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Dear Friends,

425 Magazine, the monthly edition of **425 DX News**, is back by popular demand after a short interval. I am grateful to the **425DXN** team for inviting me to resume the project started with great enthusiasm by **Maurizio Bertolino, IZ1CRR**, and I hope to be able to come up to the expectations of our faithful readers all over the world.

Closing date for contributions is ten days prior to publication date. Please send your articles and picture to iz3eba@libero.it

73,
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VU4NRO AND VU4RBI ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI [425DXN 702] reports that on 19 November a special permission was granted for a legal amateur radio operation to take place from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the call signs **VU4NRO** and **VU4RBI**.

The permit covers the period 3-31 December 2004 and the authorization is for **Bhatathi** (team leader) and other four operators: **D.N. Prasad/VU2DBP**, **D.S. Varun Sastry/VU3DVS**, **S.Ram Mohan/VU2MYH** and **R.Sarath Babu/VU3RSB**. There are no firm answers yet as to what bands/modes nor what rigs/antennas. At all events, "this effort will not be a mass arrival of crack operators with tons of gear", **Charles Harpole (K4VUD/VU3CHE, k4vud@hotmail.com)** says. This is a pilot project and "in a year, if we all behave and have patience, Andaman could be much more open to ham radio visits or an on-going presence". **Bharathi** is working on this project with the **NIAR (www.niar.org)**, and donations can be directed to the **National Institute of Amateur Radio** (email niarvu4@gmail.com for the details). Donations can also be sent to **Charles Harpole, K4VUD/VU3CHE (3100 N.Hwy. 426, Geneva, FL 32732, USA)**, who undertakes to use any and all of them to assist this DXpedition via the **NIAR**.

DX INFORMATION

SOMALIA 2005

Silvano/I2YSB, Andrea/IK1PMR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Adriano/IK2GNW, Beppe/IK2WXV and Riccardo/IZ5BRW will operate with two stations on 160-6 metres as 600G (SSB) and 600CW (CW and RTTY) from Somalia on 3-17 February. QSL 600G via IK2GNW (direct) or M5AAV (bureau); QSL 600CW via I2YSB (direct) or M5AAV (bureau). Further information can be found at <http://www.i2ysb.com/6o/>.

"One of the main aims of this DXpedition", Silvano (I2YSB) says, "is to bring ham equipment to the Somali radio amateurs, fostering in a concrete way the development of amateur radio in the country. To this end, we shall donate yagi antennas, verticals, dipoles, HF and VHF/UHF transceivers, power supplies, a laptop, coax and accessories for the operation of one or two stations at the local radio club. We are investing all our efforts to make such a difficult and exotic country regularly active on the bands, so as to provide all hams worldwide a better possibility to get a rare new one. Donations towards the expenses of the DXpedition and helping in the procurement of the equipment to be donated are highly welcome". Please contact I2YSB (Silvano Borsa, P.O. Box 45, 27036 Mortara - PV, Italy; e-mail i2ysb@i2ysb.com) if you are willing to donate. [TNX I2YSB]

600G and 600CW



TAAR HOTEL GALKAYO

9N - Michael, PA5M is now in Nepal for three weeks, and is applying for a licence that allows him to operate on 30, 20, 17 and 6 metres. He will run 100 watts into a long wire for HF, while on 6 metres he will have a dipole. This time he will also try some digital modes RTTY, PSK31 or JT6M. Online logs and pictures will be available <http://www.pa7fm.nl> QSL via PA7FM. [TNX PA7FM]

BV - Hack/JL1EEE, Iku/JL1WQO, Tad/JL1ANP and Ayumi/JH7BZR will operate as BW2/homecall from Taiwan on 2-6 December. They plan to operate on 160-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY and to be active during the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. "We are not serious DXers or Top Band specialists", Ayumi, JH7BZR says, "but we would like to work as many stations as possible on 160m. Please be patient with us". QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX JH7BZR]

CE - Mario/CE6NE, Marco/CE6TBN, Zoli/HA1AG, Mike/K9AJ and Bruce/KD6WW are the operators for the DXpedition to the Rennel Islands (SA-???) [425DXN 696], which is now expected to take place on 11-15 February. They will be active as CE8A with two stations on 10-80 metres SSB and CW. The pilots will be Cezar/VE3LYC (EU and NA) and Gou/JA1QXY (AS and OC). QSL via CE6NE, direct (P.O.Box 866, Temuco, Chile) or bureau. The web page for the expedition is at <http://www.ce6ne.cl/rennell.htm> [TNX CE6TBN]

EAS - Look for EF8TDX to be aired on 15 metres only from Tufia Rock (DIE S-101), Canary Islands (AF-004) on 11-12 December. Qsl via EC8AUA, direct or bureau. Pictures etc will be posted at www.cidxs.com after the operation. [TNX IZ8CCW]

F - A couple of special stations will be activated for the French Telethon for research against genetic diseases. Look for TM8TLN on 3-4 December and TM6TLT on 1-8 December. QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX F5NQL]

G - G0SWY and G4OHX will operate special event station GB6BOB for four weeks starting on 27 December. The activity is to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge. Qsl via G0SWY (M.I. Humphrey, 4 Bluebell Road, Bassett, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 3LQ, England, UK). Special certificate is available on request; details can be found on the Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society's web site (<http://www.rsars.org.uk/specevts.htm>). [TNX F5NQL]

HB - The HB9MM Amateur Radio Club (<http://www.hb9mm.com/>) has been granted permission to be active as HE3RST until 3 December. They will operate on 10-40 metres from the Former Radio Suisse International (RSI) facilities. RSI has stopped broadcasting on short waves and the station is going to be dismantled. Qsl via HB9MM. [TNX F8IXZ]

HI - Mike, GW3UOF will operate (mainly CW, with some SSB and Digital modes) as GW3UOF/HI3 from the Dominican Republic between 28 November and 12 December. Qsl via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX GW3UOF]

HP - Wil, DJ7AA and Tina, DL6MYL will operate from Contadora Island (NA-072) from 19 November to 7 December. They will concentrate on the low bands (look for Wil on 1625.5 from around 03.00 to EU sunrise) and on 30 metres, plus some CW/RTTY activity on the WARC bands. Wil will participate in the CQ WW DX CW (Single Band) and ARRL 160 Meter Contests. QSL via DL6MYL. [TNX DJ7AA]

>>> ANTARCTICA NEWS <<<

KC4_ant - Chris Post, N3SIG reports he is ready to operate as KC4/N3SIG [425DXN 704] from McMurdo Station (K -09 for the Antarctica Award) on Ross Island (AN -001), Antarctica. He expects to start on 14243 kHz at 00.30 -01.00 UTC on 20 November. QSL via his home address ("I will get to them when I get home", he says).

R1A_ant - Dmitry, RZ3DJ reports that Vlady, RU3HD is heading for Antarctica, where he expects to spend about four months at the Russian base Novolazarevskaya(UA-08 for the Antarctica Award, IOTA AN -016). He plans to operate on all the HF bands as either R1ANN and RU3HD/ANT. QSL via RZ3DJ. [TNX UA9MHN]

HS - Bruce, AA4XR will be active as HS0ZCY from Bangkok, Thailand until 20 November and again on 1-7 December, with a heavy emphasis on the low bands and CW, RTTY and PSK31. [TNX KJ4UJ]

FH - Gerard, F6BEG has had to postpone his 1-12 November activity from Mayotte. However, Maurice, FH/F6AIG is currently active and will remain on the island until March 2005. [TNX F6BEG]

FR - Didier, F5TNI will operate (mainly on CW with some RTTY and PSK) as FR/F5TNI from Reunion Island (AF-016) on 2-22 February. He will also operate as 3B8/F5TNI from Mauritius (AF-049) for one week. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5TNI]

