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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - Jacek, SP5APW (http://as-130.blogspot.com) will be active as 3W2JK from Con Son Island (AS-130) on 11-17 March. He will operate SSB, PSK31 and RTTY on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

5X - Alan, G3XAQ will be active as 5X1XA from Uganda on 11-18 March. He will operate CW mostly on the high bands and "especially in the new SARL Africa DX Contest" that will run from 12 UTC on 14 March to 12 UTC on the 15th (exchange: RST + serial number). QSL via G3SWH. Complete information on the Africa All Mode International DX Contest can be found in the SARL Contest Manual 2015 (www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/contestrules.asp). [TNX The Daily DX]

5Z - Nick, G3RWF will be active as 5Z4LS from Nairobi, Kenya on 5-18 March. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

9K - A team will be active as 9K2F from Faylakah Island (AS-118) on 11-16 March. QSL via 9K2HN (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX NG3K]

C5 - Dom, M1KTA will be active again as either C5/M1KTA or with a C5 callsign from near Brufu, The Gambia on 12-17 March, including participation in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest. He might also go and operate as C5/M1KTA/p from the Bijol Islands (AF-060); that would be a brief activity ("one morning or afternoon") on 15, 17 or 20 metres SSB, depending on propagation. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

C9 - Paulo, C91PM will be active as C91PM/p from Bazaruto Island (AF-072) from 28 February to 3 March. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

D4 - Lukas, HB9EBT will be active as D44TEG from Sao Tiago (AF-005), Cape Verde on 15-27 March. He will operate CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

DU - Marc, ON5SM will be active again as DU9/ON5SM from Mindanao (OC-130), Philippines from 16 March to 25 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

E3 - The SEISA/Foundation for Global Children has announced that, after "many months of careful planning and negotiations", their Eritrea Project 2015 will include an amateur radio DXpedition to be conducted from Asmara on 6-17 March. A multi-national team of nine operators (JH1AJT, N6PSE, DJ9ZB, JA1TRC, JH1NBN, JH1OGX, NQ7R, RA9USU and WD5COV) will be active with four stations with amplifiers, beam antennas for the high bands (10-20m) and four verticals for the low bands (30-160m). The callsign will be issued upon arrival. QSL via M0URX. PayPal donations can be sent to jh1ajt[@]fgc.or.jp. [TNX JA1TRC]

EI - Olivier, ON4EI will be active again as EI8GQB from Fethard,

Ireland (EU-115) between 1 March and 2 April using an hybrid wind-solar power system from his caravan. He will participate in the ARRL International DX SSB, Russian DX and CQ WW WPX contests as EI1A. QSL for both callsigns via PA3249, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Follow his activity and antenna experimentation on www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB.

FM - Rich, M5RIC will be active as TO4C from Martinique (NA-107) on 22-29 March, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS preferred (www.m0oxo.com).

FR - Guy, F5MNW will operate CW only as FR/F5MNW from Reunion Island (AF-016) from 19 March to 14 April. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HB0 - ON4MW, ON6OM, ON6ZV and ON7EG will be active as HB0/OO6P from Liechtenstein on 21-26 June. They will operate SSB, RTTY and PSK63/PSK31 on all bands. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More information at www.qsl.net/on6om/hb0-oo6p. [TNX ON6OM]

HK0_sa - Joe, LU1FM will be active as 5J0B from San Andres Island (NA-033) from 21 March to 4 April. He will operate SSB and digital modes on 160-6 metres, and will take part in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL direct to home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

HV - HV0A will be activated by IK0FVC, IK0PRG, S53R and S53T from 27 February to 2 March, mainly during the CQ WW 160-Meter Contest. Expect some CW activity outside the contest, with a focus on the low bands. QSL via LoTW or direct to IK0FVC. [TNX NG3K]

J3 - Bob, G3PJT will be active once again as J34G from Grenada (NA-024) on 12-25 March. He will operate mainly CW on 80-10 metres, and will participate in the RSGB Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (14-15 March). QSL via G3PJT and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ will be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) and be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from mid-March until mid-June. He operates CW only in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

OZ - A group of seven operators (DC7VS, DF8LS, DG2RON, DG3AZ, DO2MRC, DO9DCT and PP5/HB9CJX) will be active as 5P7Z from Nationalpark Vadehavet on Romo Island (EU-125) on 14-21 March. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK31, JT65 on 160-6 metres. QSL via DG2RON, preferably through the OQRS on Club Log.

PA - Marcel, PD5MVH will be active as PD38EU from Ameland Island (EU-038) from 28 February to 14 March, inclufind participation in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PJ4 - Klaus, DG1SGW will be active as PJ4/DG1SGW from Bonaire (SA-006) on 1-12 March. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PY - PS7AB (SSB) and PP1CZ (CW and digital modes) will be active as PR70FEB on 1-31 March. This is the third of a series of twelve special callsigns; the suffix stands for Forca Expedicionaria Brasileira, the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought alongside the Allied powers in Italy during World War II. QSL via PS7AB, direct or bureau (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to ps7ab[@]yahoo.com), LoTW and e QSL. A special certificate will be emailed in 2016 to stations who work at least 10 special callsigns, by mode (SSB, CW or digital) or mixed (three modes).

