Bodo, DF8DX will be active from Tanzania on 20-28 April. His tentative itinerary is as follows:
20 April 5H1DX/3 Dar Es Salaam
21 April 5H1DX/3 Bongoyo Island (AF-075), from 9 to 19 UTC
22-26 April 5H1DX Pemba Island (AF-063)
26-28 April 5H1DX Zanzibar (AF-032)

He will operate mainly CW on the IOTA frequencies, with 100 watts and vertical antennas. QSL via DF8DX and LoTW.

Roger, LA4GHA is now active from Kenya (5Z4/LA4GHA) and Somalia (6O0LA) while on a work assignment for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. He is QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes until December 2014. QSL via LA4GHA. [TNX LA4GHA]

Luc, F5RAV will be active again as 6V7T from Senegal from 26 April to 5 May. He will operate SSB and PSK and will participate in the Helvetia Contest (27-28 April). QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX F8REF]

Pista 9A/HA5AUC, Ed 9A/HA5BWW and Karl 9A/HA7PC to be active from Rab Island (EU-136) on 21-27 April. They will operate mainly CW on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

Masa, JA0RQV will be active as A35JP from Tongatapu (OC-049), Tonga on 5-22 May. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres CW and SSB in his spare time, typically during his evening-night hours, with 100 watts and a GP. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX JA0RQV]

Costantino, IW2NXD and Antonio, IK2ZJR will be active holiday style as CT9/IW2NXD and CT9/IK2ZJR from Madeira (AF-014) on 12-20 May. They will operate SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX IK2ZDX]

Dindo, DV1UD was active as DX8DX from Bongao, Tawi Tawi group (OC-174) on 9-11 April. The operation from the Turtle Islands (OC-225) is now scheduled for 12/13-15 April. QSL via M0O XO (QQRS for direct and bureau cards at www.m0oxo.com)

TM114M will be active during the International Marconi Day's weekend to celebrate the 144th anniversary of the first wireless transmissions across the Channel (27 March 1899). QSL via F5JYD, direct or bureau. [TNX F5JYD]

FT5Z is the callsign issued to the Amsterdam Island DXpedition planned for January-February 2014 [425DXN 1144]. The website is now up and running at www.amsterdamdx.org

Peter ON8ZZ, Frederik ON8ZL and Frank ON5NQ will be active as MJ/OT9Z from Jersey (EU-013) on 2-9 August. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via ON8ZL, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Further information can be found at
JA - Toku, JA6TNY will be active as JA6TNY/0 from Awa Island (AS-117) from around 7 UTC on 20 April until around 3 UTC on the 21st. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, with planned main activity on 20m. [TNX JN6RZM]

KHO - Yutaka, JQ2GYU and his wife Miho, JJ2VLY will be active as NH0J from Tinian (OC-086) between 27 April and 1 May. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via JJ2VLY, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Wim, PA0WRS will be active as PA0WRS/p from Ameland Island (EU-038) on 19-26 April. QSL via home call, direct and bureau. [TNX rsgbioota.org]

PA - Bob, PA5V will be active as PA6IMD on 19-22 April for the International Marconi Day, and as PA75FOC on 4-31 May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of FOC (www.g4foc.org) [425DXN 1143]. [TNX F8REF]

SU - Sparky, RW3AH is now active as SU9AF from Egypt. His license is valid until 31 December, and is allowed to operate on 160, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres (80, 30 and 6 metres are not permitted). He runs 100 watts into a delta loop for 20 and 10m, and a vertical for the other bands (no antenna yet for 160m). QSL via UA3DX. Further information and logsearch at http://www.cqdx.ru/su9af/

SV - Francois, ON4LO will be active as SV3/ON4LO/p from the Peloponnese from 15 April to 30 May. He plans to operate SSB on 40-6 metres, with activity from various lighthouses. QSL via home call. [TNX ON4LO]

SV - Five members of the Sands Contest Group (namely Ian G0VGS, Barrie G1JYB, Stephany G1LAT, Bob G1OCK and Hughie G4UME) will operate as SZ8S from the Aegean Radio Association's Radio House at Zervou Point on Samos Island (EU-049) between 16 and 30 May. QSL for this operation via G1LAT (direct) or MOSCG (bureau), plus eQSL. [TNX SV8CYV]

UA - RA9LR, UA9LAC, UA9LEW, UA9LP, UA9LT, UB9LAG and UB9LBS will be active as RT9L/8 from Nature Park "Bazhovskiiye mesta" on 17-21 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via UA9LP (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to ua9lp[@]mail.ru). [TNX UA9LP]

UA - A large number of callsigns with R27, RA27, RT27 and RU27 special prefixes will be active between 18 April and 17 July to celebrate the XXVII Summer Universiade (the World University Games organized by the International University Sports Federation) to be held in Kazan, Russia on 6-17 July.

V6 - Look for JA7HMZ (V63DX) and JA7GYP (V63T) to be active from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 15-20 April. QSL via home calls. They plan to operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 40-6 metres. [TNX NG3K]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 26-28 April. He usually operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbioota.org]

XE - Celebrating World Amateur Radio Day and IARU's 88th anniversary (18 April), the DXXE Group (www.dxxe.org) will be active on 160-6 metres and satellites as 4A8DMR on 18-21 April. QSL via N7RO and LoTW.
XW - A multi-national multi-operator DXpedition to Vientiane, Laos, is being planned for 6-16 September. Team members 9M6DXX, 9V1YC, EA2TA, EA3NT, EA5KA, F4BKV, G3XTT and MM0NDX plan to operate five stations from 160m to 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY. A website is being produced and will be available soon. The callsign and further details will be announced later. [TNX 9M6DXX]

YB - Adhi, YB3MM and Teti, YB2TET expect to be active holiday style as YB3MM/2 and YB2TET/p from Karimunjawa (OC-186) on 13-16 April. They plan to be QRV on 15 metres SSB between 10 and 23 UTC. QSL via IZ8CCW.

