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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4S7 - DL7DF and his team (DH7KU, DJ6TF, DK1BT, DK1BT, DK7LX, DL4WK, DL7UFN, DL7UFR, SP3CYY and SP3DOI) will be active as from Sri Lanka (AS-003) on 10-23 March. They will be QRV on 160-6 metres CW and SSB with several stations, with one station dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. A side trip to Barberyn Island (AS-171) is also being planned. QSL via DL7DF , direct or bureau, and LoTW. Further information, including logsearch and OQRS for direct and bureau cards, on www.dl7df.com/4s7/index.php

5B - Dima, UR4MCK will be active as 5B/UR4MCK from Cyprus on 7-14 May. He will operate only CW near the QRP calling frequencies. QSL via home call. [TNX UR4MCK]

5H - Arne, OH2NNE is active as 5H2DK from Sanya Juu, Tanzania until 23 March. He is QRV on 80-10 metres SSB. QSl via home call; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

A3 - Masa, JA0RQV will be active as A35JP from Tongatapu (OC-049) on 14-20 March. He will be QRV in his spare time, with activity on 80-6 metres CW and SSB. QSL via JA0RQV, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX JA0RQV]

CT - Members of the Portuguese DX Group (http://gpdx.blogspot.com) will be active as CS5DX to commemorate their 20th anniversary between 24 May and 15 June, including participation in the Portugal Day Contest. QSL to CS5DX, direct or bureau. [TNX CT4NH]

CT9 - Jean-Marc, F5SGI will be active as CT9/F5SGI from Madeira (AF-014) on 5-12 April. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5SGI]

DL - Robert, DK2RO will be active as DK2RO/p from Spiekeroog Island (EU-047) on 2-7 March. He will operate mainly CW as time permits. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FH - Hartwig, DL7BC will be active again as TO7BC from Mayotte (AF-027) between 21 March and 4 April. He will operate mainly SSB with some digital modes on 40-10 metres, and will participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

GM - A team of five operators from the Workington Radio Club (www.mx0wrc.org) will be active as MS0WRC from Tanera Mor, Summer Isles (EU-092) on 14-21 June. QSL via G0MTD, direct or bureau (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to g0mtd[@]aol.com). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

HK0/S - AB1UH, N7QT, N7UN and W4VAB will be active holiday style as 5J0X from San Andres Island (NA-033) on 2-14 April. They will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via N7QT, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

J3 - Bob, G3PJT will be active as J34G from Grenada (NA-024) on 3-10 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9

March). QSL via G3PJT and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

KH8 - Lance, W7GJ will be active as KH8/W7GJ from Tutuila (OC-045), American Samoa on 13-28 July. This will be mainly a 6m EME operation, with activity expected to concentrate on 13-21 July. "In order to provide sufficient advance planning for stations wishing to contact me while I am in American Samoa, I am providing plenty of advance notice of this DXpedition. I urge you to gain experience with JT65A and especially review the QSO procedure that I use most effectively on these DXpeditions". QSL direct to home call. See www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/AmericanSamoa2014.htm for details and updates.

OE - The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archives Radio Communications/QSL Collection will operate special event station OE14M on 25-27 April. This is an official "International Marconi Day" station and contacts made on 26 April will count for the IMD Award (see www.gb4imd.org.uk). QSL via OE1WHC. [TNX OE1WHC]

OZ - Tom, DL4VM will be active as OZ/DL4VM from the island of Vendsyssel-Thy (EU-171) on 10-24 May and again from 30 August to 20 September. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

P4 - Aki, JR3QFB and Take, JS6RRR will be active from Aruba (SA-036) as P40JH and P40R (requested callsigns) on 13-18 March. They plan to operate SSB, CW, FM and digital modes on 160-6 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and logsearch on Club Log. [TNX JS6RRR]

SM - Bernd, DL8AAV will be active as SD1B/7 from Aspo Island (EU-138) on 17-29 June. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T8 - David, VK3BY will be active holiday style as T88XT from Palau (OC-009) on 8-14 March. He will operate SSB only on 80-6 metres. QSL via VK3BY, direct or bureau, and eQSL.

TI - Mike, W1USN and Bob, AA1M will be active as TI8/homecall from Costa Rica from 21 March to 1 April. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and maybe some RTTY on 80-10 metres. Look for TI8/W1USN to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX AA1M]

UA_ssh - Alexander Sinyakov, RX0QM participates in the 59th Russian Antarctic Expedition, and around 10 March he will replace Oleg, RI1ANU at Bellingshausen station on King George Island, South Shetlands (AN-010). He will be active as RI59ANT; his licence is valid through 26 November 2014. [TNX 5B4AHJ]

V2 - Christian, DD3CF will be active holiday style as V25CF from Antigua (NA-100) until 12 March, with SSB operations on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Jim, NN5O will be active as V31AJ from Ambergris Caye (NA-073), Belize on 1-8 March. He will operate CW and SSB QRP on 40-10 metres. QSL via NN5O. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Dave, VO1AU will operate as VO2AAA from CQ Zone 2 on 6-10 March, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSL via VE3AAQ. [TNX NG3K]

VP2M - Iain, M0PCB and Steve, M0SPF, will be active holiday style as VP2MXI (CW) and VP2MZR (SSB and RTTY) from Montserrat (NA-103) on

5-10 March, including participation in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, direct via M0PCB or via the bureau to home calls. [TNX M0PCB]

VP8_ant- Will, M0ZXA has been at Halley VI Research Station, Antarctica for a couple of months now. He plans to be QRV as VP8DOI in his spare time and "on the basis of not interfering with the scientific research experiments". Once the Antarctic summer season is over, he says, "I will be able to get a better idea of where I can site a radio and what antenna systems will be feasible". Logsearch will be provided by Club Log. Bookmark www.vp8doi.com for updates.

