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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 4X - Look for 4X0B to be active from the baptism site of Qasr al-Yahud on the banks of the Jordan River (Holyland square M17YN) on 28 January. QSL via 4X6ZM. [TNX 4Z4DX]
- 5T - Jean, 5T0JL (ON8RA) will be active again (CW only) as 5T0ITU on 1 February. The special callsign will be used during ITU events, in this case the 7th meeting of CWG-LANG (the ITU Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages of the Union). 5T0ITU will be QRV on several other occasions during 2017. See www.qrz.com/db/5T0ITU for Jean's activity calendar, and make sure to comply with his operating habits. QSL direct to ON8RA.
- 9M2 - A team will be active as 9M4LI from Lalang Island (AS-072), West Malaysia on 3-5 February. QSL direct to 9W2NDQ.
- FO/A - Neil VA7DX, Keith VE7KW, Madison W5MJ and Bob W5RF will be active as TX5T (www.australs2017.com) from Raivavae (OC-114), Austral Islands from 20 February to 3 March. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-10m. QSL via M0URX's OQRS (www.m0urx.com). [TNX M0URX]
- HA - Special callsign HG14HST is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on 8-12 September (see www.hst2017.org/en/ for complete details). QSL via HA2NA and LoTW.
- HC - Rick, NE8Z will be active again from Ecuador from 21 January to 9 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres as HC1MD from Tumbaco (Pichincha Province) and as HC1MD/HC2 from Ballenita (Santa Elena Province). QSL via K8LJG (direct) and LoTW.
- J7 - David, KK4WW and Gaynell, KK4WWW will be active as J79WW, J79WWW and J79USA from Dominica (NA-101) from 20 January to 1 February. QSLs via N4USA. [TNX DX World]
- PY - Murilo, PY2DS will be active as PR2GU from Ilha do Guarau (SA-071) on 20-21 January for "just a few hours". Expect him to operate CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via PY2DS, direct or bureau.
- UA2 - Special callsigns R1336F0 and R680FB0 will be active from 20 January to 20 April for the 680th anniversary of the the city of Chernyakhovsk (formerly known as Insterburg), Kaliningrad. QSL via R2FB0. [TNX qrz.ru]
- UN - UP28UA and other twelve special callsigns representing the various sports (UP28UAS, UP28UBA, UP28UCL, UP28UCS, UP28UFS, UP28UIH, UP28UNC, UP28USB, UP28USJ, UP28USK, UP28USS and UP28UST) will be active from 28 January to 8 February for the XXVIII Winter Universiade (the World University Games organized by the International University Sports Federation) to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. See <http://aarsk.kz/> for information on the award

programme. Paper QSLs via DL8KAC (direct); electronic QSLs will be available on <http://almaty2017.hamlog.ru/>.

- V3 - Victor, WB0TEV will be active again as V31VP from Belize on 9-14 February. He will operate mainly SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via home call (direct or bureau). [TNX DX World]
- VE - VY0ERC, the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station located in the environs of the weather station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008), will be active again from 22 January until early April. "QRV time will be as and when conditions allow". QSL via M00X0's OQRS. [TNX M00X0]
- VQ9 - Steve, W3HF will be active as VQ9HF from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Islands on 20-27 January. He plans to operate PSK31 on 40-10 metres in his spare time. QSL via home call (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX The Daily DX]
- W - Look for W2IQW and AC0QG to be active as N5A from South Padre Island (NA-092) between 18 January and 1 February. This special callsign for promoting and participating in the Winter Field Day (www.winterfieldday.com, 28-29 January). QSL direct to AC0QG. [TNX rsgbiota.org]
- W - The "KB7QPS Air, Space, and Technology Operating Event" will "commemorate man's historical milestones in air, space, and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve 1x1 callsigns during 2017. The first one is N7R (19-23 January), celebrating "Three Generations of Mars Rovers"; it will be followed by W7J (2-6 February) for the "Discovery of Jupiter's Galilean Moons". See <http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/> for complete information. QSL direct to KB7QPS.
- YB - Leo, YC9MLL will be active from Flores Island (OC-151) [425DXN 1339] between 18 and 25 January, and again between 21 and 24 July. He will operate mainly SSB on 15 metres, but he might also give 20 and 40 metres a try. QSL via M00X0's OQRS (www.m0oxo.com) or direct only (for traditional cards) to Charles Wilmott, 60 Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4NG, United Kingdom. [TNX M00X0]
- YB - Emmanuel, F5LIT will be active as YB9/F5LIT from Bali Island (OC-022) from 27 January to 7 February. He will operate SSB on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSL via home call (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]
- YJ - Rod, YJ8RN departed for Gaua (formerly known as Santa Maria Island, OC-104) on 18 January and will be working there for a while. He hopes to be QRV on 40 and 20 metres between 6 and 9 UTC. QSL via NZ4DX. [TNX The Daily DX]

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3Y0Z: BOUVET 2018 ---> The "Team Statement of Commitment" that can be found on the DXpedition's website (www.bouvetdx.org) reads as follows:

A DXpedition to Bouvet is not to be taken lightly. Bouvet is a serious and dangerous place that demands attention to safety, serious planning,

physical and mental endurance, time to allow for storms and rough seas and a team with the right balance of size, experience, talent, emotional stability and sense of purpose. We feel we have met these criteria, but when we arrive at Bouvet, we also need to attend to our obligations to you, our financial supporters and DX audience. How we meet those obligations and expectations will define us as a team.

