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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B9 - Eric, OE4AAC will be active holiday style as 3B9/OE4AAC from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) on 10-18 February. He will operate only CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

3C0 - Elmo, EA5BYP will be active as 3C0BYP (new callsign) from Annobon Island (AF-039) from 26 February to 8 March. He will operate SSB, RTTY and some CW. His contact point for "suggestions or requests" will be OD5NJ. QSL via EA5BYP. Before/after Annobon, Elmo might also be QRV as 3C4BYP from Bioko Island (AF-010), Equatorial Guinea.

5B - Alessandro, IZ4AMS and Fabio, IK2LTR will be active holiday style as 5B/IZ4AMS and 5B/IK2LTR from Cyprus (AS-004) on 5-12 February. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 30-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest as single operator LP entrants on 20 and 15 metres respectively. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX Coffee]

5H - Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Ilembula, Tanzania from 14 March to 11 April, while doing volunteer work for the local mission. QSL via IK2GZU and LoTW. Log search and OQRS for direct and bureau cards at www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm

7P - Ewald, DK3ID will be active as 7P8ID from Lesotho on 11-16 February. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres SSB. QSL via DK3ID or OE8IDK. [TNX NG3K]

8Q - Kasimir, DL2SBY will be active as 8Q7KB from the Maldives (AS-013) on 12-24 February. He will operate SSB, CW, RTTY on 30-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

9M2 - Taking part in the Chinese New Year Cultural and Heritage Celebration, special event callsign 9M4CNY will be active on 2 February from Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia. Expect operations on 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB, from 7 to 16 UTC. QSL direct (see qrz.com).

BY - Zhang, BA3AX and Lu, BD3AEO will be active as BA3AX/3 and BD3AEO/3 from Yuetuo Island (AS-134) on 21-24 March. They plan to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 20, 17 and 15 metres. QSLs via BA3AX, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX BA3AX]

CE - A large group of Chilean operators will be active as XR2T from Isla Damas (SA-086) on 16-20 April. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via XQ4CW.

FP - Al, W6HGF (www.qsl.net/w6hgf/FP_W6GHF_2014.html) will be active as FP/W6HGF from Miquelon Island (NA-032) on 7-18 February. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres, and his operation "will focus on digital, mostly RTTY, including entry into the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest, as well as a presence in the ARRL International DX Contest CW". QSL

via W6HGF (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW.

HL - DS2GOO, DS4DBF, DS4NYE, HL1OYF and HL1VAU will be active as D70LW from Anmyon Island (AS-080) on 8-9 February for the CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest. QSL via DS4NYE. [TNX NG3K]

I - Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active holiday style as IG9/OE3GEA from Lampedusa Island (AF-019) on 8-13 February. He will operate CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

J3 - Ulf, DL5AXX will be active as J38XX from Grenada on 6-18 February, including an entry in the ARRL CW Contest. QSL via home call (logsearch and OQRS on www.dl5axx.de/dxlog/). [TNX NG3K]

J8 - The Buddies in the Caribbean DXpedition group, which specializes in 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems, will be active from Bequia (NA-025) on 10-18 February. J8/K8EAB, J8/KB9AVO, J8/KC4VG, J8/W3FF, J8/W6HFP, J8/W7ZT, J8/WG0AT and J8/WZ1P will operate CW, SSB and digital modes; there will be fixed operations as well as portable operations from various points on the island. [TNX DX World]

LY - Celebrating the Act of Independence of Lithuania (16 February 1918) Sam, LY5W will be active as LY16W on 1-28 February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX LY5W]

PJ5 - Jeff, K5WE and Erik, N5WR will be active as PJ5/K5WE and PJ5/N5WR from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 5 February until the 16th at least, as they will participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest. They will operate mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY on all bands. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

V7 - Bill, N6MW (http://n6mw.jimdo.com/v7-dxpedition/) has postponed his 4-14 February activity as V73MW from Majuro, Marshall Islands [425DXN 1186]. This is "due to a last minute email notice from another operator who says he is doing a similar but unannounced DXPed to V7 Feb 1-18, followed by an unsuccessful negotiation for cooperation". [TNX DX World]

VK - Craig, VK5CE will be active as VK5CE/8 from Bathurst Island (OC-173) on 26-29 August. This IOTA group has not been activated since 1999. He will be QRV mainly on 20 and 15 metres, but will also spend some time on 12m (SSB and digital) and 30m (digital). Bookmark http://oc173.blogspot.com.au/ for updates. "The less rare but still needed Granite Island (OC-228)" is in Craing's plans for this year as well.