HS - HS72B [425DXN 675] will be activated from the SEANET Convention Hotel in Bangkok on 19-21 November. Starting from 23 November, expect more activity on the low and WARC bands, as a group of experienced LF DXpeditioners has offered to bring equipment and antenna hardware to help launch several intensive LF and WARC operations together with Thai operators. On 23-28 November look for activity on 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 metres, with an emphasis on the LF bands. HS72B will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a Multi-Multi entry, while the period from 29 November to 12 December will be dedicated to LF and WARC band operation by the visiting DXpedition team (namely DL3DXX, DL5LYM, WA6CDR, N5IA and G4ODV). QSL via E20NTS. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - Look for special station I1TPG (www.i1tpg.it) to be aired again on 3-5 December. This will be the official amateur radio station for the IX Paralympic Winter Games, which will be hosted in Torino in 2006. QSL via IZ1CCE, direct or bureau. [TNX IZ1CCE]

I_ant - Mario, IOQHM became active as IOQHM/IA0PS from Antarctica on 19 November and as IOQHM/KC4 on the 21st. This is the first activity for the 2004/05 season from the Italian "Mario Zucchelli" station (formerly known as Baia Terra Nova, I-01 for the Antarctica Award) at Terra Nova Bay, Victoria Land. Mario is expected to remain in Antarctica until around mid-February. He can be found around 18.30 - 19.15 UTC on 14180 kHz. The holder of IA0PS is Antarctic veteran Filippo Corbelli, IK0AIH, who does not participate in the current expedition. More info about the Italian Expedition at <http://www.italiantartide.it/spedizioni/xx/> [TNX IZ8CGS]

P4 - K6KO and K6TA will operate as P40K and P40TA from Aruba (SA-036) from 30 November to 21 December. They will participate in the ARRL 10 Meter (as P40K) and 160 Meter (as P40TA) Contests. QSL both via WM6A. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Special station PC100H will be activated from 7 UTC on 18 December until 19 UTC on the 19th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Dutch Coastal Station PCH Scheveningen Radio. QSL via PA1HR. Further information will be available on http://www.remeeus.nl/pch/pc100h/pc100h_uk.htm [TNX PA1K]

PY0_spp- Joca, PS7JN reports he will operate again from St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks (SA-014) from 25 November until 10 December. He plans to operate on all bands and modes during his spare time as PY0S/PS7JN, ZW0S or PY0SA.

PY - ZY7LH will be aired from Gameleira Lighthouse (DFB RN-05, ARLHS BRA-133) on 3-5 December. QSL via PS7AA. [TNX PS7AB]

S9 - Pekka Holstila/OH2TA, Pertti Simovaara/OH2PM and Martti Laine/OH2BH will operate from Sao Tome and Principe starting on 20 November for two weeks, CQ WW DX CW Contest included. They will have two stations covering all bands, and will operate CW and SSB as S9BB (outside the contest) and S9RR in the contest. Suggested frequencies are 1823/1833, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023 kHz (CW) and 3795, 7045, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 kHz (SSB). Daily contacts will be maintained with Pertti Turunen/OH2RF, Bill Avery/K6GNX and Yoichi Sakurada/JP1NWZ. QSL via OH2TA. [TNX OH2BN]

SP - Wojtek, SP8MI will operate as HF8IARU between 25 January and 6 March to celebrate the 80th anniversary of IARU and the 75th anniversary of PZK, the national IARU Society for Poland. QSL direct to home call (Wojtek Wlodzimierz Gelo, P.O. Box 27, PL 38-700 Ustrzyki Dln., Poland). [TNX SP8MI]

ST - Hugo, LA5YJ is now in Khartoum, Sudan and is going to apply for a licence (requested call will be ST7YJ). QSL via LA4YW (please note that Hugo still handles 9N7YJ, XU7ACW, MIOYJR and his home call). [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ST - Paul, ST2PN [425DXN 692] will be active from Sudan until 3 December. He will be back home in Norway for a few weeks, but will return to Sudan in January for another 6-month assignment. QSL via PA7FM (direct only, as Paul is not a member of the PA bureau). Online logs and pictures can be found a <http://www.pa7fm.nl> [TNX PA7FM]



Paul, ST2PN

TN - Baldur, DJ6SI will be active as TN6X from Congo on 4-12 December. He plans to operate on 10-160 metres CW only. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Wade, VE9WGS will operate as VC9COAL between 1 and 31 December to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the naming of Minto, New Brunswick for the arrival of the railroad in 1904. QSL via VE9WGS (Wade Gordon Smith, 96 Immigrant Rd, NB E4A 1B7, Canada). [TNX VA3RJ]

>>> FIJI ISLANDS <<<

VK - After his 3D2FI activities from Fiji (OC-016, OC-156 and OC-121) [425DXN 685], Steve, G0UIH will operate as VK2IAY/4 from North Stradbroke Island (OC-137) on 14-17 December. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. The web page for Steve's tour is www.maxproduction.co.uk/vk2iay/vk2iay2004.htm [TNX GM3VLB]

VK - The Ballarat Amateur Radio Group (BARG) will be operating special event station VI3BML on all bands and modes from 27 November to 5 December to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the rebellion at the Eureka Stockade. QSL via bureau or to VK3BML. [TNX VK3UR]

VP2M - Mike/N9NS (VP2MNS), Pete/N0FW (VP2MW), Charlie/W6KK (VP2MCK) and John/N7CQQ (requested call VP2MQQ) will be active on all bands from Montserrat (NA-103) on 2-13 December. They will participate in the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest (3-5 December) and in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (11-12 December) Contest as VP2MW. Information and on-line logs will be available at <http://www.wb8xx.com/vp2m>. QSL for all via W8QID. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8_fal - Cal/WF5W, Keith/NM5G, Madison/W5MJ and Paul/W5PF will be active from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) between 20 November and 4 December. They plan to operate on 80-10 metres (6 metres will depend on conditions) CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK with individual callsigns to be issued upon arrival. They will also participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as VP8WWW. This will be a low power operation, as amplifiers are not permitted. QSL for all calls via W5PF. Suggested frequencies and other information is available at <http://www.qtdx.com>

VP8_fal - Juergen, DJ2VO will operate (on 10-80 metres CW only, callsign to be issued upon arrival) from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) from 30 November until 10 December. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP8_sg - Mike, GM0HCQ (VP8CMH) has arrived at King Edward Point, South Georgia (AN-007) and has already been active as VP8SGK. He hopes to be able to operate for a few hours each evening. QSL via GM0HCQ. Regular updates are posted at <http://www.gm0hcq.com/>

VU_ant - Arasu, VU2UR reports that VU3BPZ is leaving on 2 December and expects to arrive at Maitri Base (VU-02 for the Antarctica Award), Antarctica (AN-016) on the 22nd. This will be the 24th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (<http://www.ncaor.org/>). [TNX IZ8CGS]

XU - Wim, ON6TZ and Jack, ON4AJT will operate as XU7POS and XU7AJV from Cambodia starting on 20 November for about three months. [TNX F5NQL]

YS - Roberto, I2JIN will operate as YS3/I2JIN from El Salvador on 9-29 December. CW is his preferred mode. [TNX I2FUG]

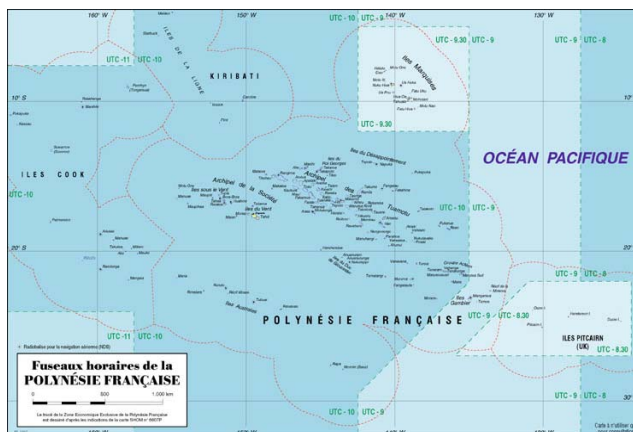
ZD - Martin, G3ZAY will be visiting Ascension Island (AF-003) and St. Helena (AF-022) over the Christmas period. He will be on Ascension Island (requested call ZD8ZA) on 21-22 December and again on 3-7 January, and on St. Helena (ZD7ZA) from 24 December to 1 January. QSL via home call. [TNX G3ZAY]

