

# Report from DSWCI Jubilee

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## Participants

From Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May till Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2006, no less than 33 persons took part in our very successful DSWCI 50 years Jubilee DX-Camp and Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Vejers Beach. The members came from: Japan: Toshimichi Ohtake and Nobuya Kato. Finland: Torre Ekblom, Jarmo Patala, Arto Mujunen and Heikki Puranen. Sweden: Tibor Szilagyi. Scotland: George Brown. Germany: Hella & Karl Helt, Andreas Schmid, Robert Kipp, Bernhard Hein, Simon-Peter Liehr, Eckhard Röscher and Michael Schmitz. Denmark: Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen, Bent Nielsen, Anker Petersen, Kurt Pedersen, Vagn Nielsen, Knud Eriksen, Erik Køie and Bjarke Vestesen.

The guests were: USA: Andrew Janitschek (R Free Asia). Italy: Dario Monferini. Finland: Risto Vähäkainu. Germany: Gertrud Schmid, Helga Neuner and Denmark: Elin Hammer, Else Malmstrøm, Edith Ærenlund Pedersen and Rita Mortier.

## First part of the Jubilee

The big DSWCI flag showed the way to scout camp Vardeborg where our DX-Camp and AGM was held in summer-like weather. Upon arrival, everyone received a DSWCI Jubilee Badge and a 48 pages Jubilee Book telling the 50 years history of the DSWCI. It will be sent to other members later this summer.



*The DSWCI flag is erected by Bent Nielsen, Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen and Anker Petersen*

On Thursday afternoon we installed our receiving equipment and draw antennas out in the tall sand dunes along the west coast of Jutland.



*Kato erecting antenna at Vardeborg*

After that, DX-ing was done until Sunday morning except for the many daytime activities. Reception conditions were fair and many good catches were made.



*Andy Schmid*

Of particular interest were special programmes from four radio stations during these four days:

1. Live interview of Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen and Kurt Pedersen at the local, private station, Radio Charlie, Varde on 100.7 MHz.



*Kaj Bredahl Jørgensen and Kurt Ærenlund Pedersen  
In the studio of Radio Charlie*

2. Phone interview of Anker Petersen from Radio Japan in their English programme "World Interactive".

3. Greetings to the DSWCI DX Camp from Scandinavian Weekend Radio in their live broadcast on 6170 and 11690 kHz.

4. Nine hours of live broadcast from the Italian Pirate station, Mystery Radio, on 6220 kHz with numerous greetings to DSWCI.

(Furthermore on May 27-29 our Japanese member Toshimichi Ohtake reported from the Jubilee in "World Interactive" of Radio Japan and interviewed the DSWCI Chairman.)

All correct reception reports on these five special programmes are going to be verified with a special Jubilee QSL-card, if reported directly to the DSWCI. Please include return postage.

On Friday morning most participants paid a visit to the historical Varde Jugendhaus from 1901, built in German Jugend Style, with exhibitions of untraditional paintings by the local painter Otto Frello and of Danish terracotta. After that a typical Danish lunch with "Smørrebrød" at a restaurant in the beautiful Arnbjerg Park.

At 1530-1800 followed four power point presentations at Strandhotellet in Vejers Strand:

1. Director of Production Support of Radio Free Asia, Washington Andrew "A. J." Janitschek: "Radio Free Asia: More than Short-wave". A. J. gave an update on RFA Shortwave broadcasting and pointed out the additional, new RFA media to listeners in East and South East Asia: Satellite Direct-to-Home Broadcasts, Internet Live Streaming and Podcasting. A. J. further offered a special RFA QSL during April-June 2006 with the DSWCI logo for all reports sent to RFA (schedules & report form at [www.rfa.org](http://www.rfa.org)). Five complete packages of RFA QSL's offered for our Lottery.



*Andrew "A. J." Janitschek holding his lecture*

2. Bjarke Vestesen then reported on his recent DX-pedition to Florida for four weeks, giving sound samples on his fine loggings. Bjarke furthermore explained how travelling with an AOR AR7030 can be done by using special handluggage.

3. Toshi Ohtake gave a status on "DX-ing in Japan year 2006", including the HAM Festival where our Sri Lankan member Victor Goonetilleke attended; the introduction of JSWC DX-programmes via Radio Japan, AWR Singapore and HCJB; and Toshi's visits to R Free Asia and WRMI after the NASWA Winterfest 2006.

4. Risto Vähäkainu then talked about "DX-ing in Finland year 2006", mentioning the history of the Finnish DX Association which will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the summer 2008 probably near Vasa. At present FDXA counts about 700 members! Risto Vähäkainu and Arto Mujunen successfully were leading the EDXC for five years. The FDXA has organized four EDXC Conferences (Jyväskylä 1971, Espoo 1987, Tampere 1992 and Pori 2002).

Tibor Szilagyi closed the session by announcing the coming EDXC Conference in St. Petersburg on Oct 19-22, 2006. It is important to register now!



*Risto Vähäkainu holding his lecture*

At 1900 followed the formal DSWCI 50 Years Banquet at Strand-hotellet with all participants present for a good dinner and a wonderful evening. In speeches, the Chairman excused the broken English we have used in our publications for 50 years,

and Kaj Bredahl thanked Anker for his steady work for the DSWCI members for 47 years. Risto Vähäkainu honored the DSWCI with the seldom FDXA Flag. As usual, we sang the old Danish song "Det var en lørdag aften". The Dinner was followed by a big DX-Lottery, lead by Torre Ekblom and Elin Hammer.



*The lottery done by Elin Hammer and Torre*



*The lottery*

On Saturday morning those not DX-ing had a nice walk in the sunshine through the rough nature along the sandy beach.

#### **Annual General Meeting.**

At 1400 local time the Chairman of the Club opened the AGM welcoming all participants. It was noted that the DSWCI first reaches its 50 years on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2006, but the Board has decided to celebrate the Anniversary now together with the AGM and the associated DX-Camp.

Tibor Szilagyi was elected as Chairman of the Meeting and lead the AGM in accordance with the Statutes. Three former Danish members were appointed as Honorary Members.

#### **Second part of the Jubilee**

After the traditional Group Photo under the DSWCI Flag, we continued with more short lectures at Vardeborg:

5. Robert Kipp talked about the project "Revive Radio St. Helena Day" which is described on page 21 in SWN April and in DX-Mirror in this SWN. He invited interested, individual members to send their donations now. He also received Club donations from the DSWCI and Japan SW Club.

6. Dario Monferini then told about "The National DX Meeting in Mexico 2005 and some experiences on travelling in that country.

7. George Brown attended the NASWA Winterfest in Kulpsville in March 2006 and told about the variety of its activities for DX-ers.

8. Anker Petersen closed the session by playing a short extract of the last "DX-Window" broadcast from Radio Denmark in 1969.

On Saturday evening, we had a very enjoyable, informal Danish Buffet at Hotel Klithjem.



This Jubilee DX-Camp once more cemented the international friendship between many members of the DSWCI. They look forward to the next AGM and DX-Camp which will be at Vardeborg on Whitsun 2007 from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May till Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We can only invite other members to join us next year.



*At the jubilee banquet Friday evening where Anker received a gift from the club for many years work for our club. In the foreground at right Torre Ekblom (standing), Erik Køie, Vagn Nielsen and yours truly (standing)*



*At the jubilee banquet Friday evening on Strandhotellet, Vejers, showing most of the participants*



*This group photo shows those members who attended our AGM and 50 year's anniversary in May 2006 at Vejers Beach*