

DX

It was shortly after Radio Portugal embarked on its large scale international service, that letters came flowing in asking for a special DX program, and later for a Club. In their desire to produce a program which would really meet their listener's wishes, the Directors spent some considerable time in research, and it was only towards the middle of 1964, that the first DX program was broadcast in English, to be followed the next year by a second edition in French. The content was devoted to information about «hard-to-get» stations, or in other words all those broadcasting throughout the Portuguese world.

This brought in such a spate of correspondence that the Directors decided to form the Radio Portugal DX Club, a non-political association designed to amalgamate all the SWL's who enjoyed our broadcasts. Membership was granted against the verification of five correct reception reports complying with the requirements established by the International Short Wave Club of Great Britain. Subsequently, members are expected to submit a fortnightly log on the transmissions beamed to their area.

The special QSL cards issued by Radio Portugal have been described by many SWL's as among the most attractive in the world. They are certainly very different from the original ones sent out as «CSW» in the early days of the Portuguese National Radio, or that issued by Abílio Nunes dos Santos «CT1.AA» which one of our listeners was kind enough to send us bearing the date 1932.

The next thing the members wanted was some form of award. This meant several more months spent in research so as to be sure that we could provide just the right thing. Eventually it was decided to award Bronze, Silver and Gold Certificates against Ten, Twenty and Fifty QSL verification cards obtained from the sixty five different transmission services throughout the Portuguese World. Since many of these are quite hard to get, the competition attracted many enthusiasts, some of whom have already qualified for the Bronze Certificate shown on this page.

As the Directors plan ahead for yet another year, they are actively engaged in studying ways and means of providing additional incentives to the Club Members. These involve pre-paid postage, sets of QSL cards for successive reports, and other souvenirs.

Radio Portugal DX Club Bronze Certificate

This is to certify that _____ of _____ has obtained TEN QSL verification cards from different stations broadcasting in the Portuguese world, and is therefore entitled to this certificate. In witness whereof we have set our hands and seal this _____ day of _____ 196__.

The President _____
Secretary _____
Second Secretary _____