ZF - Pete, N2LM will operate (on 10-80 metres mainly SSB and RTTY) as ZF2PD from Grand Cayman (NA-016) from 26 December through 4 January. QSL via home call. [TNX N2LM]

>>> SOUTH COOK ISLANDS <<<

ZK1_sc - Mike, W7DRA will operate on 10-160 metres QRP as ZK1DRA from the South Cook Islands from 24 November until at least 5 December. [TNX The Daily DX]

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Michel/F6COW, Dominique/F6EPY and Radi/F6GNZ will be going on a one-month Pacific DX vacation in November-December, and will operate as follows: **24 Nov-09 Dec** ZK1COW, ZK1EPY, ZK1GNZ Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cooks 11 Dec-23 Dec FO/F6COW, FO/F6EPY, FO/F6GNZ Hiva Hoa, Marquesas (OC-027) They will have two stations and will operate mostly CW and SSB with some digital modes (PSK31, RTTY, SSTV) on demand. Expect activity on 80-10 metres, with some 160m if conditions allow, with a priority to the low bands. QSL via home calls. More information is available at <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/dominique.auprince/> [TNX F6EPY]



CQ WW DX SSB CONTEST ● The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (30-31 October):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
02	VE2IM	M/S	Canada	VE3DZ
05	FP/VE7SV	M/2	St.Pierre & Miquelon	N7RO
05	W4OV/VP9	M/?	Bermuda	W4OV
08	8P1A	SOAB HP	Barbados	NN1N
08	C6AVV	M/S	Bahamas	K1JB
08	C6DX		Bahamas	
08	CO8LY	SOSB 15m LP	Cuba	EA7ADH
08	CO8TW	SOSB 20m Lp	Cuba	IZ8CCW
08	FG/K9NW	SOAB ?	Guadeloupe	K9NW
08	FM5BH	SOAB HP	Martinique	
08	FM5FJ	SOSB 15m	Martinique	KU9C
08	FS/AH8DX	SOAB HP	St. Martin	
08	HI3CCP	M/M	Dominican Republic	AD4Z
08	J37K		Grenada	AC8G
08	J75J		Dominica	KR4DA
08	KG4WW	SOSB	Guantanamo Bay	KG4WW
08	KP3Z	SO HP	Puerto Rico	WC4E
08	NP3U		Puerto Rico	WP4U
08	T48K	M/S	Cuba	
08	V26B	M/2	Antigua & Barbuda	KA2AEV
08	V26DX	M/?	Antigua & Barbuda	KU9C
08	V29NR	SOSB (15m)	Antigua & Barbuda	YU1NR
08	UU5SY/V44	SOSB 10m	Nevis & St. Kitts	KC2FVN
08	V49A	SOSB 160m QRP	Nevis & St. Kitts	V44NK
08	VP2E	M/2	Anguilla	N5AU
08	VP5T		Turks & Caicos	N2VW
08	VP5X	M/S	Turks & Caicos	OH3RB
08	WP2Z	M/2	U.S. Virgin Islands	KU9C
07	TI8M	M/2	Costa Rica	TI2KAC
09	FY5KE	M/S	French Guiana	FY5KE
09	P40A	SOSB 20m	Aruba	WD9DZV
09	P40W		Aruba	N2MM
09	P49Y		Aruba	AE6Y
09	PJ4J	SOAB HP	Netherlands Antilles	DJ2MX
09	9Y4ZC	M/S	Trinidad & Tobago	DK1MM
10	HC8L	M/M	Galapagos Islands	W5UE
11	ZP0R	SOAB	Paraguay	W3HNK
11	ZX7U		Brazil	CT1AHU
14	4U1ITU	M/S	ITU Geneva	4U1ITU
14	8S7A	SOSB 15m	Sweden	W3HNK
14	CT7B	SOAB	Portugal	CT1ILT
14	CU2Z		Azores Islands	DK7JQ
14	EA6/LY1DF	SOAB or SOSB	Balearic Islands	LY1DF
14	GM2Z	SOAB HP	Scotland	MM0DFV
14	GM3W		Scotland	W3LEO
14	HB0/HB9AON	M/M	Liechtenstein	
14	MD4K	M/2 or M/M	Isle of Man	G3NKC
14	MJ0ASP	SOSB 20m	Jersey	F5SHQ
14	OZ5E	M/S	Denmark	
15	9A1A	M/M	Croatia	9A1A
15	IR4B		Italy	IK4AUY
15	IR8C	M/S	Italy	IZ8EDJ
15	IR8M		Italy	IZ8CCW
15	IS0A	M/M	Sardinia	IS0MYN
15	OH0I	M/S	Aland Islands	OH3BHL
15	OH0Z	SOAB HP	Aland Islands	OH5DX
15	ZA/OH2BH	SB	Albania	OH2BH
15	ZA/OH2PM	SB	Albania	OH2PM
17	EX9A	SOAB HP	Kyrgyzstan	UA3DPX
17	EY8MM	SOSB 20m or SOAB	Tajikistan	K1BV
17	UP5G	M/M	Kazakhstan	
20	4X0WV	M/S	Israel	KC8FS
20	C4W	SOAB HP	Cyprus	
20	J49Z	M/S	Crete	IK8UND
20	SX5R	SOAB LP	Dodecanese	SV5DKL
20	SY9Y	M/S	Crete	SV9FBM

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
20	SZ1A	M/S	Greece	bureau
21	4L6AM	SOSB 20m	Georgia	
21	A61AJ	SOAB	U.A.E.	K2UO (NA) or DJ2MX (others)
22	A52CDX		Bhutan	F9DK
23	JU1DX		Mongolia	JT1BV
23	UA0YAY		Asiatic Russia	IK2QPR
24	BV0J	M/2	Taiwan	BW0IR
24	XX9C	M/M	Macao	XX9BB
26	HS8AC	M/S	Thailand	E21EIC
26	XU7ACE	SOAB LP	Cambodia	ES1RA
27	AH2R	M/2	Guam	JH7QXJ
27	T88QQ		Palau	JA1KAJ
27	V6A	SOAB	Micronesia	JA7AO
28	YB0ECT	SOSB 10m	Indonesia	K3AIR
29	VK6AA	SOAB HP	Australia	
29	VK9XD	SOAB HP	Christmas Island	VK2CZ
31	KH7X	M/M	Hawaii	K2PF
31	T30T	SOAB LP	West Kiribati	K7ZZ
32	ZK1AQT		South Cook Islands	W6ORD
33	IH9P	M/S	(African) Italy	KR7X
33	CN2R	SOAB HP	Morocco	W7EJ
33	CQ9K		Madeira	CT3EE
33	CT9L		Madeira	DJ6QT
33	CQ3T		Madeira	CT3KN
33	EA8ZS	M/M	Canary Islands	OH1JT
35	5U7JB	SOAB HP	Niger	ON5NT
35	D4B	SOAB	Cape Verde	K1BV
35	D44TD	SOSB 20m HP	Cape Verde	CT1EKF
35	6W1RY	SOAB	Senegal	F5VHJ
35	C56ACA	SOSB 20m	The Gambia	ON4ACA
37	C91Z	SO HP	Mozambique	ZS6WPX
38	7P8Z	SOAB HP	Lesotho	ZS4TX
38	V55V	SO	Namibia	Z33AA
39	S79MH		Seychelles	HB9OCR
40	JW5E	M/S	Svalbard	JW5NM
40	TF4CW	SOSB 20m	Iceland	LX1NO

Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2004.html>

CQ WW DX CW CONTEST ● The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (27-28 November):