VK9L - A large group of operators from the Lagunaria DX Group (namely DF6JC, DJ2HD, DJ5IW, DJ7EO, DJ9RR, DL1MGB, DL3DXX, DL5CW, DL5LYM, DL5XL, DL6FBL, DL8OH, DL8WPX, SP5XVY and VK2IA) will be active from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 13-29 October, including participation in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest. They plan to have eight fully equipped HF stations. Bookmark www.lordhowe2014.org for further information and updates. [TNX DL1MGB]

VP2V - Look for Bogdan VP2V/SP2FUD, Kazik VP2V/SP6AXW, Leszek VP2V/SP6CIK, Janusz VP2V/SP9FIH and Robert VP2V/SP9WZS to be active from Anegada, British Virgin Islands (NA-023) from 19 March to 1 April. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 160-6 metres. QSL via home calls. Further information on www.vp2v.dxpeditions.org

VU4 - Krish, W4VKU has been granted permission to operate as VU4K from Port Blair, Andaman Islands (AS-001) on 15-30 March. He plans to be QRV "around 23 March" to the 30th, with activity on the HF

bands SSB and RTTY. QSL via W4VKU (OQRS on Club Log).

YB - According to the information posted on qrz.com, YB8HZ/p and YB8BRI/p are currently active from Ternate Island (OC-145) until 7 February. QSL direct to YB8BRI. Imam, YB4IR will in his turn be active as YB4IR/8 from Ternate on 5-7 February, and from Tidore Island (OC-145) [425DXN 1185] on 8-11 February. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW.

ZD8 - Werner, DJ9KH will be active as ZD8D from Ascension Island (AF-003) from 24 February to 11 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. He plans to operate mainly CW with a focus on 160-40 metres. QSL via DL9HO, direct or bureau (OQRS on www.zd8d.de), and LoTW. On 19-21 February he might be active from St Helena (ZD7).

ZL7 - Franz, OE2SNL will be active as ZL7/OE2SNL from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 13-26 March. He will operate CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct only before 1 June (on 15 June all of the remaining QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau). See www.oe2snl.at/zl7-oe2snl-2014/ for logsearch and further information at [TNX NG3K]

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160 METRES IN PORTUGAL ---> Amateur radio operators in Portugal have been granted temporary use of the extended 160m band segment 1850-2000 kHz to participate in several contests during 2014: the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest (CW and SSB); the ARRL International DX Contest (CW and SSB); the CQ WW WPX (CW and SSB); the King of Spain Contest (CW and SSB); the IARU HF Championship; the CQ WW DX Contest (CW and SSB) and the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. [TNX CT1BOH]

BLACK SEA INTERNATIONAL HF CUP ---> The Black Sea International HF Cup, organized by the Black Sea Contest Club, will be held on 1-2 February, from 12 UTC on Saturady through 11.59 UTC on Sunday. Complete information at www.bscc.in/index/black_sea_cup_international_oficial_page/0-54 [TNX US4LS]

CUBA & 60 METRES ---> Cuban radio amateurs have been authorized to operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and PSK63 on 5418-5430 kHz, "a continuous segment of 12 kHz, unlike other countries that allow 'channels'. Transmitting power is limited based on the class of license, 10 Watts for novices; 50 watts for the rest. It allows for up to 100 watts for all users in emergency conditions". [TNX QRZ DX]

DXCC NEWS ---> 7Z1ES (Saudi Arabia) and T6ZG (Afghanistan, current operation) have been approved for DXCC credit. If you had them rejected in a recent application, send a note to bmoore[@]arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update to your account. [TNX NC1L]

FT5ZM ---> The Amsterdam Island DXpedition team has been QRV since 09.15 UTC on 26 January. The online log (see www.amsterdamdx.org) now contains 46890 QSOs made with 15125 unique calls until 12:59 UTC on 30 January. Please note that the only channel to pass your remarks and suggestions to the team is to contact the Pilot assigned to your area (details on the DXpedition's website). Reports of incorrect or missing calls in the log will be ignored during the DXpedition. Keep a record of your QSO details and contact the QSL manager after the DXpedition.

