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- 3D2 - OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will leave Western Samoa (see 5W below) on 23 March and fly to Fiji, where they will stay until 1 April (callsigns to be announced). A trip to Rotuma depends on transport. They plan to concentrate on the low and WARC bands with at least two stations. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.
- 5N - The Daily DX reports that Pat, 5N0T and his wife Nicole, 5N0YL, will go QRT from Nigeria and move to the Democratic Republic of Congo on February. QSL for both 5N0T and 5N0YL via F2YT.
- 5W - OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will leave Tonga (see A3 below) on 14 March and fly to Western Samoa (OC-097), where they will stay until 23 March (callsigns to be announced). A side trip to American Samoa is possible during their staying on Western Samoa. They plan to concentrate on the low and WARC bands with at least two stations. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.
- 9K - QSL manager W8CNL reports that Bob Furzer, 9K2ZZ, is again active from Kuwait for about one year. For the time being he can operate on 40 metres only, but plans are to put up antennas for other bands (WARC and 160 metres included). QSL direct to W8CNL (Raymond McClure, 5 McKenzie Circle, N. Augusta, SC 29841-4319, USA).
- 9M0\_spr- Don Field, G3XTT reports that arrangements for the CDXC (Chiltern DX Club) forthcoming 9MOC expedition [425DXN 339] to Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) are going well. The equipment has been shipped by sea from UK and Japan. It will arrive in Sabah, Malaysia in early January and will then be sent to Pulau Layang Layang before the arrival of the multinational team. The first main group now plans to arrive on Pulau Layang Layang on 10 February, which gives them three full days to set up a very extensive antenna farm (they will have at least two antennas for virtually every band) and five stations. The second group arrives on 13 February. They

will then be fully operational for at least nine full days including two complete week-ends. Pilot stations will be Martin, G3ZAY (spratly@dial.pipex.com) in Europe; Don, N1DG (nldg@aurumtel.com) in North America and Yoichi, JP1NWZ (jplnwz@cqpub.co.jp) in Japan. Donations can be made to K5VT (USA), VK2BEX (Japan/Oceania) and G3WGV (elsewhere). QSL via G3SWH either direct (Phil Whitchurch, 21 Dickensons Grove, Congresbury, Bristol, BS19 5HQ, England) or through the bureau (Phil will accept requests for bureau cards by e-mail at phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk). For further information and latest development please check <http://members.aol.com/spratly98>

- 9X - The Daily DX reports that Andy, 9X0A (RW3AH) will be active from Rwanda until early March. QSL via DL5WM (Gottfried Gerth, Obere Dorfstr 13 A, D-09661 Gruenlichtenberg, Germany).
- A3 - OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will leave South Cooks (see ZK1 below) on 4 March and fly to Tonga, where they will stay until 14 March (callsigns to be announced). They plan to concentrate on the low and WARC bands with at least two stations. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.
- A3 - The Daily DX reports that Ed, K8VIR will be active as A35VI from Tonga from April to May (see ZL7 below). Look for him on 14.260 and 21.300 MHz +/- QRM. QSL to Ed Hartz, A35VI, P.O. Box 9, Te Anau, New Zealand.
- D6 - Martin, HB9CYN reports he and Chris, HB9CYV will be active as D68YN and D68YV respectively from Comoros (AF-007) between 25 January and 6 February. They will operate CW and SSB (maybe RTTY) on 10-80 metres (maybe 160). Logs will be available after the DXpedition at <http://ab5eh-lin.tamucc.edu/~hb9cyn>
- EA6 - Paco, EA50L reports that ED6IDR will be active from Isla del Rey o del Hospital (EU-004, DIE E-168) on 11 January. QSL via EA6QY (Apto 240, 07700 Mahon, Menorca, Spain).
- F - Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active (on 10-40 metres CW and 20 metres SSB) as F5SGI/P from Re Island (EU-032) between 15 and 21 February.