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
02	VO2AAA	M/S or M/2	Canada	K8DD
05	VP9I	M/2	Bermuda	KQ1F
07	V31RM	M/2	Belize	KN5H
08	8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	NN1N
08	C6AKQ	SOSB 40m LP	Bahamas	N4BP
08	C6AQQ		Bahamas	ND3F
08	C6ATP	SOSB 80m	Bahamas	OK1TD
08	C6AWS	SOAB LP	Bahamas	W6SJ
08	CO8LY	SOSB 15m LP	Cuba	EA7ADH
08	CO8TW	SOSB 20m LP	Cuba	I28CCW
08	J70J		Dominica	KU9C
08	J79A	SO?/LP	Dominica	K7GK
08	TO4A	SOAB	Martinique	VE3HO
08	V26K	SOAB LP	Antigua & Barbuda	AA3B
08	VP2MLA		Montserrat	LA9VDA
08	VP2MZM		Montserrat	K2DM
08	VP5W	M/2	Turks and Caicos	W7TSQ
08	WP2Z	M/?	US Virgin Islands	KU9C
08	WP3F	SOAB	Puerto Rico	DK8ZB
09	8R1K		Guyana	EA4BQ
09	9Y4ZC	SOAB HP	Trinidad & Tobago	DL6FBL
09	P40L	M/S	Aruba	K5WW
ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	DXCC	QSL VIA
09	P40W		Aruba	N2MM

10	CP6CW	M/S	Bolivia	W0ZR
10	HC8N	M/2	Galapagos Is	W5UE
12	XQ4ZW	SOAB LP	Chile	
13	CW2A	SOSB 10 or 15m	Uruguay	SM4DHF
13	VP8WWW		Falkland Islands	W5PF
14	CT7B	SOAB	Portugal	CT1ILT
14	EI/SP4Z	SOAB LP	Ireland	SP4Z
14	GJ2A	M/S	Jersey	K2WR
14	LX/G3VQO	SOAB LP	Luxembourg	G3VQO
14	LX7I	M/S	Luxembourg	LX2AJ
14	MJ0ASP	SOSB 15m	Jersey	F5SHQ
14	TM6X		France	
15	4U1VIC	M/S	Austria	4U1VIC
15	OH0B	SOSB 40m	Aland Islands	OH2BH
15	OH0I	SOAB HP	Aland Islands	OH3BHL
15	OH0Z	SOAB HP	Aland Islands	OH5DX
17	EY8MM	SOSB 20m or SOAB	Tajikistan	K1BV
20	P3J	SOAB	Cyprus	5B4AHJ
21	4K7Z	M/S	Azerbaijan	UA3FDX
21	9K2HN	SOSB 40m	Kuwait	9K2HN
22	8Q7DV	M/S	Maldives	UA9CLB
22	9N7BCC	M/?	Nepal	DK7YY
22	AT0B	SO LP	India	VK2BNG
24	BV0J	M/2	Taiwan	BW0IR
24	VR2JN/P		Hong Kong	JN4ASA
26	HS72B	M/M	Thailand	E2ONTS
26	XU7ADE	SOSB LP	Cambodia	E21EIC
26	XU7ADF	SOSB	Cambodia	AA4XR
26	XU7ADI	SO LP	Cambodia	SM5GMZ
27	AH2R	M/S	Guam	JH7QXJ
27	WH2A	SOSB 15m	Guam	KG6DX
28	9M6NA	SOAB HP	East Malaysia	JELJKL
28	YE0X	SOSB 80m HP	Indonesia	OK1JN
29	VK9AA	SOAB	Cocos/Keeling	DL8YR
29	VK9XG		Christmas	W0YG
32	3D2XA	M/M	Fiji	WA4WTG
32	VK9NW	SOAB LP	Norfolk Island	K9NW
32	ZK1DRA	SOAB LP	South Cook Islands	W7DRA
32	ZL6QH	M/M	New Zealand	ZL2AOH
32	ZM1A	M/M	New Zealand	ZL1AMO
33	3V8SF/p	SOSB 20m	Tunisia	
33	EA8/LY1DF	SOAB or SOSB	Canary Islands	LY1DF
33	EA8AH	SOSB 80m	Canary Islands	
33	EA8EA	SOSB 20m	Canary Islands	OH2MM
33	EA8EW	SOSB 15m	Canary Islands	OH1MA
33	EA8ZS	SOAB HP	Canary Islands	EA8ZS
33	IG9A	SOSB 160m	(African) Italy	IT9GSF
33	IH9P	SOSB 15M	(African) Italy	OK1MG
33	CN2R	SOSB 80m	Morocco	W7EJ
33	CN2KM	SOSB 20m	Morocco	SM2EKM
33	CT9L		Madeira	DJ6QT
34	SU8BHI		Egypt	HA3JB
34	SU9NC	SOAB LP	Egypt	OM2SA
35	5U5Z	M/M	Niger	G3SXW
35	6W1RW	SOAB HP	Senegal	F6BEE
35	6W7RV	SO LP	Senegal	F8CMT
35	9G5ZS	SOAB LP	Ghana	ZS6EGB
35	D4B	SOAB HP	Cape Verde	K1BV
36	S9A		Sao Tome & Principe	OH2TA
37	C91F	M/S	Mozambique	AA4NN
38	7P8ZZ	SO	Lesotho	ZS6WPX
38	V51/DL5XL	SOAB HP	Namibia	DL5XL
38	ZS4TX	SOAB HP	South Africa	ZS4TX
40	JW5E	M/S	Svalbard	JW5NM
40	TF3CW	SOAB HP	Iceland	LX1NO

Do not forget to give a look to the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqc2004.html>

GOOD TO KNOW

40 METRES (IRELAND) ● The 7100-7200 kHz segment of 40 metres was released to Irish (EI) amateur radio operators on 22 October. Operation in this segment will be on a secondary basis and is subject to a power limit of 20dBW (ERP). [TNX EI2BB and EI7CC]

40 METRES (SWITZERLAND) ● USKA President Friedrich Tinner, HB9AAQ reports that effective 1 January 2005 amateur radio operators in Switzerland will gain access to the 7100-7200 kHz segment of 40 metres, with a power limit of 100 watts (ERP).

40 METRES (UK) ● Effective at 0100 UTC October 31, the radio amateurs in the British Isles gain access to 7100 to 7200 kHz. The segment is available on a secondary basis. The change is a result of actions taken during World Radiocommunication Conference 2003, where conferees agreed to move broadcasters out of 7100 to 7200 kHz in Regions 1 and 3 to make room for the Amateur Service. Great Britain is the first country to authorize access to the additional spectrum, although the WRC-03 change does not formally go into effect until 2009.

AA PY-05 ● Antarctica Award Manager Gianni Marruccella, IZ8CGS reports that a new reference number (PY-05) has been issued to the Brazilian refuge "Emilio Goeldi" on Elephant Island, South Shetlands following the recent brief activity by Lunkes, PT2HF (Antarctica Award Checkpoint for Brazil) and Stuckert, PT2GTI. They stopped about half a day only on Elephant Island (AN-010) during the voyage to King George Island [425DXN 702], where the main Brazilian scientific station ("ComandanteFerraz", PY-01 <http://www.secirm.mar.mil.br/ferraz/ifferraz2.htm>) is located. Bad weather conditions affected the operations from Ferraz base, where the antennas suffered from strong winds. PT2GTI says that a new activity from Antarctica might take place in February.

ANTARCTICA MAP ● A very nice map of Antarctica, published by the Australian Antarctic Division, can be seen on the Mediterraneo DX Club's web site (www.mdxc.org/antarctica). Antarctica Award Manager IZ8CGS says that it will be sent as a free to those who request the Antarctica Award.

