

IOTA SWL CONTEST 2011

The participation this year has been not very great but of good quality. Eleven SWL from eleven different countries and three continents sent the log.

Here following the final results.

GENERAL

	Call	Category	Claimed QSOs	Actual QSOs	%	Points	Multipliers	Total
1	ADXB OE-527	SO MIX 24H	379	289	76,3	3267	147	480.249
2	DH2URF	SO CW 12H	385	309	80,3	2499	110	274.890
3	VO1-001SWL	SO SSB 24H	590	360	61,0	2460	93	228.780
4	R3A-847	SO MIX 24H	696	327	47,0	2409	89	214.401
5	JA4-4665/1	SO CW 12H	191	175	91,6	1473	65	95.745
6	YT4RA	SO MIX 12H	213	145	68,1	1371	65	89.115
7	OK2-9329	SO MIX 24H	206	138	67,0	1158	52	60.216
8	F-59706	SO MIX 12H	63	49	77,8	735	48	35.280
9	9A4KJ	SO MIX 24H	144	77	53,5	591	25	14.775
10	VU2-002SWL	SO MIX 12H	58	29	50,0	219	11	2.409
11	IE3-802SWL	SO MIX 12H	22	14	63,6	174	11	1.914

SINGLE-OPERATOR 24-HOUR

MIXED

	Call	Claimed QSOs	Actual QSOs	%	Points	Multipliers	Total	Award
1	ADXB OE-527	379	289	76,3	3267	147	480.249	Certificate
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3	OK2-9329	206	138	67,0	1158	52	60.216	Certificate
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SSB

	Call	Claimed QSOs	Actual QSOs	%	Points	Multipliers	Total	Award
1	VO1-001SWL	590	360	61,0	2460	93	228.780	Certificate

SINGLE-OPERATOR 12-HOUR

MIXED

	Call	Claimed QSOs	Actual QSOs	%	Points	Multipliers	Total	Award
1	YT4RA	213	145	68,1	1371	65	89.115	Certificate
2	F-59706	63	49	77,8	735	48	35.280	Certificate
3	VU2-002SWL	58	29	50,0	219	11	2.409	Certificate
4	IE3-802SWL	22	14	63,6	174	11	1.914	

CW

	Call	Claimed QSOs	Actual QSOs	%	Points	Multipliers	Total	Award
1	DH2URF	385	309	80,3	2499	110	274.890	Certificate
2	JA4-4665/1	191	175	91,6	1473	65	95.745	Certificate

Congrats again to Roland ADXB OE-527 which won for the second year both the General and the 24H Mixed category with also a good percentage of QSO confirmed after the checking of the log.

An excellent performance also by Richard DH2URF, second in the General (but in a 12 hours period!) and first in the 12H CW category. Richard got also an excellent percentage of QSO confirmed. A very good return for Allen VO1-001SWL which is third in the General and first in the 24H SSB category.

The record of QSOs (696!) has been declared by Vladimir R3A-847. Unfortunately the percentage of QSO confirmed has been not very high. Possibly also because of his paper log and to the difficulty by my side to decode some calls or reports. Meanwhile Vladimir, a well known Contests winner, got the fourth place in the General and the second place in the 24H Mixed category.

A sincere praise to Tanio JA4-4665/1 which sent the more correct log with a terrific 91.6% percentage of QSO confirmed. Tanio is second in the 12H CW category.

Winner of the 12H Mixed category has been Ivan YT4RA, a welcomed Ham entry together with 9A4KJ.

Only one participant from my country, Stefano IE3-802SWL old-timer of the IOTA Contest and I hope that other I SWLs will join him next year. Another old-timer is Dusan OK2-9329 third in 24H Mixed category.

Finally, a warm welcome to Patrick F-59706 and to Kishore VU2-002SWL. It is their first participation in an SWL Contest and I am sure that in the next years their score will improve consistently.

CHECKING THE LOGS

Also this year the number of Hams which sent the log increased. In fact I received through G3XTT 2315 logs. And also this year I set the cross-checking software in order to count zero points the rows of the SWL logs with ????, i.e. without comparison with the Ham logs. But this means only few rows. For example in the log of ADXB OE-527 only 11 rows out of 379 QSO/rows were suffixed by ????

Meanwhile a number of Ham logs were not in the right Cabrillo format and so not analyzed by the cross-checking software. In cases where there was a little difference in the score between two participants I checked all these logs. In the other cases my check has been random, so it is possible that the percentage of correct QSOs should have been better for many participants.

As usual, when I checked the logs and in particular when I checked the “errors” of the logs of Tanio JA4-4665/1 and of Richard DH2URF, I found most of the time that the QSO/row of the SWL was right and the QSO/row of the Ham log was wrong. For instance a lot of Hams put NA-123 in the column of IOTA reference in their log when they were at home (I do think because of the default settings of N1MM software). On the other side a number of IOTA expeditions missed to write the IOTA reference in the same columns. In general the Russian hams were the most incorrect (because of TRLog software) while I strangely found that a number of Japanese hams were also incorrect. At the end I manually checked 124 Ham logs.

FINAL NOTES

I remember that also this year, the SWLs which sent the log can claim for credit for the IOTA program the IOTA stations heard during the Contest, without sending the original QSLs to the IOTA check-points. Some simple rules must be followed as described in the article “How to claim no-QSL IOTA credit from the IOTA SWL Contest” in the Radioascolto DX Club site. Note in particular that a claim for credit in the 2011 IOTA Contest should be submitted only after an announcement on the RSGB IOTA website that credits for that contest are available. This will normally be two months after the results are published.

Again my thanks to Don G3XTT for the cooperation in the above service and for providing the HAM logs for the log cross-checking.

The next IOTA Contest will be run on 28/29 July 2012 and you are welcome!

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