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- FO - Czech DX Foundation (OKDXF) members OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will leave Prague on 18 February for a DX trip to the Pacific. Between 20 and 24 February they will be active from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia (callsigns to be announced). They plan to concentrate on the low and WARC bands with at least two stations. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.
- FT5 - The OPDX Bulletin reports that FR5HR is expected to be on Crozet for five days, then Kerguelen for five days and then Amsterdam for ten days between 1 and 22 January.
- FT5W - Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that Jean-Paul, F5BU is expected to arrive to Crozet (AF-008) on 21 January. He will be active (mostly

- on SSB) as FT5WG until 18 March. QSL via F6APU.
- HB0 - Joe Iwakura, HB0/HB9LEY reports he will look for North America (04.30-06.30 UTC) and for Japan & Pacific (20.30-22.30 UTC) on 1.830 MHz on 17 and 18 January. QSL via JH1BSE (Masa Yamamura, 2-10-6 Arai, Nakanoku, Tokyo 165, Japan).
- JW - JW1BJA is reported to be active on 160 metres from Bear Island (EU-027), Svalbard. QSL via LA1BJA.
- KC4\_ant- Bob, K4MZU reports that since propagation has been poor to Europe on 20 metres, Deneb (YL) and Sheldon at KC4AAC (Anvers Island, AN-012) [425DXN 346] have agreed to come on 15 metres this coming weekend (10 and 11 January). Look for them on 21.243 Mhz at 13.00, 14.00 and 15.00 UTC (top of the hour). QSL via K4MZU.
- LU\_ant - The Daily DX reports that LU6AUB/Z is currently active from Vicecomodoro Marambio Base (WABA LU-03). QSL to Jorge Gonzales, Marambio Base, via Deposito Antartico, Primeira Brigada Aera el Palomar, CP 1684, Provincia de Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- PY - Pedro, PP5SZ reports to 425 DX News that Jesus, PS8ET will be active from Grande de Santa Isabel Island (SA-025, DIB 19, DFB PI-03) between 12 and 18 January. QSL via PS8ET.
- PY - Pedro, PP5SZ reports that Lima, PY1NEZ will be active as ZW0Z from Itacoruca Island (DIB 66) between 15 to 18 January.
- PY - Mario, PQ8MM is reported to be planning an operation from Maraca Island (SA-045) between 19 and 21 February. His activity from SA-042 [425DXN 339] has been postponed, maybe to July. QSL via Mario Gomes, P.O. Box 533, 68906-972 Macapa, Amapa, Brazil.
- PY\_ssh - The Daily DX reports that PT2HF and PT2NP will be joining Alberto, PY2ASK at ZX0ECF (Comandante Ferraz Base, South Shetlands, AN-010) [425DXN 348] between 19 January and 9 February. QSL via PY2ASK (Alberto W. Setzer, P.O. Box 8111, Sao Jose dos Campos - SP, 12212-970, Brasil).
- T31 - The Daily DX reports that Norbert, T31BB [425DXN 345] and his wife Judith, T31BA will remain on Canton Island (OC-043), Central Kiribati until 16 January. Norbert should be listening for Europe only at 06.00 UTC on 40 metres and at 07.00 UTC on 20 metres over the North Pole. QSL via DF6FK.
- TL - Pascal, TL8PL, is still active even though he was reported to leave at the end of December 1997 [425DXN 342]. QSL via F5LNA.
- TR - Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that Roland, F8EN will be active (mostly on CW) as TR8CR from 5 February for five weeks at least. QSL via F6AJA.
- TT - The Daily DX reports that Michel, TT8KM [425DXN 335] was expected to take down his antennas this week. He has been in Chad for 3 months and made over 14,500 QSOs as TT8KM and over 500 QSOs as TT37Y [425DXN 343]. QSL via F6FNU.
- TZ - The Daily DX reports that Larry, TZ6VV and his wife Trish, TZ6YL will leave Mali on 19 January. They will be in the US until 1 August and then head back to Mali, hopefully with some RTTY equipment and some better low band antennas. Larry is a missionary who has been in Mali since 3 January 1987. To date he has made over 66,000 QSOs.
- V2 - AA1M, W1HL, KA1MID and W1USN will be active (all bands CW and SSB, callsigns have not been assigned as yet) from Antigua (NA-100) between 23 February and 2 March. QSL via home call either direct or through the bureau.

