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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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- 3B8 - Slavo, SP2JMB will operate CW as either 3B8/SP2JMB or 3B8SC from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 8-23 April. He will be joined by Bogdan, 3B8/SP2FUD, who will be operating SSB and RTTY. [TNX SP2JMB]
- 5H - Niko, S53A will be active as 5I1S from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) until 6 April. He operates holiday style using 100 watts and fixed delta loops on 20, 15, 10 and possibly 17 metres. His favourite mode is CW, but some SSB is also possible during this trip. QSL via S53A, direct or bureau.
- DL - Helmut, DL7VOX will be active as DL7VOX/p from Usedom Island (EU-129) and lighthouse between 22 April and 11 May. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands, using 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via DL7VOX, direct or bureau. [TNX DL7VOX]
- F - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day, the REF's Department of Haut-Rhin (REF 68) will operate special event station TM68X from Wittenheim, France on 5-18 April. QSL via F8BU0. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
- F - A group of operators from Union Francaise des Telegraphistes and Clipperton DX Club will be active as F8UFT from Brehat Island (EU-074) on 7-12 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on as many bands as possible. QSL for this operation only via F5UBH, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]
- F - The Charente DX Group will be active as TM0B from Brehat Island (EU-074) on 21-28 May. Seven operators (namely F1BLQ, F5E0T, F5LOW, F5MNK, F5NBQ, F6HKA and ON4ZD) will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on the HF bands with four or five stations. QSL via F6ANA, direct or bureau. A log-search will be available at users.belgacom.net/cdxg after the expedition. [TNX ON4ZD]
- F - A group of seven operators (namely F4BCG, F4FCS, F5RAB, F6AXN, F6DPD, F6DXE and F8AEJ) will be active as TM5EL from Sein Island (EU-068) on 7-14 April. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands, 6 and 2 metres, 70 and 23cm. QSL via F6KHI, direct or bureau. Further information an on-line logs can be found at ed28.ref-union.org [TNX F5NQL]
- GM - MM0DGR/p will operate CW, SSB and BPSK63 on 40-10 metres from the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve on 3 April. QSL via MM0DFV. Further information is available at gmff.org [TNX MM0DFV]
- I - Several members of ARI Sanremo will be active as IQ1SM/p and I1UWF/p from the Hanbury Botanical Gardens nature preserve on 11 April. They expect to operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via bureau. [TNX I1UWF]
- JD1_oga- Once again Makoto, JI5RPT will be active as JD1BLY from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 2-7 May. He plans to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-6 metres and via satellite. QSL via home call,