YN - Eric, K9GY will shut down his T6MO station on 28 April and then leave Afghanistan. On 22-28 May he will operate as YN2GY from Nicaragua, including a SOAB Low Power entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will concentrate on 30, 17, 12 and hopefully 6 metres CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

ZS8 - On 10 April Carson, ZR6CWI (ZS8C) and David, ZS1BCE (ZS8Z) left Cape Town for Marion Island (AF-021). They expect to be QRV around mid-May, after the current overwintering team heads back home. They will be QRV in their spare time, with activity on SSB and digital modes using "the commercial broadband HF antenna at the base". QSL for both via ZS1HF. More information can be found on their respective qrz.com sites. Pierre, ZS1HF also reports that "Carson's girlfriend, Nadia, and the team's diesel mechanic, Marius" will take their Radio Amateur's Examination (RAE) while on the island, so "there will eventually be four active hams on Marion Island during the next year".

CQ MM DX CONTEST ---> The third edition of the CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest, sponsored by the Juiz de Fora CW Group (www.cwjf.com.br), will be held on 20-21 April. It is a continuation of the Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest, initially limited to Brazil (1993-1996), then expanded to South America (1997-2006), to the Americas (2007-2010) and finally to the world (2011). It will run from 12 UTC on Saturday through 23.59 on Sunday, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Complete details can be found at www.cqmmmdx.com [TNX PY4WAS]

NEW IOTA CHECKPOINT ---> With effect from 1 May 2013 Tony Ritchie, G4VMX will be stepping down as checkpoint for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and all British SWLs. He will be replaced by Bob Barden, MDCCE who has agreed to take over responsibility for this checkpoint area. Bob's address is correct on QRZ.com. There will be no other change to UK checkpoints. [TNX G3KMA]

QSL T48K ---> Raul, CO8ZZ reports that DK1WI is no longer the QSL manager for T48K (he still manages all T48K operations from 1999 until last year's
CQ WW VHF Contest). The QSL route for contacts made during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest 2013 is via F5FYO, direct (Hugo O. Gomez, P.O. Box 50033, 33191 La Reole CEDEX, France) or bureau.

TOP LISTS ---> The latest Topband, Topmode and Toplist listings are now available at http://www.425dxn.org/awards/toplist/index.html. QSOs confirmed through LoTW or included in on-line logs are eligible for listing. Send your scores, as well as any request for further information, to Luciano Lucini, IK2QPO (ik2qpo[@]425dxn.org).

+ SILENT KEYS + Hermann Sachse (5Z4RT), passed away on 4 April. "He had been in Kenya for decades", says Ted Alleyne, 5Z4NU, Chairman of the Amateur Radio Society of Kenya, "was a Life Member of ARSK and ran our Sunday morning nets for many years as well as being involved in a medical net based in Germany".
- Nusret Abadzic E73N (ex T93N, YU4BN) passed away on 6 April after a long illness at 82 years of age. For many years he was the IARU liaison officer for ARABiH, Bosnia-Hercegovina's national amateur radio society.
- Alan R. Leith (VE1AL) passed away unexpectedly on 11 April, apparently from a heart attack, at 66 years of age. Over the years Al edited several DX publications, and in 1988-89 he participated in the CY9DXX and CY0DXX DXpeditions to St. Paul and Sable islands. In paying their tribute to "a true gentleman in every sense of the word", the CY9M team says that last year's expedition to St. Paul "would not have happened without Al's help and knowledge".
- Mike Bazley, VK6HD passed away on 12 April. one of Australia's most successful DXers, he was the first station from Oceania to obtain DXCC on 160 metres.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3D2MF, 3D2PT (OC-121), 4L8A, 4S7NE, 4W0VB, 5N0NH, 5N7YZC, 5X8C, 5Z4/DL1OW, 6Y3M, 706T, 8Q7TB, 9U4U, 9X0NH, A63HI (AS-021), BV1EL, CE6WUW, CT9/DL5AXX, CW5X, D2QR, DU9AQO (OC-235), E51E, E51WL, ED5K (EU-093), ED5RKB (EU-093), EU3DN, EX/UA4WHX, EY8/UA4WHX, EY8MM, FH8PL, F04BM, GIOBQX, GN4KPT, H4OFN, HA30S, HC2/UA4WHX, HD2A, HG1S, HS02CW, HS02CY, II2POPE, J52HF, JG8NQJ/JD1, JT1CO, JY5MM, KH2/G3ZEM, KL7DX, L22D (SA-022), LX1HD, MI0MVP, OF9X, OH0RJ, OJ0X, OQ7P, PJ2T, RA0R, RI0K (AS-061), RI0K/p (AS-092), RI1FJ, RV3EFH/0, S21XV, S5300TP, T6LG, T88TF, TX0HF, T26BB, UK/UA4WHX V25A, V63ZM, VP2V/KE2VB, VP8ROT, W1AW/KP4, XR0ZA, XT2TT, XV1X, XX9TTR, XX9TYT, YB6N (OC-161), Z60WW, ZB3R, ZF2DP, ZF2NT, ZL9HR, ZS2I, ZS3D.

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