5B - Dave 5B/G4IAR/p, his wife Judith 5B/G4IAQ/p and Steve 5B/G0SGB/p will be active from Cyprus (AS-004) on 22-28 April. Operations will be mostly centered on lighthouses and on 20 metres. QSL via home calls, direct only. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

8Q - Pai, VU2PAI and Krish, W4VKU (VU2VKU) will be as 8Q7KP from the Maldives (AS-013) on 23-30 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres with two stations. They plan to setup an OQRS on Club Log, and also to upload their log to LoTW, eQSL and qrz.com.

9H - Look for Floris PA1FW (9H3E), Jasper PB2JJ (9H3JN), Rinus PA2HEM (9H3MS), Marion PD3MV (9H3MV), Wim PG9W (9H3ON), Andre PA3HGP (9H3S) and Sjirk PE1OFJ (9H3YM) to be active from Malta (EU-023) between 18 May and 5 June. They will be QRV on 80-6 metres, and will use their personal calls as well as 9H25 (QSL via PI4KGL), a very special callsign chosen to celebrate the group's 25th trip to Malta.

9M2 - Piju 9M2PJU, Khairul 9M2KRZ, Rizal 9M2RDX and Jacek SP5APW will be active as 9M2SE from Perhentian Besar Island (AS-073) on 1-3 May (Jacek will continue to be QRV as 9M2/SP5APW until the 7th, see 425DXN 1143]. They will have two transceivers (100 watts), a vertical antenna and a tribander yagi, and will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL for this IOTA operation via SP5APW. [TNX 9M2PJU]

DU - Victor, R6AF will be active as DU1/R6AF from Busuanga Island (OC-090) from 27 April to 3 May. [TNX DX World]

FM - International Police Association's members F6FLO, FM5AM, FM5CW, FM5CY and FM5GI will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK as TO4IPA from St. Pierre, Martinique (NA-107) between 18 April and 2 May. QSL via HA3JB. [TNX HA3JB]

GM - A group of operators from the Kilmarnock and Loudoun ARC will be active as MM0KLR from the Isle of Canna (EU-008) on 22-26 April. QSL via MM0KLR (bureau) or MM0GHM (direct). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GW - Six operators from the Gordano Amateur Radio Group (namely Peter 2E0GKA, Lyns G0AZE, Michael GIUPP, Malcolm G4KPM, Martin MOHCT and Jim MOJWB) will participate in the International Marconi Day as GB51MD from Flat Holm Island (EU-124). They expect to be QRV with two stations on 80-10 metres from around 17 UTC on 19 April until 9 UTC on the 21st. Request your card by sending QSO details to lynsowen[@]blueyonder.co.uk

I - ARMI Taranto (I97UJ) will be active as II7WARD on 18-21 April to celebrate the World Amateur Radio Day. QSL via II7AUH (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX II7AUH]

I - Special memorial station IY4MKD (Marconi Kite Day) will be active on 25-28 April during the 34th "Vulandra" International Kite
Festival in Ferrara. The antenna will be lifted by a Baden-Powell Levitor kite, like Marconi did to receive the first transatlantic wireless transmissions back in 1901. QSL via IQ4FE, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4VFB]

JD1_oga- Look for JD1YBT and JD1BLC to be QRV from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 28 April to 5 May. Plans are to be active on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, RTTY (plus FM on 10m). QSL both calls via JP1IOF and LoTW.

PJ2 - Once again Anja, DH2AK and Torsten, DL1THM will be active holiday style as PJ2/DH2AK and PJ2/DL1THM from Curacao (SA-099) from 23 April to 7 May. They plan to operate SSB on 15-20 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

SV - Laci, HA0HW Laci will be active as SW8WW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 23 May to 5 June, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via HA0HW, direct or bureau. [TNX HA0HW]

SV5 - A group of nine operators (namely John SV1GE, Theodoros SV1GRM, Cliff SV1JG, Manos SV1ME, Spiros SV1RC, George SV1RP, Vangelis SV2BFN, Takis SV2FWV and Mike SV8GKE) will be active as SX5KL from Kalolimnos (EU-001) on 10-20 May. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via SV2FWV, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW. Further information at sx5kl.no-ip.org [TNX SV8CYV]

SV9 - Look for Alessandro SV9/IK4ALM (SSB and CW) and Carlo SV9/IZ4WJA (digital modes) to be active on 40-10 metres from Crete (EU-015) on 13-20 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4ALM]

TA - Once again the TC Special Wireless Activity Team (www.tcswat.org) will be active as TC57A on 19-25 April in remembrance of the role played by the 57th Infantry Regiment ("Alay") of the Turkish Fifth Army during the Dardanelles Campaign in 1915. QSL via TA1HZ. [TNX TA1HZ]

V2 - Paul, KB4GYT will be active holiday style as V25PM from Antigua (NA-100) from 27 April to 4 May. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and PSK31. QSL via home call (direct).

VE - Team VE3ZF (namely Pat VE3HZQ, Ron VE3NDI and Igor VE3ZF) will be active from Twilight Island (not IOTA, CISA ON-018) on 20-21 April during the Ontario QSO Party (http://cco.ve3xd.com/oqp/rules.htm). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX VE3ZF]

VE - Heinz, VA7AQ and Mike, VE7ACN will operate CW and SSB from Gambier Island (NA-091) on 25-29 April. QSL via home calls [TNX islandchaser.com]

VU7 - Krish, W4VKU (VU2VKU) reports he has been granted permission by the Indian Ministry of Communications to operate as VU7KV from Kavaratti, Lakshadweep Islands (AS-011) between 23 April and 5 May. However, "plans are already firm to activate 8Q7KP from 23 to 30 April" and "getting to the VU7 island has become a challenge". If he gets to Kavaratti, plans are to operate SSB and some RTTY on 80-10 metres. See www.qrz.com/db/VU7KV.

YN - Luca, IK2PFL will be active as YN/IK2PFL from Nicaragua on 2-6 May. He will operate CW on the HF bands and 6 metres, and will participate in the ARI International DX Contest (from 12 UTC on 4 May through 1159 UTC on the 5th).
425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The March 2013 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

AMATEUR RADIO IN GREECE ---> Published in 1990, "The Dawn of Amateur Radio in the U.K. and Greece" by Norman F. Joly (G3FNJ) is still the standard reference of this period. Vienna-based Documentary Archive has just published the chapters relating to the history of Amateur radio in Greece, with the author's kind permission from his personal copy which contains some corrections and amendments to the printed version, and with additional material from the Archive's files: see www.dokufunk.org/joly and www.dokufunk.org(joly-d) for a German version. [TNX OE1WHC]

IOTA HONOUR ROLL ---> The 2013 Honour Roll and Annual Listings have been uploaded to both the IOTA Manager's (www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com) and the IOTA Programme's (www.rsgbiota.org) websites.

WRTC2014 NEWS ---> WRTC2014, Inc., host of the 2014 World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) competition, has opened the application process for qualified individuals that would like to serve as Referees. The Referee application period closes on 1 December 2013. Complete information, including downloadable application forms, can be found at http://www.wrtc2014.org/qualifying/referee-selection/

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