- direct or bureau. Further information, including on-line log and QSLling instructions, can be found at www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ [TNX JI5RPT]
- LA - Walidi, SP7IDX will be active holiday style as LA/SP7IDX from Engeloya (EU-062) on 2-17 June. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres with 100 watts and a beam antenna. [TNX SP7IDX]
- LX - Filip, ON4AEO along with Koel/LX1ER, Steffi/ON3AEO, Luc/ON3CL, Jean/ON3JEP, Jose/ON4CJK, Ronny/ON4RK, Kath/ON7BK, Adele/ZR6APT, Lucas/ZS6ACT, Sid/ZS6AYC and Gert/ZS6GC will be active as LX9FC from Luxemburg on 5-11 April. They plan to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK on 80-10 metres. QSL via ON4CJK, direct or bureau. [TNX ON4AEO]
- OK - Special callsign OL350LP will be aired by former radio officers OK1DNJ, OK1DX, OK1FCA and OK1FCJ until the end of April. It will represent former HF coast radio station Praharadio (callsign OLP), which operated from 1975 until 2000. QSL via OK1DRQ. [TNX OK1FCA]
- T32 - The Line Islands DXpedition team started their 3-day operations from Caroline Island (OC-281) around 05.30 UTC on 1 April. QSL via SM6CAS. QSLling instructions and further information at t32line.webnode.com
- TT - Phil, F4EGS will be on a 2-month work assignment in Chad starting on 10 April. He plans to operate SSB, CW and some RTTY on 40-10 metres in his spare time. His callsign is not known at the moment, but it is likely to be TT8PK, which he used repeatedly in the past. QSL via F4EGS, direct or bureau. [TNX F5NQL]
- UR - Radio Club Stakhanov (UR4MWN) will be active as EM0MFF from Luhanskyi nature reserve on 16-18 April. They plan to operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via UX7MA, direct or bureau. [TNX UX7MA]
- V6 - JA1ADT (V63DQ), JA7GYP (V63T) and JA7HMZ (V63DX) will be active on all bands and modes from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 11-17 April. QSL via home calls. [TNX NG3K]
- VE - Once again Gregg, VE3ZZ will be active from VY2TT's superstation on Prince Edward Island (NA-029) on 21-26 July. During the IOTA Contest (24-25 July) he will operate as VY2X, and outside the contest as VE3ZZ/VY2. QSL both calls via VE3ZZ, direct or bureau. [TNX VE3ZZ]
- VQ9 - Jim, ND9M (VQ9JC) will be back to Diego Garcia (AF-006) on or about 9 April for four months. He expects to get the callsign VQ90JC for him to use in late May and early June, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. [TNX The Daily DX]
- XE - Celebrating the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution and the Bicentennial of Mexico's Independence, amateur radio operators from Mexico have been authorized to use special prefix 4B through the end of the year.
- ZL7 - Kaz, JH1HRJ (ZL3JP) will be active as ZL7J from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) between 27 April and 3 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via JH1HRJ, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

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JAN MAYEN 2011 ---> The team for the 4-16 July 2011 expedition to Jan Mayen [425DXN 982] includes EI6FR, HB9ASZ, K6WH, NI1L, OH2TA, SQ8X (team leader), SQ9C, SQ9DIE and SV2KBS. Complete details will be given in due course. [TNX DX World]

NEW BOOK ---> Idiom Press has announced the forthcoming publication of a new book by Bob Locher, W9KNI (the author of "The Complete DX'er"). It is entitled "A Year of DX" and it follows Bob as he makes an all out effort to win the 2008 running of CQ Magazine's DX Marathon (a year long operating event during which a contestant works as many countries and CQ zones as possible, any band or any mode). The book also contains discussions of what DXing is all about, the possibilities of DXing in low sun spot periods contributed by KF7E, a chapter on optimizing your SSB transmit audio by K7JA, a discussion of what is the ideal linear amplifier, and much more. Book publication is 1 May, but advance orders are being accepted now at idiompress.com/yearofdx.php [TNX W9KNI]

NOT THE MANAGER ---> Yuri Sinitso (UA1RJ) says that effective 31 March he is no longer the QSL manager for a number of "World Flora Fauna" operations conducted between 22 August 2008 and 13 August 2009 (RA3AUU/3, RW3GW/3, UE1RFF/#, UE1TFF, UE1ZFF, UE3FFF and UE9WFF/#), as well as for UA9XKB/FJL (September 2006 - September 2007). Any question should be addressed to RW3GW (rw3gw@mail.ru). [TNX UA1RJ]

PACIFIC 2009 ---> Gerben, PG5M operated from Fiji (3D2GM), Tuvalu (T2G) and Tarawa (T30GM) in September 2009. A detailed article on that experience ("Pacific 2009 Ultra Light Solo DXpedition"), including pictures, statistics and useful information, is now available for download from www.dx.to [TNX PG5M]

QSL EI0W ---> Mike, EI2CL (IRTS QSL Bureau Manager) says that "significant numbers of QSLs for EI0W arriving at the IRTS QSL Bureau bear incorrect QSL route information. QSLs for EI0W/P (1974 and 1975 activations) are proper to EI2CL. QSLs for EI0W (2005 activations, and all later years) are proper to EI2JD".

