

ES OPEN HF CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Hi friends,

thank you for participating in ES OPEN HF CHAMPIONSHIP 2012! We are very happy to see another big rise in the number of foreign logs submitted making 107 logs plus 5 SWL logs a new record. We have to keep working on increasing ES participants who submitted 58 logs this year.

Competition in A, C and B categories was fierce again and several new players entered the scene.

A-MIXED:

It was a death match between WRTC teammates **Gediminas, LY9A** and **Rimas, LY6A** again just like last year. And just like last year LY9A was unlucky losing two ES9 multipliers but due to making 22 QSOs more (with low power!) he took a close victory despite having one multiplier less confirmed! **Gediminas is the champion!** The difference in score was less than 4 QSOs! Gediminas lost ES9 on 80m SSB due to duplicate QSO which does not count and the other ES9 in a scary déjà vu situation where ES9A logged him as YL9A in 40m SSB! Just like last year. I really don't know what you should do Gediminas to avoid this but keep it in mind while working ES9A on 40m SSB next year! Third place went to a newcomer **Fredy, SM6FKF!**

Gediminas is also taking the Best SO LP Foreign Station trophy.

B-SSB:

Vilnis, YL2BJ came in strong with just 1 multiplier short of theoretical maximum and took the gold leaving last year's winner **Darius, LY3DA** as second. **Vytautas, LY2OU** grabbed the third place.

C-CW:

As always, being the most popular category, it had record 60 logs this year. What an entry to ES OPEN contests by **Albertas, LY5R** who took the victory! **Alis, LY2BKT** edged out **Algis, LY3B** by only a margin of 2 QSOs to rise from the last year's 3rd place to the silver now. Algis made sure that Lithuanians took all the podium places for the second year in a row already.

D-Multi Operator

Unfortunately no entries. Hope to have some next year!

E-SWL

Vladimir, R3A-847 who took a break last year came back strong and won powerfully again just like in 2007, 2008 and 2010. 2nd and 3rd place are the same like last year. **Jozef, SP4-208**

edged out **Wolfgang, DL-P01-17291** who was again 3rd like already 5 times in the last 6 years!

DX:

While the short range propagation was excellent this year providing great conditions between locals on 40 meters, DX propagation seemed to suffer. We hope to receive some DX logs next year.

Big congratulations to everybody! Special trophies to the winners and diplomas will be sent out soon! See you next year in ES OPEN 2013!

Please let me know as always of any ideas or suggestions about ES OPEN!

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