- VK9\_lh - Zbig, VK2EKY/SP5EKY is currently active as VK9EKY from Lord Howe (OC-004). QSL via 7J6AAK (Zbigniew Frank Murdzia, 8-4, Nakasugahigashi, Beppu, Oita, 874, Japan).
- XT - The Daily DX reports that Mike, F5RLE will be active (mostly on CW on all bands) from Burkina Faso as XT2DM between 22 January and 9 March.
- ZK1\_sc - OK1TN, OK1KT and OK1VD will leave Tahiti (see FO above) on 24 February and fly to Aitutaki (OC-083), South Cook Islands, where they will stay until 4 March (callsigns to be announced). They plan to concentrate on the low and WARC bands with at least two stations. QSL via OKDX Foundation, P.O.BOX 73 Bradlec, 293 06 Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.
- ZL7 - The Daily DX reports that Ed, K8VIR will be active (in his spare time) as K8VIR/ZL7 from Chatham Is (OC-038) from mid January to April (see A3 above). Look for him on 14.260 and 21.300 MHz +/- QRM. QSL to Ed Hartz, K8VIR/ZL7, P.O. Box 9, Te Anau, New Zealand.

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<< NEW IOTA CHECKPOINTS >>

The RSGB IOTA Committee is happy to announce the new checkpoint appointments in Eastern Europe and Japan. With regard to Eastern Europe (see details below), Istvan Bogyo, HA0DU (P.O. Box 16, H-4003 Debrecen, Hungary) will head a team which has as its other members HA0HW, HA0NAR and HA0UZ. HA0DU has also agreed to act as Country Assistant for Hungary. In the case of Japan, in addition to the appointment of Jim Nakajima, JA9IFF/1 as checkpoint (Setogaya 138-19-704, Hodogaya, Yokohama 240-0024, Japan), Kouji Hoshi, JQ1HBT has been appointed Country Assistant and Yuki Deguchi, JI6KVR as Special Adviser to the IOTA JA team.

<< HONOUR ROLL/ANNUAL LISTING UPDATE >>

<< IOTA CHECKPOINTS >>

IOTA members are reminded that updates for the annual listings should be mailed to their nominated checkpoints on or before 1 February 1998. There have been a number of checkpoint changes. Some were announced in September 1997, others are announced above. The full list of current IOTA Checkpoints includes:

- DK1RV (for Germany, Austria and Switzerland),  
 EA5KB (for Spain),  
 F6AJA (for France, Monaco, Andorra and French DOM-TOM),  
 G3ALI (for England-all G & M call-numbers except 0, Benelux, Denmark, Gibraltar, Ireland, Malta and Portugal plus Africa and Asia except Japan and ex-CIS),  
 G3TOK (for England-call-number G0 & M0, the rest of the UK including the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, all British SWLs, Finland, Iceland,

Norway, Sweden and ex-CIS countries),  
 HA0DU (for Hungary, Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic,  
 Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania,  
 Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Yugoslavia),  
 I1JQJ (for Italy and San Marino),  
 JA9IFF/1 (for Japan),  
 PY2DBU (for Brazil and South America excluding French Guiana),  
 VE3XN (for Canada, Mexico, Central America and other Caribbean),  
 VK9NS (for Australia, New Zealand and other Pacific),  
 W4BAA (for USA Call areas 7, 8, 9 & 0),  
 W4DKS (for USA Call areas 1, 2 & 3),  
 W9DC (for USA Call areas 4, 5 & 6; Caribbean and Pacific islands with US  
 Zip codes).