C.A.O.S.A. ● The Scottish-Russian ARS sponsors the Council Areas of Scotland Award (CAOSA) for working amateur radio stations in the 32 council areas of Scotland. Enquiries should besent to the Award Manager by e-mail (srars@srars.org) or at the address: Scottish-Russian ARS, P.O. Box 7469, Glasgow, G42 0YD, Scotland, UK. The rules are downloadable at <http://www.srars.org/webdocs/caosa.pdf>

CE0ZIS ● The new address for Eliazar is P.O. Box 157, Los Andes, Chile. He lives on mainland Chile [425DXN 700], but, according to CE6TBN, he should be back to Juan Fernandez next week for about ten days. [TNX CE6TBN]

CTC ● The Croatian Telegraphy Club (Franjevacka 5, 42220 Novi Marof, Croatia) was founded on 12 December 2001 and gathers members from all over the world. For further information please e-mail ctc@hamradio.hr or visit www.qsl.net/ctc [TNX 9A3FO]

EU-008 ● Jurij, MM0DFV (<http://www.scotham.net>) reports that the following amateur radio operators are resident on the Isle of Mull (IOSA NH-15, SCOTIA CN-10) in the Inner Hebrides (EU-008): GM0PRO, GM3JZK, GM4EHB, GM6UIZ and MM0JRM. A sixth callsign, GB2IMM, is for the Isle of Mull Museum at Tobermory. Further information on the Isle of Mull can be found at <http://www.scotham.net/modules.php?name=News∓file=article&sid=324>

EU-008 ● Jurij, MM0DFV (<http://www.scotham.net>) reports that the following amateur radio operators are resident on the Isle of Skye (IOSA NH-07, SCOTIA CN-14), the largest island in the Inner Hebrides (EU-008): GM0BTL, GM0CVD, GM0DXE, GM0EWX, GM0EXW, GM0EZX, GM0HBK, GM3MTW, GM3SWK, GM4TRH, GM4WZD, GM6KUL, GM7OMN, GM8YUG and MM0LUP. Complete information on the island is at <http://www.scotham.net/modules.php?name=News∓file=article&sid=327>

HS72B ● The HS72B CQWW & Special DX Operation [425DXN 706] team has already received very generous donations, but still needs help to complete this project and bring the RAST club station on line with permanent full performance stations. Some ten days ago Ray Gerrard, G3NOM/HS0ZDZ (RAST international Vice President and station manager for HS0AC and HS72B) suffered a severe heart attack. He is still hospitalized, and unfortunately his conditions are far from being encouraging, but the project goes on: "we need your best wishes & prayers for Ray and your economic support for the club station he spent so much time building for RAST", Robin, WA6CDR says. "Please send any funds you can to WA6CDR for NA, or DL3DXX for EU, or to HS0AC (RAST) for AS, QRZ addresses good. We will personally acknowledge each donation when we return in mid December". Anyone who would like to send their wishes for Ray's recovery may send a message to dx@thai.com [TNX WA6CDR]

INDEXA ● The International DX Association election results for 2004-2005 are as follows: President - Judy Roush, AA7UC; Vice President - Ron Wright, ZL1AMO; Secretary/Treasurer - Bill Jennings, W4UNP. Directors are Richard Grant, W9RG (Chairman), ZL1AMO, Franz Langner, DJ9ZB and Nellie Saltiel de Lazard, XE1CI. The Executive Committee includes AA7UC, W4UNP and ZL1AMO. For more information contact Judy Roush, AA7UC (jroush@cybertrails.com) visit <http://www.indexa.org> [TNX AA7UC]

MDXC MEMBERS TROPHY ● The Mediterraneo DX Club's worldwide membership is growing. To celebrate the 200th member mark the club organizes the first MDXC Members Trophy, which will take place on 4-6 February 2005. Information on the event can be found at www.mdxc.org/trophy2005.asp [TNX IZ8CCW]



NEW CONTEST CALLS (SWEDEN) ● A new series of contest calls has been released in Sweden. Expect SA+number+one-letter calls (for instance SA5D, issued to John, SM5DJZ) to be aired during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. [TNX SM5DJZ]

NOT THE MANAGER ● Ken, K4ZW says he is receiving bureau cards for JT1CO and other JT stations for which he is not the QSL manager.

NOT THE MANAGER ● Patrice, F6JOB is receiving cards for F6EPY's past DXpeditions (YJ0APY, ZK1EPY, 5W0DA), but he is not the QSL manager for Dominique. The current QSL route for these activities (2001 and 2002) is via F6COW. Please note that Dominique is going to operate again as ZK1EPY and then as FO/ZK1EPY [425DXN 705]; the QSL route for the 2004 operations is via home call. [TNX F5NQL]

NOT THE MANAGER ● Francisco, EA7FTR reports that "a station in the CQWW DX SSB Contest, LQ5H, stated to QSL via EA7FTR. He states this is incorrect, and he is NOT the QSL Manager". [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

OH CONTEST/DX MEETING ● The 10th annual CCF (Contest Club Finland) and OHDXF (OH DX Foundation, <http://www.ohdx.fi/frame2/en/ieindex.htm>) Contest and DX Meeting will be held aboard the Viking Line m/s Gabriella on 21-23 January 2005. The ship will travel from Finland to the Aland Islands to Sweden and back. Preliminary agenda, prices and on-line registration form are now available at <http://www.qsl.net/ccf/meet10th.htm> [TNX OH2UA]



PUCCINI AWARD ● The 7th International "Giacomo Puccini" Award and competition, organized by the Italian YL Radio Club (www.arri.it/ylrci) with the participation of the Puccini Festival Foundation (www.puccinifestival.it) and the patronage of the City of Viareggio, is open to licenced amateurs and SWLs and will be held on 1-10 December. For further information please contact Emanuela Trevisan, IZ2ELV (iz2elv@yahoo.it)

NAVASSA (KP1) & DESECHEO (KP5)

The following is a summary of recent releases circulated by Carl Smith, N4AA (Editor of QRZ-DX), Bernie McLenny, W3UR (Editor of The Daily DX) and Michael Thomas, NA5U (Lone Star DX Association). US Congressman Nick Rahall (Democrat of West Virginia), ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Resources, has agreed to sponsor a bill that in effect would force the US Fish and Wildlife Service to allow occasional DXpeditions to either Navassa and Desecheo. The FWS has heretofore turned down every recent DXpedition effort to these places based on what the bill's sponsors believe to be erroneous interpretation of the law governing wildlife refuges. The bill, which is co-sponsored by Congressman Richard Pombo (Republican of California), was introduced on 16 November as Bill #HR 5361. This is the result of a group effort led by attorney Brad Farrell, K4RT and Michael Thomas, NA5U. At least 30 other DXers and a number of DX groups are assisting to move the legislative effort forward. DXers all over the US are invited to contact their respective Congressmen as soon as possible, and ask for their support of Bill #HR5361. A sample letter can be found at <http://www.dailydx.com/int2E.DOC.You> can find your Congressman's name at <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> and his snail mail address at <http://clerk.house.gov/members/index.html>. Brad Farrell, K4RT has also filed an appeal with a federal court, seeking review of the agency's closure of the islands to amateur radio. Judicial review will be prolonged and costly, and the Lone Star DX Association, the primary DX organization associated with this effort, is helping raise needed funds. As the host organization for the project, the LSDXA has donated \$500 to a fund it will administer to help pay for the costs of moving the effort forward in Congress and in court. If you or your organization would like to help, please send your donation to the Lone Star DX Association c/o Jim Bass, K5KQI, 2709 Monarch Dr., Arlington, TX 76006. Mark your donation for the "Navassa-Desecheo Project." News updates, additional information and resources can be found at <http://www.dxer.org/>.