IOTA MARATHON DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR POLL ---> "The IOTA Marathon took place between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2013. Hundreds of expeditions were carried out during this period of time. In collaboration with RSGB IOTA, DX World wishes to capture the intensity of this effort during the Marathon by asking readers to vote for their favourite IOTA Marathon DXpedition": http://dx-world.net/iota-marathon-dxpedition-of-the-year/, read the details and cast your votes. The poll closes on 20 February.

MELLISH REEF 2014 ---> The VK9MT DXpedition to Mellish Reef is set to take place bewteen 28 March and 9 April. "We are on schedule and will soon be on autopilot", the team reported on 26 January. A Global Pilot Team will manage all communication between the island team and DXers; process details and e-mail addresses will be published on the expedition's website in due course. Donations are still gratefully accepted; information on how contribute can be found at www.vk9mt.com.

UKRAINE ---> For those who wish to support the Ukrainian struggle towards Europe, there is a free of charge award called "Ukraine is Europe!" - see www.qrz.com/db/UR3LCM for the details. [TNX UR3LCM]

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/4 from Georgia and W1AW/KH6 from Hawaii to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 5 February until 23.59 UTC on the 11th. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party can be found at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

YL WPX TROPHY ---> Sponsored by the Latvian Contest Club, the YL WPX Trophy is for working different YL prefixes on the HF bands. Details can be found at www.lrsk.lv/awards [TNX LY5W]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/SM6GOR, 3D2C, 3D2GC, 3D2R, 3V8BB, 4J5A, 4K4K, 4U1ITU, 5A1AL, 5B4/R3CC, 5U9AMO, 5V7TH, 5W0M, 9H1GB, 9K2UU, 9U4U, 9V1YC, 9Y4VU, C21BN, C6AZZ, C82DX, CM2CCA, CO2IR, CY0P, DX8DX (OC-174), E51AND, EP3PK, FK8CE, FR/DJ7RJ, FR/DK9PY, FW0NAR, FW5JJ, H40FN, H44AJ (OC-285), H7H, HA800NAR, HC2IMP, HD2A, HD8A, HG0R, HK1/K9FY, HK7/WH6R, HL5FUA (AS-045), HR9/AI5P, HS0ZBS, HU2DX, IA0MZ, IM0MA, J75PX, J88HL, JD1BHA, JG8NQJ/JD1, JI3DST/6 (AS-049), JX9JKA, JY5MM, K5T (NA-119), K9W, KH7M, LU7DSY/W (SA-065), LU8YE, OA4/K6ZH, OY3JE, P3N, PJ4DX, PJ5/K6NAO, PJ5J, PZ5RO, RU0LL, S21ZBB, S21ZBC, S79WDX, ST2AC, ST2KSS, ST2M, SU8N (AF-109), SW8LR, T2YY, T32LJ, T32TV, T33A, T8CW, TC0A (AS-099), TI8II, TN2T, TO3J, TO5PX, TR0A/p (AF-089), TX5K, TX5RV, V31AC, V31LJ, V4/DF8AN, VK5CE/4 (OC-255), VK9/OH1VR, VK9DAC, VP2MMN, VP2MRV, VP2V/AA7V, VP5/W5CW, VU2XO, WH7Z, XT26DJ, XT2FCJ, XU7AAJ, XZ1Z, YB4IR/8 (OC-272), YB9Y (OC-276),

YI1RZ, YJ0RK (OC-104), YJ0TE, YL3CW, YL800CW, YT1AD, Z6/SP5JJQ, Z68BH, Z81R, Z81X, Z81Z, ZA/IZ4JMA, ZA20QA, ZB2FK, ZP6CW, ZS6CCY, ZS8C, ZT1T.

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