W - Louis, W0FK will be active holiday style as W0FK/4 from Longboat Key (NA-034) from 15 March to 1 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - Din, YB8RW/p [425DXN 1188] operated from the islands of Marampit and Miangas (both count for OC-209) on 14-22 February. Then he went to Tahuna, Sangihe (OC-210) and is now active from Marore (OC-210). His travelling and operating plans depend on local conditions. QSL via YB9BU.

YB - Previously announced for 23-30 March [425DXN 1189], YB4IR's operation from Enggano Island (OC-204) is now expected to take place on 12-18 March (but the ship's schedule "can still be changed at the last second", Imam says). Look for YB4IR/p to be active on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW.

YL - Riga, the capital city of Latvia, is a European Capital of Culture for 2014, and a number of special YL2014 callsigns will be in use between 1 March and 30 November. The "HamRadio Riga 2014" programme will be available at http://riga2014.ham.lv around 23 March.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST (SSB) ---> Object of the contest is for W/VE amateurs to work as many stations in as many DXCC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre bands, while foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9 and CY0) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible (complete rules can be found at www.arrl.org/arrl-dx). This year's event will run from from 00.00 UTC on 1 March through 23.59 UTC on the 2nd. Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxs2014.html - good contest to you all!

GAGARIN ACTIVITY DAYS ---> Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's birth, several special callsigns with 80 in their prefix and/or KEDR as their suffix (KEDR was Gagarin's callsign during the Vostok 1 mission) will be in use from Russia, Kazakhstan and Moldova during the "Gagarin Activity Days" between 9 March and 14 April, including the YG International DX Contest. Details on this event can be found at

http://cqham.kz/cqgc/kedr/index_en.htm.

QSL VK0TH ---> Joe, WL7E has taken over the QSL duties for VK0TH [425DXN 1189]. He already has the logs, which will be uploaded to LoTW, eQSL, Club Log. New cards will be printed for those who need a paper QSL: "this process is in the initial stages", he says, "and more information will be posted" to qrz.com.

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 77th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (www.beru.org.uk) will be held on 8-9 March, from 10 UTC to 10 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Only operators located within the Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories are eligible to enter.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial stations W1AW/7 from Idaho and W1AW/4 from Kentucky to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 5 March 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; the leaderboard website is at https://centennial-qp.arrl.org.

WRTC2014 ---> With 58 of the 59 competing teams for WRTC2014 announced, there is only one spot remaining. Sponsorship of the final team will be made available by auction on 9 March. The winner of the auction will earn the right to name their team for the WRTC2014 competition (subject to approval by the WRTC2014 organizing committee). Anyone interested in participating in the auction must register in advance. Contact Doug Grant, K1DG, (k1dg[@]wrtc2014.org) to register or to request more information. [TNX K5ZD]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0KM, 3A2LF, 3A2MG, 3B8/HB9ARY, 3B8CF, 3D2KV, 3DA0ET, 3W1T, 3XY1D, 4L5LL, 4U1GSC, 4U1ITU, 5A1AL, 5J0R, 5T0SP, 5X1NH, 5X8C, 5Z4HW, 6O0CW, 6V7S, 6Y2T, 7O2A, 7O6T, 7T9A, 9M2MRS, A25JK, A35YZ, AU2MQT (AS 153), BY4IB/4 (AS-146), C82DX, C91HKN, CE0YHO, CM2XT, CO2IR, CO4LS (NA-056), CR9X, CW5GI (SA-039), CX3DAM, CY0P, DU7ET, E51AAR, E51E, ED6A, EL2A, ER1MM, EU1A, FJ/DK7LX, FO/KH0PR, FO4BM, FO8WBB, FP/VE3DZ, FP/W6HFG, FW5JJ, G100C, GB1WH, GI4ONL, GM100C, H7H, HK1/EA7ATX, J28NC, J3/WJ7R, J69DS, J79MP, J79WI, J88HL, JX9JKA, JY4CI, JY9FC, K9W, NP3CW, OA4DX, OD5NJ, OX/OZ1LXJ, S21ZBB, S21ZBC, S79WDX, SU1HZ, SV2ASP/A, T32RC, T33A, T6T, TA3AX, TG9NX, TK4LS, TN2MS, TO2TT, TR0A, TT8TT, TU5AX, TX5D, V31NB, V5/DL3DX, V63XG, VU7AG, XF1P (NA-124), XR0YY, XR0ZR, XR150CBS, XT2DJ, XT2FCJ, XV2RZ, XV4Y, XZ1Z, YB0AI/8 (OC-273), YB4IR/8 (OC-145), YB8EL, YB9Y (OC-276), YE3I, YS1JBL, Z36T, Z60A, Z68BH, Z81X,ZA/IZ4JMA, ZD8O, ZS8C.

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