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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4X - Special event stations 4X266POPE and 4Z266POPE will be active on 20-27 May to celebrate Pope Francis' visit to Israel. QSLs via 4Z1TL.

7Q - Remco, PA3FYM will be active as 7QNL (yes, that's correct) from Malawi from 18 May to 9 June, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. He plans to be QRV on 80-10 metres (maybe also 6m) CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via PA1AW; logsearch on Club Log. See www.malawihf.org for further information.

9A - A large team from Croatia will be active as 9A14B from the island of Mali Brijun (EU-110) on 16-18 May. QSL via 9A2MF. [TNX The Daily DX]

A9 - Special event station A91WTIS will be active from Bahrein on 17 May for the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. QSL via IZ8CLM.

C6 - Jay, K2TTT will be active holiday style as C6ATT from New Providence Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 7-21 June. He will be QRV on 40-6 metres. QSL via K2TTT. [TNX NG3K]

EA6 - Hellmuth, DF7XE will be active holiday style as EA6/DF7XE from the Balearic Islands (EU-004) on 14-26 May. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK on 160-10 metres. QSL vi home call, bureau preferred. [TNX NG3K]

F - TP2CE, the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club based in Strasbourg (France), will be active on 9-11 May. QSL via F5LGF; logsearch and further information at www.tp2ce.eu. [TNX F6FQK]

F - A team from the Societe Havraise de TSF (the Wireless Society of Le Havre) will be active as F6KOH/p from the island of Brehat (EU-074) on 17-18 May. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK31 and SSTV on the HF bands. QSL via bureau. [TNX F8REF]

G - In addition to their main activity from EU-109 [10-11 May, 425DXN 1198], the MX0INT team might make a short side trip to nearby IOTA group EU-120. Updates will be posted on Twitter (@Invoker_Team).

GD - Manfred, DM2VC and Bernd, DL9BBE will be active as MD/DM2VC and MD/DL9BBE from the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 11-19 May. They will be QRV on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX Newsletter]

GM - Gil, F4FET (www.f4fet.net) will be active as MM/F4FET/p from the Isle of Mull (EU-008) on 12-18 May. There are also plans for a side trip with limited activity from the Isle of Lunga (EU-108) sometime between 14 and 18 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

HP - Jose, HP2AT will be active as 3E100PC from 1 June to 31 August to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal. QSL via LoTW or direct to HP2AT.

HR - Dennis, W1UE and Rudy, N2WQ will be active as W1UE/HR9 and N2WQ/HR9 from Roatan (NA-057) on 22-28 May, including a

Multi-Single entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (probably as W1UE/HR9, unless they can get a shorter callsign before then). Outside the contest they will operate RTTY and SSB. QSL both calls via W1UE. [TNX The Daily DX]

HS - E20HHK, E23CAL, HS3NBR and HS8GLR will be active again as E20HHK/p from Nu Island (AS-145) on 7-8 June. QSL via E21EIC. [TNX DX World]

I - Promoting the 'Antonio Canova Award', special station II3AC will be active until 31 May. The award is issued by ARI Treviso (http://www.aritreviso.it/Diploma%20Canova.html) to celebrate this famous Italian sculptor, who was born in 1757 in a village near Treviso. QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX IK3GES]

OJ0 - Pasi, OH3WS will be active as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) on 2-7 June. He will operate CW and some SSB on the HF bands. On 31 May and 1 June he will be QRV as OH0/OH3WS from the Aland Islands (EU-002). QSLs via OH3WS, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

OY - Ingrid, LA8FOA and Unni, LA6RHA will be active as OY/LA8FOA and OY/LA6RHA from the amateur radio club station in Torshavn, Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 14 May. They will operate SSB only. QSL via home calls. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

P4 - John, KK9A will be active as P40A from Aruba (SA-036) on 17-25 May. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via WD9DZV. [TNX NG3K]

PA - Peter, PH4P will be active as PH4P/p from Goeree-Overflakkee (EU-146) on 9-14 May. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX VA3RJ]

PA - ON5RZ, ON6EF and ON6VJ will be active as PA/OT1S from Terschelling Island (EU-038) on 29-31 May. They will operate SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL via ON6EF, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - Fred, PA1FJ will be active as SV8/PA1FJ/p from Samos Island (EU-049) on 13-19 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via bureau to PA1FJ. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - Baz G1JYB, Steph G1LAT, Hugo G4UME, Frank G8BME and Steve G1TLQ will be active as SZ8S from the island of Samos (EU-049) on 14-30 May. QSL for this operation via G1LAT (direct) or M0SCG (bureau). [TNX Southgate ARC]

SV - Laci, HA0HW will be active as SW8WW from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 22 May to 3 June, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Hw will be QRV on 40-6 metres mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY. QSL via HA0HW, bureau preferred. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