QSL K4M ---> Approximately 5000 QSLs were mailed on 26 March. This represents QSL requests received by 15 March, those received after that date are being processed daily. QSLs mailed included those received via regular mail and OQSL. The OQSL feature will continue to be available for approximately 3 more months. QSLs received that have problems - such as "Not in Log", incorrect postage, no postage, no SAE, separate card request, or any other issue - have not been mailed and are being processed. Bureau QSLs will be mailed at some point in the future after the major amount of direct requests are processed. A special e-mail request feature (midway2009QSLs@gmail.com) has been set up to answer any inquiries. Please refrain from using it until 15 April, to allow the team to process all requests on hand. [TNX N1DG]

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. Please note that QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)

VY0V ---> All's well that ends well, but Cezar, VE3LYC (VY0V) had a very tough and dreadful time while on East Pen Island (NA-231). His guide abandoned him on the island and the promised replacement guide never materialized. Some 36 hours after he remained alone on the island, Cezar had run out of fuel and supplies, the battery was running low, the rain was pouring and the wind was howling: "I decided that a Search & Rescue mission will be required", he says, "and launched a distress call". It took several hours for the rescue teams to reach Cezar at around 23 UTC on 1 April. Further information on this "eventful day", which saw many operators in Canada and the US offering their active assistance, can be found at qrz.com under VY0V, as well as on dx-world.net

+ SILENT KEYS + Recently reported Silent keys include Englemar Wenk (DK1WE), Claude Bonne (F6DJB), Enzo Fiorletta (IZ0FNE), Gary A. Stilwell (KI6T) and Charles C. Richardson (W8JQ).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3A2LF, 3A2MD, 3B7C, 3B8DB, 3D20CR, 3DA0EL, 3DA0MM, 3DA0VM, 3V8S, 4L6AA, 4S7TWG, 4U1ITU, 4U1UN, 4U1WB, 5E50SA, 5H2WK, 5H3EE, 5N50K, 6Y5/N2FF, 6Y7AM, 7N4QID, 7P8OK, 7X2GX, 7X4AN, 8R1PY, 9G5XX, 9L1NS, 9M0M, 9M2AX, 9V1YC, 9X0LX, A35KL, A92GE, BA4TB, BD1BYV, BX4AD, C37NL, C91VM/5, CE0Z/SM6CUK, CP4BT, CX2CC, DS5USH, DT8A, DU9/JI1FGX, E51WWA, E51WWB, E77DX, E7DX, EA6SX, EK6RL, EP3SMH, EY8/K4ZW, FO/N6JA, FS/KT8X, FT5GA, GD6IA, HB0/DL20B0, HC1HC, HI8MVW, HK1KYR, J6/VE3CZF, J7Y, J88DR, JD1BLY, JD1BMM, K2V, K4M, KB5ENR/KH3, KL7HRN, KP2YL, KP4KE, M00VL/p (EU-109), OH1VR/VP9, OX/EA4NA, OX2A, OY1CT, OY10F, P29VV, PJ7MF, PQ0F, PW2TA (SA-071), PY0S/PS7JN, PY2XB/PY0F, PZ5TT, R1FJM, RA9AD, RU0SYL, RW90A, RZ0SN, SU1SK, T30IW, TF3CW, TM6KBK, TX4T, TX5SPA, TX5SPM, UA0CGR, UA0FO, UA0STT, UA0UK, UA2FF, UA9OEX, V31JZ/P, VE2BR/VY2 (NA-029), VK7ZE, VK9XX, VP2MUM, VP2V/SP3IPB, VP8BUG, VP8BUH, VP8DMN, VP9/W6PH, VQ9LA, VU2RMS, XR0Y, XR0ZA, XU7XRO, XV3RRC, XV4D, YJ0PX, YU40DW, Z21DXI, Z30U, Z35T, Z37M, ZA1Z, ZB2FK, ZD7FT, ZP0R, ZS1AFS, ZS4U, ZS9X, ZX5J, ZZ6Z (SA-019).

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