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 << NEW IOTA REFERENCE NUMBERS >>  
 << ISSUED AND/OR CONFIRMED IN 1997 >>

AF-076	5N4	Gulf of Guinea Group (Nigeria)
AF-077	ZS1	Cape Province - South Coast Group (South Africa)
AF-078	6W	Atlantic Coast South Group (Senegal)
AS-125	HS	Gulf of Thailand North East Group (Thailand)
AS-126	HS	Butang Group (Thailand)
AS-127	S2	Chittagong Region Group (Bangladesh)
AS-128	XV,3W	Mekong Delta West Group (Vietnam)
AS-129	BY7	Guangdong Province East Group (China)
AS-130	XW,3W	Con Son Group (Vietnam)
AS-131	BY7	Guangdong Province West Group (China)
AS-132	XV,3W	Fai Tsi Long Archipelago (Vietnam)
OC-217	YB3	Kangean Islands (Indonesia)
OC-218	FK	Matthew Islandsland (New Caledonia)
OC-219	YB8	Tukangbesi Islands (Indonesia)
OC-220	VK5	South Australia State West Group (Australia)
OC-221	YB8	Kai Islands (Indonesia)
OC-222	YB8	Obi Islands (Indonesia)
OC-223	VK2	New South Wales State South Group (Australia)
OC-224	YB8	Tanimbar Islands (Indonesia)
SA-085	CE1	Chanaral Island (Chile)

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>>> IOTA REFERENCE NUMBERS ISSUED IN DECEMBER 1997 <<<

SA-085	CE1	ATACAMA PROVINCE group (Chilean islands, letter "b", operation from Chanaral Island by CE1LDS/P in October 1997)
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AS-131 BY7 GUANGDONG PROVINCE WEST group (China, operation from Gui-Shan Island by BD7IA/7, BD7IX/7, BD7JA/7, BD7YA/7 and BG7NQ/7 in November 1997).  
AS-132 XV,3W FAI TSI LONG ARCHIPELAGO (Vietnam, operation from Cac Ba Island by XV8FP in November 1997).  
OC-224 YB8 TANIMBAR IS (Indonesia, operation from Yamdena Island by YC8SHQ/P since September 1997).

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>>> OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE PROVIDED ACCEPTABLE VALIDATION MATERIAL (\*) <<<

EU-065 F/ON4BDS/P Ouessant Island (July 1997)  
EU-068 F/ON4BDS/P Sein Island (July 1997)  
EU-074 F/ON4BDS/P Brehat Island (July 1997)  
EU-094 F/ON4BDS/P Glenan Islands (July 1997)  
EU-157 F/ON4BDS/P Cezembre Island (July 1997)  
AF-032 5H1/G3SWH Zanzibar (September 1997)  
AS-056 JI6KVR/6 Danjo Archipelago (November 1997)  
AS-131 BD7IA/7 Gui-Shan Island (November 1997)  
AS-131 BD7IX/7 Gui-Shan Island (November 1997)  
AS-131 BD7JA/7 Gui-Shan Island (November 1997)  
AS-131 BD7YA/7 Gui-Shan Island (November 1997)  
AS-131 BG7NQ/7 Gui-Shan Island (November 1997)  
AS-132 XV8FP Cac Ba Island (November 1997)  
OC-224 YC8SHQ/P Tanimbar Islands (resident since September 1997)  
SA-085 CE1LDS/P Chanaral Island (October 1997)

(\*) Includes operations where validation material was volunteered, ie not specifically required for credit to be given - in all cases cards now submitted will be accepted by Checkpoints.

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CWJF ---> 1998-99 officers for the Grupo de CW Juizforano (<http://www.powerline.com.br/cwjf>) are PY4WAS, PY4VB, PY4WQN, PY4VG and PY4EM.

IIA ---> 1997 activities by Salento DX Team from Italian islands included IJ7/ and IL7/ operations from the following IIA Reference Numbers: BA-003, BR-005, BR-011, BR-012, LE-001, LE-003, LE-004, LE-006, LE-009, LE-010, LE-013, LE-014, LE-015, LE-016, LE-017, LE-018, LE-020, LE-022, LE-021, LE-024, LE-025, LE-026, LE-029, LE-030, LE-031, LE-032, LE-034, LE-040, LE-041, LE-042, LE-045, TA-003, TA-004.