QSL MANAGER SURVEY ● The "Golist, QSL Manager List" (<http://golist.net/>) conducts an annual survey (over 2500 participants last year) to determine the Top 5 QSL Managers for the year, based upon nominations from DXers world wide. DXers around the world are asked to submit the call signs of their Top 5 QSL managers for 2004, based solely upon their opinion of how the QSL manager responded to their QSL requests. Please send the list of your nominees to golist@golist.net (nominations are accepted from 1 December 2004 through 1 February 2005). [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

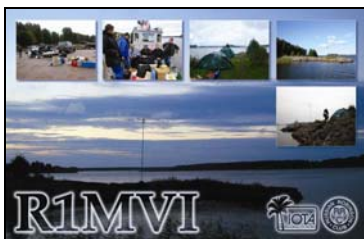
QSL 9J2BO ● "Brian, 9J2BO has no Email facilities and it is pointless sending him requests for cards on EQSLcard.com because he has no means of retrieving them", Brian's QSL manager (Mike, G3TEV) says. Mike welcomes e-mail requests for 9J2BO bureau cards (MIKE@g3tev.freemove.co.uk). [TNX G3TEV]

QSL BX3AC ● With immediate effect, Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH is the new QSL manager for Bill Luo, BX3AC. Cards will be accepted and replied to either direct or via the RSGB bureau. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk [TNX K1XN and The Golist]

QSL IZ8BGY ● Pino, IZ8BGY (Mediterraneo DX Club President) reports that the QSL cards for his island activities of 1997-99 (IZ8BGY/ID8 and IZ8BGY/p) should be sent to IK8WEJ, while the QSL route for 2000-02 is via IZ8CCW.

QSL LU3XQO ● Jorge Riga, LU3XQO from Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego reports that his new QSL manager is Patrick, WD9EWK (direct or bureau). Information on the stations whose QSLing Patrick takes care of can be found at <http://qsl.wd9ewk.net/>

QSL R1MVI ● Denis, RA3AMG (QSL manager for the 10-12 September operation from Malyj Vysotsky) reports that requests are being processed right now. On-line log and a list of cards received/sent can be found at www.r1mvi.com [TNX RA3AMG]



QSL SV2DGH ● Chris reports that the address given in 425DXN #632 is no longer valid. His current address is: Christos Sfyris, P.O. Box 4200, Smyrnis 5, 57019 Ano Perea, Thessaloniki, Greece.

QSL TO5M ● Please note that the QSL route for either FR/F6BUM and TO5M (Reunion Island) is via F6CXJ. Do not send your requests to Jack, F6BUM.

QSL UA0SR ● Serge, UA0SR reports that his new QSL manager is Joe, W3HNC, who has the logs from 1 January 2000 onwards. This information does not apply to Russian stations.

QSL UE9MDA/9 ● Bureau cards for RDA operations by UE9MDA/9 in June and September 2004 can be requested by e-mail (rz9mxm@mail.ru) or on-line (<http://www.qsl.net/rw9mc/manager/ra9mx.htm>). [TNX RA9MX]

QSL VK9LA & VK9LW ● Bill Horner, VK4FW reports that the QSL cards for the recent activity from Lord Howe are at the printers and should be ready in a week or so. QSLing will begin immediately and cards will be mailed daily until all requests are out. Please do not affix VK stamps on your return envelope, Bill says, "as most times the amounts are incorrect".

QSL VP5X ● Please note that all requests for VP5X QSL cards go via Kari, OH3RB. This was a last minute change, please refrain from sending requests to W2GB. [TNX W2GB]

QSL XF4IH ● Enrique, XE1IH says that XF4IH (Socorro Island, Revillagigedo) requests sent to his POB can get "lost". It is advisable to use registered mail and send the requests to his home address: Enrique Garcia Munive, Av. Insula Edificio 15-A-301, U. H. Acueducto de Guadalupe, 07270 Mexico City, Mexico. [TNX XE1IH]

QSL VIA F5PBL ● Claude, F5PBL/LZ5KF reports that effective 1 January 2005 he will no longer be able to receive cards through the REF bureau. The new QSL route is via LZ5KF (bureau) or F5PBL (direct only). This apply to QSL card requests for 3W2KF, F5PBL and LZ5KF.

QSL VIA HA1AG ● Zoli, HA1AG reports he still has plenty of blank cards for T32NCC, E44/HA1AG, HG50HSC, 9A/HA1AG (EU-110), OH/PA1AG (EU-140) and PA/HA1AG (EU-038). QSL direct or bureau (e-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ha1ag@yahoo.com).

QSL VIA NY3N ● Ray Shankweiler, NY3N (ex 5R8FK, 7P8SR, EP2SR, JY9SR, SV0AU, etc) was killed in a motorcycle accident in Macedonia on 24 April 2004. The QSL cards have been printed (thanks to the sponsorship of W4MPY QSLs and The Daily DX) and mailed to Ray's wife, Nonie. She will reply to direct requests sent to: Nonie Shankweiler, 16522 Rainbow Lake Road, Houston, TX 77095, USA. [TNX The Daily DX]

T33C VIDEO ● The T33C (Banaba 2004) video package includes a DVD record of the expedition (including details of the radio operation and scenes of Banaba and its people) and a second disc containing still photographs of Banaba and many of the Powerpoint slides that were shown in June at Friedrichshafen. All proceeds will go toward paying off the expenses of the expedition. On-line ordering details are at http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/order_dvd.htm [TNX K6SRZ]

UKRAINIAN DX CONTEST ● It will take place on 160-10 metres (WARC bands excluded) CW, SSB and RTTY, from 12 UTC on 6 November through 12 UTC on the 7th. Full rules and results are available at <http://www.ucc.zp.ua/> or <http://www.qsl.net/ut1ia/> [TNX UX0FF]

+ SILENT KEYS + We have received the sad news of the recent passing of Umberto Marchesini (I8KUT), Dieter Stumpp (DL1SDN) and Albert Schläffer, DL7MAT (founding member of the Bavarian DX Group and the Bavarian Contest Club). [TNX I8LEL, DK1RV, DL7MAE]

+ SILENT KEY + Luis, CT4NH reports that old timer and well known Portuguese DXer Francisco Felizardo, CT1ALF passed away on 25 November.

NEWS FROM THE WEB

IOTA CONTEST: The results of this year's event can be found at <http://www.contesting.co.uk/hfcc/results/2004/iota2004a.shtml>

LOGS: Online logs for FK/IK6CAC and YJ0ACC are available at <http://www.ik6cac.com>. E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ik6cac@amsat.org [TNX IK6CAC]

LOGS: Online logs for contacts made with NP3U during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest 2004 are available at www.hamlogsonline.com. QSL via WP4U, direct or bureau. [TNX WP4U]

OC-052: The listings of QSL cards received by IT9YRE, I1SNW and IT9EJW for their recent operation from Hereheretue Atoll (OC-052) can be found at <http://www.printed.it/oc052.html>. Nando, IT9YRE will not be reachable from 22 November through 25 December, so please refrain from e-mailing him. [TNX IT9YRE]

RSGB HFC: A few pictures of the 22-24 October HF and IOTA Convention can be found at www.mdxc.org/iotaconvention [TNX IZ8CCW] and at ARI Bologna web site <http://www.ari-bo.it/xxconvegno.htm> [TNX IK4UPU].

S92BWW: Pictures and on-line logs for the recent operation from Rolas Island can be found at <http://www.qsl.net/s92bww> [TNX CT1BWW]



SOFTWARE: The new software for the W.A.I.S. Award (the Italian Squares Award), written by IK3QAR, is now downloadable at www.aribusto.it [TNX IK2UVR]

TOP LISTS: The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at <http://www.globalnet.it/toplist/home.htm> - please send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Erminio Pandocchi, I2EOW (i2eow@fastwebnet.it)

TX9: The TX9Chesterfield2004) statistics can be found at <http://www.df3cb.com/chesterfield/news.html>. logs available for a few days only: "We got a handful of reports about bands logged wrong in the online log search", the team says. "We have identified the errors, will fix them, however we decided to close the online log search and not to re-open it again".

VK4WWI: Johan, PA3EXX/VK4WWI reports that pictures and on-line logs for his recent IOTA operations are available at <http://home.quicknet.nl/mw/prive/willemsen/> or <http://home.tiscali.nl/~su042021/>. Poor propagation conditions affected his activity and he logged a total of about 3300 QSOs. Direct QSL requests will be processed during the coming weeks, in time for the IOTA Honour Roll annual update deadline.

