TW0F. QSL for both FW0R and TW0F are via Laci HA0NAR." For more info, visit: <http://www.ha0nar.hu>