T8 - Ken, BM2JCC (JP1RIW) will be active as T88KH from Palau on 10-14 May. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres. QSL via BM2JCC. [TNX NG3K]

T8 - Takeo JR1GSE (T88TH) and Fujio JA1SVP (T88FA) will be active from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 16-19 May. They will be QRV on the HF bands and 6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

TF - Jose, EA5IDQ will be active as TF/EA5IDQ from Iceland on 11-22 May. He will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. [TNX NG3K]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 25 June to 6 August. He will operate SSB on 160-6 metres, and will participate in the IARU HF World Championship, CQ

WW VHF and RSGB IOTA Contests. His wife Cathy (W5HAM) will also operate occasionally as V47HAM. All QSLs via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

VE - The NA-128 Contest Group (www.qsl.net/na128cg/) will be active as CK2I from Ile-aux-Grues (NA-128) on 25-27 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via VE2CQ and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

YB - The YE5S (OC-109) and YE5T (OC-122) IOTA operations [425DXN 1199] have again been postponed due to YB5NOF's wife health condition. [TNX W2FB].

YB - Budi, YF1AR (www.yf1ar.com) will be active as YF1AR/6 from Teluk Sinabang Lighthouse on Pulau Simeulue (OC-270) on 15-18 May, and as YF1AR/5 Tanjung Sigep Lighthouse on Pulau Siberut (OC-215) from 24 May to 1 June. He will operate mainly SSB with some CW and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via N2OO or via the OQRS on Club Log. [TNX YF1AR]

ZA - A team of ten Belgian operators will be active as ZA/ON6NB from Albania on 6-15 June. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY on 80-6 metres with four stations. QSL via ON4ANN, direct or bureau. Website at http://users.telenet.be/on4ann/ZA/index.html and log Search on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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IOTA OPERATIONS ---> "During the next several months I may be making several IOTA expeditions on very short notice", Rick, K6VVA says. Keep an eye on www.k6vva.com/iota and Twitter (@k6vva). His QSL manager (N6AWD) is retiring, and a new QSL route for this year's and future expeditions will be announced in due course. N6AWD will continue to process QSL requests for Rick's past expeditions through 31 December 2014.

QSL FK8DD ---> Buzz, NI5DX is the new QSL manager for Sam, FK8DD. When the new cards are printed, Buzz will be able to confirm all of the QSOs. QSL direct to William M. Loeschman, 717 Milton, Angleton TX 77515, USA.

UN DX CONTEST ---> The new rules for the UN DX Contest, to be held on 16-17 May, can be found on the KFRR's (Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur) website at http://kfrr.kz/?id_1=815&id_2=825&id_3=827

TALAUD ISLANDS TOUR ---> Adhi, YB3MM was recently active as YB3MM/8 from four different islands in IOTA group OC-209: Saraa Besar (1 May, until 15 UTC), Salibabu (1-2 May), Saraa Kecil (3-4 May, along with YB8RW/p, YC8UTI/p and YC8SCO/p) and Karakelong (4-6 May). QSLs via YB3MM. Information on the Nusantara Award (the Indonesian Islands Award) can be found at www.nusantaraaward.com.
Both Iwan, YC8UTI and Nelman, YC8SCO are residents in Melonguane on Karakelong Island. They are new to DXing and pile-ups, so please be patient with them. They really need your paper cards, so if you choose to PayPal to YB3MM, please also send a card to YC8UTI and/or YC8SCO via the bureau.

VK0EK: HEARD ISLAND 2016 ---> Cordell Expeditions has reached a tentative agreement with the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) for use of the vessel S. A. Agulhas for the 2016 Heard Island Expedition. The entire trip is estimated to be 45 days. The vessel will depart from Cape Town, South Africa in late December 2015, for the 12-day voyage to Heard Island. It is expected that the entire stay at the island (20 days) will be during January 2016, with return to Cape Town in February.
Amateur radio wise, this is planned to be an all-band, all-mode DXpedition, with a team of 20 operators using the callsign VK0EK and four stations running 24/7. The organizers welcome inquiries from potential participants wishing to join the operating team. Cost will be roughly $15,000 per operator. For more information, please contact the expedition leader, Dr. Robert W. Schmieder KK6EK (schmieder[@]cordell.org), or co-organizer Rich Holoch KY6R (rholoch[@]comcast.net).
The new official website for the DXpedition is at www.vk0ek.org, while www.heardisland.org is the website for larger scientific project VK0EK is part of.

W1AW WAS ---> Look for ARRL Centennial station W1AW/0 from South Dakota to be on the air starting at 00.00 UTC on 14 May until 23.59 UTC on the 20th. There will be no second State station that week. Complete information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party at www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party.

WRTC 2014: PARTICIPATION AWARDS ---> A number of awards will be available for stations that work the WRTC teams during the competition. The "WRTC2014 Chase" will run concurrently with the IARU HF Championship beginning on 12 July at 12.00 UTC. The fifty nine WRTC2014 stations will have distinctive callsigns (TBA) that will be easy to recognize.