LU1ZC ---> LU1ZC (operated by LU6UO and LU4AXV from Destacamento Naval Deception on Deception Island, South Shetlands) [425DXN 341] has already logged 10539 QSOs (update 3 January 1998) on 160 (CW 2/SSB 0), 80 (358/13), 40 (1365/3), 30 (1788), 20 (2111/120), 17 (687/0), 15 (2822/25), 12 (897/12)

and 10 metres (244/92). QSL via LU6EF (Raul M. Diaz, GACW, Box 9, 1875 Wilde, Buenos Aires, Argentina).

LX9DX ---> QRZ-DX reports that this station, which was worked on 80 CW in late December, has not been on 80 metres for over a year and has not worked CW for over ten years.

MACQUARIE ---> The Daily DX reports that Tom Stokes, VK1TS/VK0TS hopes to have another opportunity to go back to Macquarie with proper equipment next year. There is currently one radio amateur on Macquarie, but he is only able to operate on UHF.

QSL FO ---> Doug, N6RT reports that the cards for the Southern California DX Club October 1997 expedition to Bora Bora (OC-067) [425DXN 337] have been received from the printer and are being sent out. Cards for FO8DX (1997 CQWW SSB Contest \*only\*) are via KG6AR, FO5VO via N6VO, FO0BRD via N6RT, FO0KEO via N7CQQ, FO0MIT via W6RW, FO0PLA via W8AEF, FO0SPE via KG6AR.

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QSL KP2A & TR8IG ---> Terry, N6CW is no longer the QSL manager for KP2A as of 1990 (QSL via W3HNK). Terry is \*not\* the QSL manager for the \*current\* TR8IG operation (QSL direct to Jean-Luc Perony, P.O.Box 740, Libreville, Gabon), but for the \*old\* TR8IG operation back in 1985.

QSL XV8FP ---> Jean-Michel, F6AJA reports that Alain, F6BFH should get the cards for XV8FP (AS-132, Fai Tsi Long Archipelago) in early January. Alain hopes to send them out by the end of the month.

QSL Z21AV ---> Karl, DL2FAG is \*not\* the QSL manager for this station. Cards should be addressed to Ron Peacock, P.O.Box 631, Kwekwe, Zimbabwe, Africa.

QSL ZM2K ---> Wilbert, ZL2BSJ is \*not\* the QSL manager for this station. QSL for ZM2K is via ZL2IR.

QSL VIA N200 ---> Bob Schenck, N200 reports the 9M600 (Spratly Islands) cards have arrived from the printer and should be sent out in a fortnight. The 9M6HIL cards are expected in a couple weeks from the printer. The KP2/N200 cards were printed awhile ago and have been processed. The 9M6AAC cards are not ready yet and won't be for awhile.

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QSL received via direct: 3A/DJ7RJ, 3B8CF, 4F2DX (OC-128), 4U1UN, 4U0ITU, 5A28, 5R8FK, 6W1QV, 9J2BO, 9K0A, 9X5/G3MRC, A35KY, A35RK, A35WA (OC-169), A4XYJ, BV5BG, C50YL, C6AJR (NA-113), CV5A (SA-030), DU9RG, EM1HO, ET3BT, F5VCR/p (DIFM AT-008, 126, 133, 134; MA-017, 057, 058, 139, 140), FH5CB, FK8GM, FK8VHN, GM6UW/P (EU-112), HI3HN, HL5FUA, HP1/DL5RBW, DL7DF/HR3, IA1/IK2PZG (EU-083; IIA SV-002); IA5/IK2YWO (EU-028; IIA GR-002), ID8/IK8WEJ

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QSL received via WF5E DX QSL Service: 8P9JA, 9G1BJ, C94AI, EA9PB, HD2RG, HK3JH/5 (SA-017), HS50A (AS-125), PY1ZOFO/0F, S01M, S202R, S0A, YL2RP, VU2AXA (WABA VU-02), XT2DM.

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