

ES OPEN HF CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

Hi friends,

thank you for participating in ES OPEN HF CHAMPIONSHIP 2016! We are glad to see the number of foreign logs increasing by another 4 up to 84 + 4 SWL logs this year. Number of ES participants was also higher and over 60 in total. All ES multipliers were available this year in both modes but difficult propagation on 40 meters made it hard to catch them all.

A-MIXED:

Congratulations to **Victor, R1DX**, who entered ES Open for the first time and won the gold medal! It is the first time in 15 years for the most prestigious award going out from the Baltics! We are happy to see **Gunars, YL2GD** back in ES Open after winning in 2008 and now taking silver this year! Gunars made more QSOs than Victor but Victor was able to catch 34 multipliers while Gunars just 30. **Jan, SM5D**, is also a newcomer in our contest and taking the bronze to Sweden.

B-SSB:

Vilnis, YL2BJ is the SSB champion again like 4 years ago and **Vytautas, LY2OU** takes the second place pushing last year's silver medalist **Rimgaudas, LY3BB** to the 3rd place. Vytautas logged 19 out of 20 possible multipliers but lost ES9B QSO on 40m.

C-CW:

Excellent LY battle for the CW title and even 4 first places all go to Lithuania this year! **Albertas, LY5R** pushes the limits now and makes 199 QSOs like Kim, OH0X, last year bringing home the victory after 4 years once again. 2014 winner **Algis, LY3B** makes just 3 QSOs less and remains second for the second year in a row. They both work all the possible 20 multipliers. Third place goes to 2011 and 2013 champion **Arvydas, LY2F**, who leads LY2NK on the fourth place by just 28 points – less than 2 QSOs!

D-LP:

Newly established Mixed Low Power category is won by **Zigurds, YL2PJ**. Second place goes to **Janis, YL3AD** and third to **Göran, SM5S**.

E-QRP

Jonas, LY4T is the best QRP station in 2016. **Valery, RW3AI** and **Rauno, OH6NPV** receive awards for 2nd and 3rd place.

F-Multi Op

Mindaugas, LY4L teams up with another **Mindaugas (Kavaliauskas)** to take the award of the best multi op team.

G-SWL

Among the 4 SWL logs the best by far was 2014 winner **Rafal, SP7-003-24**. The second place goes to a newcomer **Yuri, UA3-142-596** and the third to “forever third” **Wolfgang, DL-P01-17291** who has submitted his log 7 times since 2007 and always taken the third place!

It is interesting to bring out the most accurate operators by the score confirmation percentage. Here are the stations with 97% or higher score confirmation percentage and number of claimed QSOs over 10:

Call	QSOs	%
RA3NC	34	100,0%
RU3XF	18	100,0%
DL5AXX	14	100,0%
LY3CY	10	100,0%
EW8C	11	100,0%
DF6RI	11	100,0%
M5M	11	100,0%
UA6HFI	11	100,0%
LY7M	29	100,0%
YO4NF	17	100,0%
RN3S	13	100,0%
OH2LNH	11	100,0%
RW1F	115	99,1%
RW3AI	55	98,9%
SM6EWB	52	98,1%
DL2SAX	126	97,6%
SM3MTR	40	97,5%

Special congratulations for the golden logs and especially to **Yuri, RA3NC** for 34 clean QSOs!

Special trophies to the winners and diplomas will be sent out soon! All the country winners will get diplomas! See you next year in ES OPEN 2017!

Please let me know how did you like the small rule changes made in 2016 and as always of any ideas or suggestions how to make the contest better!

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