ACTIVITY AWARDS

Everyone is encouraged to work the WRTC teams on as many bands and modes as possible. As an added incentive, each QSO with a WRTC team counts 5 points for the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. Any station that appears in all 59 WRTC team logs will be able to download a certificate from the WRTC2014 Web site after the contest.

"ASSISTANT JUDGE" AWARD

The WRTC2014 Judging Committee needs as many logs as quickly as possible to assist with the log checking process. Everyone who submits a log within six hours after the end of the contest will be given the title of "Assistant Judge of WRTC2014". All logs received will be entered into a drawing for one of 25 "WRTC2014 Assistant Judge" hats.

BRONZE AWARDS

Every station that submits a log containing confirmed contacts with the WRTC teams on 30 or more band/modes will be eligible for the Bronze level award. These logs will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 WRTC2014 bronze medals or one of 50 WRTC2014 mouse pads.

SILVER AWARDS

A Silver medal will be awarded to the first 5 stations from each continent and W1 that have confirmed contacts with all 59 teams regardless of mode. Any other stations that work all 59 teams will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 WRTC2014 caps.

GOLD AWARDS

Gold medals recognize the highest level of achievement - contacting the

WRTC teams on the most band/modes. With 59 teams, 5 bands, and 2 modes, there are 590 possible band/modes available. Gold medals will be awarded to the top 5 band/mode leaders in each continent and W1. In the event of a tie, the order will be determined by earliest completion time.

ELIGIBILITY

To earn any of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, participants will be required to submit their contest log within six hours after the end of the contest (by 18 UTC on 13 July). Logs in Cabrillo format meeting the requirements of the IARU HF Championship must be submitted by email to iaruhf[@]arrl.org and must be acknowledged by the robot. Entrants are encouraged to submit their log immediately after the contest.

Complete rules for the WRTC2014 activity award program are available at http://www.wrtc2014.org/competition/participation-awards/

All contacts with WRTC2014 stations will be confirmed by QSL card via the bureau for DX stations and direct to US stations. All contacts will also be confirmed through LoTW.

To help determine the best times to work the WRTC teams, Stu Phillips (K6TU) has made his propagation prediction service available for WRTC2014: https://k6tu.net/?q=node/add/dx-prediction-wrtc

+ SILENT KEY + Lee C. Wical, KH6BZF passed away on 2 May after a period of declining health. He was 79 and had not been active on the air in recent years. First licenced in 1955, he edited and published the well known "KH6BZF Reports" HF propagation forecast for several years.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3A2LF, 3B8DB, 3B9/OE4AAC, 3C0BYP, 3D2MJ, 3W1T, 4S7NE, 4S7VG, 5A1AL, 5H1DX, 5H2DK, 5V7DX, 5W8A, 6Y3M, 7P8RJ, 7X4AN, 7Z1HL, 85ZX, 9J2T, 9K2GS, 9L1A, 9W6EZ, A25US, A63RI (AS-124), A71A, A71BO, A73A, A92HK, D44CF, DU7ET, E71A, E77DX, EA9KB, EA9UG, ER1LW, EX8M, EX8MLE, F4FET/p (EU-157), FG5DH, FG8NY, FK8CE, FR5DN, FS/N0TG, FW5JJ, HC1/N0AT, HC1WDT, HP2BWJ, HS0ZKX, J28NC, J69DS, J6SLI35, JY9FC, K5T (NA-119), K9W, LU8DPM, LY10NATO, MJ/K8PT, OD5NJ, OD70YY, OM3KWT, OX/OZ1LXJ, P33W, P43A, PJ7PL, RA2FF, ST2M, SU1HZ, SV0XCC/9, SV9OFS, T32TV (OC-084), T77BC, T88QX, TI5/N3KS, TO22C, TX6G, TY1TT, UA0FO, UK9AA, UP2L, V21ZG, V73DL, V85TL, VK5MAV/p (OC-139), VK9X/K7CO, VP2V/AK4T, VP2V/SP2FUD, W8A, XE2NBW, XF1T (NA-189), XR0YY, XR0ZR, XU7TZG, XW0YJY, XX9THX, XZ1J, YB3MM (OC-021), YB3MM/2 (OC-186), YB3MM/4 (OC-262), YB3MM/8 (OC-219), YB4IR/5 (OC-106), YB4IR/p (OC-204), YB8BRI/p (OC-145), YB8XM/p (OC-076), YB8XM/p (OC-224), YB9WZJ/p (OC-239), YB9Y (OC-276), YF1AR/8 (OC-272), YJ0OU, YP8T, Z60WW, Z81R, ZA1E, ZB2FL, ZF35LC, ZL3IO, ZS6MED, ZS8C.

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