QSL ROUTES

QSLs RECEIVED DIRECT OR THROUGH MANAGERS

2M0NJW/P (EU-059), 3A2MW, 3B8/DL3LBP, 3D2VB, 3DA0RN, 4C2X, 4K3ZZZ(EU-082), 4K6CD, 4K9W, 4L/DL7FER, 4L3Y, 4S7JKG, 5R8GZ, 5T5SN, 5U7JB, 5W0DL, 5W0TR, 5W0VB, 5Z4DZ, 7P8DA, 7P8ZZ, 8P6SH, 8R1Z, 9G500, 9J2KC, 9L1JT, 9M6A, 9V1UV, A22/JA4ATV, A25LJ, A35RK, A35VB, A45WD, A61AJ, A71BX, A71EM, A92GR, AA4V (NA-110),AD6YS/7 (NA-065), AT0RI (AS-173), AY1ZA (LU-14), BI7DX (AS-139), C21DL, C50I (AF-060), CE0YEH, CO6XN, CO8KA, CT9M (AF-046), CX4NF, D2PFN, D4B, DF3ZE/p (EU-042), EK3SA, EK6DM, ES1QD, ES7NY/2 (EU-149), EZ8BO, F5VHQ/P (EU-095), F8DQZ/P (EU-105), FK/AC4LN, FK/KM9D (OC-058), FM5AD, FO/AC4LN, FO/F6CTL (OC-131), FO0CLA (OC-152), FP/W8MV, FP5BZ, FW/AC4LN, FW7AQR, GB0SM(EU-011), GM0LVI/p (EU-092), H40VB, H44V, H44VV, H44W, HB0/HB9AON, HC1OT, HH4/K4QD, HK1HHX, HK3JJH/YV7 (SA-012), HK3WGQ, IP1/IK5PWQ(EU-083), J42T, J5UAT/P (AF-020), JJ8DEN/6(AS-036), JW0HS, JW1CCA, JY9QJ, K7ASU/KH9, KD6WW/VY0 (NA-130), KG4GJ, KH0/AC4LN, KH9/K7ASU, KN5G/P (NA-143), LA/DM2AUJ(EU-076), LT0H, LU1ZA (LU-14), LU2ZV (LU-13), LX/DL6WT, M8C (EU-011), MM0TFU/P (EU-123), N1DX (NA-137), NP4BM, OC3I (SA-074), OD5RMK (AS-108), P29KPH, P29SX, P29VVB, P29XF (OC-240), P43JB, PJ4/N2WB, R1MVI (EU-117), R1Z, R2MWO, RIOIMA(AS-170), RI9KM, S21AR, SM7CRW (EU-037), SV0XAI/9, T20VB, T30AD, T30VB, T33C, T88VV, TI2/SM4DHF, TI8M, TO6M, TS7N, TT8KR, TT8PK, TU2/F5PTM, TZ6M, UA0FZ (AS-018), UA2FCB, V31LZ, V31MD, V51/DL5XL, V63MB, V73NS (OC-028), V73VV, V8FDX, V85PB, VE7IG/1(NA-081 & NA-154), VE8RCS, VK4LV (OC-137), VK9NS, VP2MLE, VQ9LA, VU2GSM, VU2TS, VY2ZM, XF4IH, YA7X, YB9BU(OC-022), YC9YKI (OC-147), YE1P (OC-237), YE2R, YE8V (OC-157), YI9MD, YJ0VB, YJ0XX, YK1BA, YT2A/LGT (EU-163), Z31MM, Z37M, Z38Z, ZB2FX, ZB300FX, ZC4LI, ZC4TS, ZK1/AC4LN, ZL/AA8LL(OC-201), ZP6EM, ZW8P (SA-060).

CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8MM	DL6UAA	HC8L	W5UE	TF4CW	LX1NO
4E72BP	DU1BP	HE3RSI	HB9MM	TI2VW	EA7FTR
4E72LA	DU7LA	HF0QF	SP7IWA	TI8M	TI2KAC
4K5D	K2PF	HG1000PAX	HA6VA	TT8FC	EA4AHK
4K6DI	DL7EDH	HI3CCP	AD4Z	TU2OJ	F5IPW
4N8A	YU1EA	HS8AC/P	E21EIC	TU5KC	F5TLN
4S7DLG	DK7TF	HV0HQ	pirate	UA0SR	W3HNK (d)
4S7VK	DJ9ZB	IH9P	KR7X	UA0YAY	IK2QPR
5B/HA5RT	HA6NL	IR4B	IK4AUY	UE0CAN	UA0CFC
5B/HA6NL	HA6NL	IS0A	IS0MYN	UE3IAT	UA3AGY
5R8GZ	G3SWH	J37K	AC8G	UE6AZZ	RA6AU
5T5SN	IZ1BZV	J49Z	IK8UND	UK8OM	IK2QPR
5U7JB	ON5NT	J75J	KR4DA	UN5A	DL8KAC
5Z4YT1CS	YT1CS	J75WX	W4WX	UU5SY/V44	KC2FVN
6W1RY	F5VHJ	J79AA	W9AAZ	V26B	KA2AEV
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A61AJ	K2UO (c)	LU7AC/D	LU7DSY	VK5OI	DL2CS

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AH2R	JH7QXJ	LU8EBJ/D	LU7DSY	VP2EDG	W2RQ
BA4DW/4	BA4DW	LU9ESD/D	LU7DSY	VP2EEJ	VE3EJ
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CN2R	W7EJ	NP3U	WP4U	VQ9OG	W9ROG
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CX9AU	KA5TUF	P49Y	AE6Y	XX9TTA	BA4TA
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(a) CQ WW DX SSB 2004 only

(b) Rest of the world

(c) North America

(d) Outside Russia only



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THE ANTARCTICA AWARD

The Mediterraneo DX Club (www.mdxc.org) issues the *Antarctica Award* (www.mdxc.org/antarctica/) for contacting amateur radio stations operating from the various human settlements ("bases") in Antarctica, defined as the area south of 60° South latitude, including islands and ice shelves, to which the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty apply.

The *Antarctica Award* is available to either licenced amateurs and SWLs.

All contacts must have taken place since 1 January 1961.

Contacts may be made on any amateur radio HF band from 10 to 160 metres, on CW, SSB and RTTY (neither single band nor single mode endorsements will be issued).

The **Basic Award** is issued for confirmed contacts with 5 different bases located in at least 3 of the 7 sectors into which the Antarctic territory has been divided up for the purposes of this Award.

The fees for the Basic Award are EUR 15,00 or USD 15.00 (EUR 12,00 or USD 12.00 for MDXC members), P&P included.

Full rules can be found at www.mdxc.org/antarctica/rules.asp.

The *Antarctica Award* Directory, as well as the Application Form and the Summary Sheets, are available for download in .pdf format (please visit the «Download» page).

The Mediterraneo DX Club undertakes to use any and all proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses to support amateur radio operations from Antarctica by the printing of QSL cards for stations in need, as already done for AY1ZA (South Orkney Islands, February 2004).

Further information and inquiries

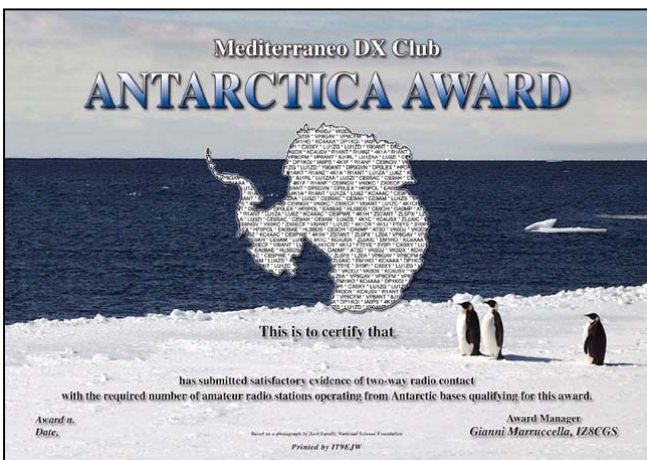
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Thanking you in advance for any publicity you may be willing to give to the *Antarctica Award*,
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 Mediterraneo DX Club, Secretary



AA Basic Award



AA Honour Roll

Antarctica Award • Frequently Asked Questions

Why has the MDXC decided to establish the Antarctica Award?