It is our belief that, given the rarity of this entity, we must pull out all the stops. We must utilize maximum legal power, the best antennas, world class transceivers, propagation studies, the best location on the island, a safe vessel and crew, highly qualified helicopter pilots and the complementary resources of our team. We will need near real-time information flowing to us through our extensive pilot system, so that we can maximize our primary purpose - providing QSOs.

We have a conscience. We will not do this just for the sake of doing it and end up using a compromised location, less than 24/7 coverage of all open bands, limited power, inefficient antennas and insufficient time at the island. We want to do this right, and give everyone the best possible chance of making the QSOs they desire, be they on 160, the WARC bands, SSB, CW, RTTY or 6 and 2 meter EME.

Rest assured that we will do our very best for you! No shortcuts or compromises!

425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The December 2016 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

IOTA NEWS ---> "A final reminder that the last date for mailing applications or updates to checkpoints for inclusion in the 2017 Honour Roll and other performance tables is 31 January 2017", Roger Balister (G3KMA) posted to www.rsgbiota.org on 19 January. "If postmarked after that date, they will be processed in the normal way but the scores will be held over to the following year's listing. It is important that participants who have not updated since the 2012 annual listings and wish to remain listed should make a submission on or before 31 January 2017. Chasers with a pending score of more than 100 IOTAs valid for the basic award who have never submitted an application should consider entering the programme now. The IOTA Board has before it a proposal to withdraw chasers' access to records that are being used for essentially private benefit without any apparent intention to enter the programme".

+ SILENT KEY + Kurt Bindschedler, HB9MX passed away on 17 January. Born in 1926, he was the doyen of Swiss DXers and the first President of the Swiss DX Foundation. Over a 15-year span he operated multiple times as S79MX from the Seychelles, including activity from at that time rare IOTA groups such as the Aldabra, Cosmoledo, Amirante and Farquhar Islands.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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3D2JS	WB2TJ0	EN1UCF	UR7UT	T88TK	JI6BFF
3V8CB	LX1N0	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	T88UW	JH7IPR
4K9W	DL6KVA	GB2GM	G3UCQ	T88WM	JQ6FQI
4L9M	R3XA	GB8KW	G0UKN	TM57A	F-11734
4M1K	OH0XX	HC1WDT	W00R	TM57D	F-11734
4M4C	YV4YC	HF6ESK	SP6PWW	TM57H	F-11734
4S7KKG	DC0KK	HG14HST	HA2NA	TM57N	F-11734
7Q7BP	G3MRC	HH2AA	NR6M	UE74M	RQ7L
7U9C	SM4VPZ	HH8/N3BNA	KA2AEV	V31AX	M0URX
7X5KBS	2E0SDV	HK1MW	N200	V31RF	K8NDS
8Q7RB	GM4DLG	HP2/IZ2ZTQ	IZ2LSP [d]	V31VC	SP7VC
9A1957AA	9A2AA	HP2/IZ2ZTQ	IZ2ZTQ [b]	V31W0	W09K
9H2017EU	9H1SP	HV0A	IK0FVC	V31YN	DJ4KW
9M6XR0	M0URX	J79WTA	HB9MFM	V51RJ	EA7FTR
9Q6AL	DF9TA	KC4AAA	K1IED	V51WH	DK2WH
A45WH	NI5DX	KL7SB/VP9	NI5DX	V63ARJ	JA3ARJ
A62A	A61BK	LZ114RF	LZ1YE	V63LSS	JH3LSS
A65BG	PA5M	NH0DX/NH2	JL3RDC	VE100VIMY/VE2	N7R0
A65DR	N4GNR	OF0TA	OH2TA	VE100VIMY/VE3	N7R0
A71TA	IZ8CLM	OH100FIN	OH2AP	VK3FY/DU8	M00X0
A71YY	M00X0	OK2RRR	OK2RZ	VP2VAW	W4KZK
A75GT	N4GNR	OM42KYSUCE	OM3CND	VP8DMH	M0PRL
AP2TN	DJ9ZB	OX90EDR	OZ1ACB	VR2USJ	JF1RCY
AU2WBR	VU2NR0	P29LL	EA7FTR	VU2RBQ	DJ9RB
CN2VB	UA4WHX	R1238M	RK3AW	W2T	KC2SWB
C06HLP	IZ1DSH	R170VN	RW3VA	W3T	W4AAW
CX2AQ	EA5KB	R17TCNY	RN3RQ [b]	XR7T	CE7PG0
D2XX	CT1CRS	R17TCNY	UA3RU [d]	XT2HB	F5MVB
DC500LS	DM2AJK	R1CA/P	R1CX	XW4ZW	K1SE
DM5LUTHER	DJ6SI	R1QAP	RA1QV [b]	YJ0WW	JA2NQG
DP0GVN	DL5EBE	R1QAP	UA1QV [d]	ZD8KFC	N4GNR
DU1/JA3FJE	JN3VQM	R90DOSAAF	RN3RQ	ZD8SC	WB4GHY
DU1KA	NR6M	RI1ANA	ZS10IN	ZF2LC	W2SM
E51ADD	K7ADD	RZ1CWC	RW6HS	ZF2PG	K8PGJ
E51AMF	K7ADD	SN0GKR	SP3PGR	ZS8Z	ZS1LS
E51WWA	AD7AF	SN25BW0SP	SQ40	ZV2CV	PY2XIZ
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