Antarctica is an inhospitable land that fascinates amateur radio operators, also because, like the radio waves, neither borders nor politics affect it. The MDXC is the largest DX club in Italy, and several members interested in Antarctica, as well as in DXing and island chasing, urged us to turn our attention to the frozen continent. The *Antarctica Award* project took shape in February 2004, developed in the following months and was finalized at the same time as the restyling of the Club's web site.

What relations are there between the MDXC and the Diamond DX Club?

There is not any relation of any kind, and the MDXC is not and has never been interested in passing judgement on matters unconnected with the Club's own activities.

Why do you use the WABA Directory 2003 for the Antarctica Award?

Because in our judgement its scientific and historical approach to the matter makes it by far the current most reliable source of information on Antarctic bases.

Why does the Antarctica Award not issue its own reference numbers?

We have adopted the WABA Directory 2003 reference numbers in order to avoid confusion, as Antarctica enthusiasts have been accustomed to that system for years. Unnumbered bases that have been activated in the last two years have been issued their own number (for instance CE-12 for the Chilean "Ardley Refuge", activated by CE9/R1ANF on 15 May 2004), and other numbers will be issued in the future when a "new one" is activated.

A recent new Antarctic Directory, published a couple of weeks after yours, bears a certain resemblance to the Antarctica Award list. Can you explain why?

The *Antarctica Award* openly makes declared use of the WABA Directory 2003, a valuable piece of work that resulted from an extensive revision exercise. The WABA Directory 2003 was first presented at the XVIII Italian HF-DX Convention in September 2002 (see [425 DX News #587](#)), later on it was made available on-line for free consultation ([425 DX News #598](#)) and downloading ([425 DX News #609](#)). An in-depth study of the revised WABA

Directory, including detailed explanations on the changes made (corrections, integrations, etc), was published in the March 2003 issue of *Radio Rivista*, the monthly journal of ARI, the Italian amateur radio IARU society ([click here](#) for a .pdf copy of the article – in Italian). Having said that, we neither know nor are interested in knowing where that «recent new Antarctic Directory» took its data from: a certain degree of resemblance is quite obvious, as Antarctic bases cannot be relocated somewhere else according to one's liking. At all events, Antarctica enthusiasts will appreciate the ultimate common aim: the closer the resemblances, the fewer the misunderstandings, the ambiguities and the inconsistencies.

What relations are there between the MDXC and the RSGB IOTA Programme's management?

There is not any relation of any kind.

Why have you included IOTA Reference Numbers for the bases?

Because it is common knowledge that the MDXC is interested in amateur radio activities that take place from islands, and all of the Antarctic bases – even the Amundsen-Scott Station at the South Pole – are located on islands that count for IOTA. The *Antarctica Award* makes use of the WABA Directory 2003, which is the official source of information for the IOTA Programme as far as Antarctic Base locations are concerned.

Will the MDXC appoint local Checkpoints for the Antarctica Award?

Yes, the MDXC intends appointing local Checkpoints. They shall be selected preferably among the club members, but we do not exclude to turn also to non-members. The list of appointed Checkpoints will be published on this web site.

Will the participants' scores be published?

Yes, the scores will be published on this web site. Participants are encouraged to increase their scores whenever they want and for as many times in the calendar year as

they want. However, the deadline for mailing an update in order to have up-to-date scores included in the next year's *Antarctica Award* listing is 30 November.

Does the MDXC envisage to make profit on the Antarctica Award?

The Mediterraneo DX Club is a non-profit organization. The members of the MDXC Board



McMurdo Station (AA K-09)
on Ross Island



The Celebration Pole at Amundsen-
Scott South Pole Station (K-08)

of Directors have no business relations of any kind with the amateur radio sector, including, but not limited to, equipment and accessory trade, contributions to specialized trade magazines, production of marketable software, books and booklets. The *Antarctica Award Directory* is available free of charge and the MDXC undertakes to use any and all proceeds beyond out-of-pocket expenses to support amateur radio operations from Antarctica by the printing of QSL cards for stations in need (as we have already done for AY1ZA's operation from the South Orkneys).



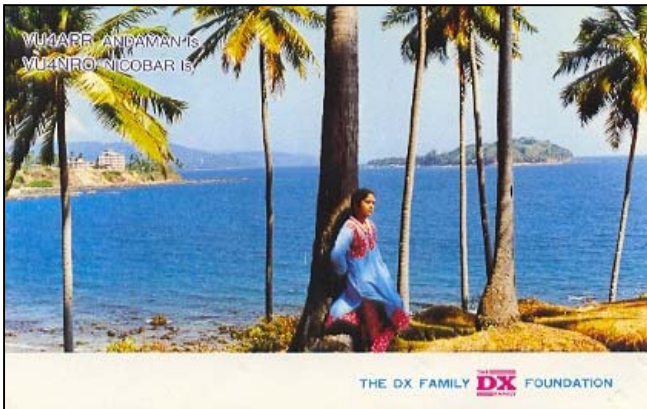
Is the MDXC open to co-operation?

It is a tradition for the MDXC to co-operate in projects promoted in the common interest of amateur radio, with no bias against anybody. Whereas we are not interested in either stirring up or participating in controversy, we are prepared to open confrontation on technical matters, as long as judgements are based on facts and mutual respect for the people involved is preserved.

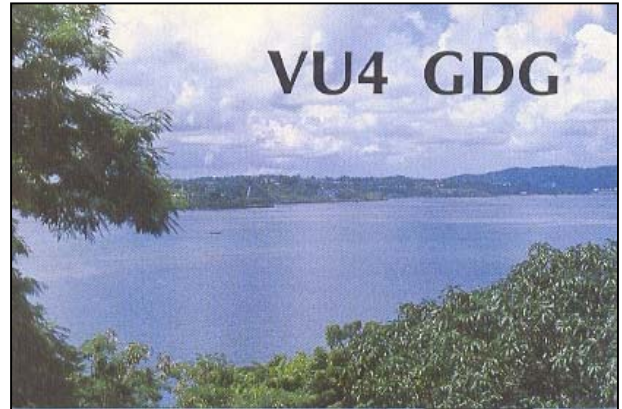
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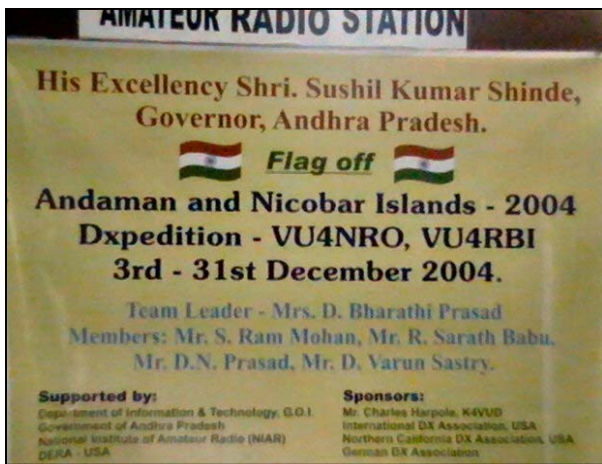
The Italian Antarctic station "Baia Terra Nova" (Northern Foothills, Victoria Land, 74.41S-164.07E) has been renamed **Mario Zucchelli Station**. Born in 1944 and passed away in 2003, Zucchelli was the President of the Consortium for the implementation of the Italian Research Programme in Antarctica and leader of 17 Antarctic expeditions. The opening ceremony of the new station name was held on 29 November.



**VU4APR (Andaman) and VU4NRO (Nicobar)
March 1987**



**VU4GDG (Andaman Islands)
October 1987**



The 3-31 December 2004 DXpedition to Port Blair, Andaman Island

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