[TNX PS7AB]

T8 - Tevfik, TA1HZ will be active again as T88HZ from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 5-12 March, including an entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest. QSL via TA1HZ (bureau preferred) and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

V6 - Taka, JA8COE [425DXN 1237] now plans to be active as V63CO from Maap, Yap Islands (OC-012) on 1-5 March and from Falalop, Ulithi Atoll (OC-078) on 6-8 March. QSL via JA8COE, direct only (see qrz.com for the links to Club Log's OQRS), and LoTW. He has a blog at http://blog.goo.ne.jp/takaja8coe.

V6 - Ken, JR1JYR will be active as V63JYR from Pohnpei (OC-010), Micronesia on 5-11 March. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 20-10 metres. QSL via home call and LoTW.

VK9L - Steve, G0UIH will be active holiday style as VK2IAY/9 from Lord Howe Island (OC-004) on 16-23 December. Operation will be SSB only concentrating on 10, 15, 17 and 20 metres. Look around 14260, 21260, 28460 and 18145 kHz. On returning to Australia, between 23 December and 16 January 2016, "there is a good chance of activating other IOTA references around VK, although nothing has yet been confirmed". QSL via G0UIH, direct or bureau. [TNX G0UIH]

VP2M - Rob, N7QT will be active as VP2MQT from Montserrat (NA-103) on 11-25 March. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

VP8 - Denis, ZL4DB is now QRV as VP8DOZ [425DXN 1238] from King Edward Point, South Georgia Island (AN-007) until late March/early April. Look for him daily on ± 18160 kHz around 20 UTC. He has been given permission to operate from the base radio room, and his QRV time can vary "depending on official use of the HF station". [TNX The Daily DX]

VQ9 - Bob, N7XR will be back to Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Archipelago and be active as VQ9XR on 19-27 March. He will be QRV on 80-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL direct only to N7XR, preferably through the OQRS on Club Log (please refrain from choosing the bureau option, as "all ClubLog requests for bureau cards will not be processed"). [TNX NG3K]

VU4 - Organized by the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), Hamtech 2015 is an International Conference on Amateur Radio Communications that will be held at Port Blair, Andaman Islands (AS-001) on 6-7 March along with DXpedition activities until the 18th. Two callsigns have been issued, VU4I (to be used by Indian operators) and VU4A (for operators from abroad). QSL via operator's instructions.

YB - Imam, YB4IR expects to be active as YB4IR/7 from Temajo Island (OC-252) on 14-18 March. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS for direct cards).

YN - Once again Jeff, N6GQ will be active as YN2AA from Grenada, Nicaragua on 4-8 March, ARRL DX SSB Contest included. Outside the contest he will be QRV on 160-6 metres. QSL via NN3W and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****

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FT4TA ---> The Tromelin Island 2014 Story can be read online, and it is also possible to order the hardcover book. "We choose to write a report which would tell in details all that one would like to know in connection with such adventure: the 'behind the scenes' of FT4TA!", the team says. "In these days with of DQRM, anonymous and nasty comments, it does not exists a better answer than explaining, and try to sensitize, show the work done for a so ambitious project". Please visit http://blur.by/1KGFCIT (French version) and http://blur.by/1LziqfS (English version).

K1N ---> An interesting interview with Glenn Johnson, W0GJ on the recent DXpedition to Navassa Island can be found on the Mediterraneo DX Club's website: http://www.mdxc.org/k1n-interview-for-mdxc-by-w0gj/. It gives good food for thought, and it's definitely worth reading.

QSL VIA NR6M ---> Rex is the new QSL manager for A6/N2IEN, FJ/KB2HZI, FJ/N2IEN, FJ/NN2DX, FJ/W2RE, FJ/WW2DX, TF/W2RE, VP2EZZ and VP2V/N2IEN. The logs have been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS has been enabled.

WRTC 2014 ---> Produced by James Brooks (9V1YC), the WRTC2014 official documentary video (59 minutes) is now available for viewing at https://vimeo.com/119947598. James took advantage of nine roving video teams to capture high definition footage of action at headquarters and out in the field, artfully telling the WRTC2014 story using the participants' own words. Plans are to make a downloadable version available in the near future, to help facilitate use at club meetings.

+ SILENT KEYS + Hans Berg, DJ6TJ passed away on 18 February at 72 years of age. He was Chairman of the old IARU Region 1 HF Working Group and the Region 1 HF Committee from 1984 until 1993. He was also the Foreign Relations Committee Chairman of DARC (1982-2003).
Sandor "Alex" Gyorfi, HA7UW died unexpectedly on 20 February. "Alex had been a conscientious IOTA checkpoint since October 2005 and during these ten years had shown himself to be a great supporter and friend of IOTA", G3KMA says. He also "served the HA amateurs over a very long period as the chief of the QSL bureau, setting a gold standard that was impossible to exceed".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8CF, 3B8DB, 3B8HC, 3B8MU, 3B9HA, 3D2AG/p (OC-060), 3D2ER, 3D2KM, 4L8A, 4S7VG, 4W/NB3MM (OC-148), 4X266POPE, 4X6YY, 5R8M, 6W7SK, 7O2A, 7P8OC, 8P0P, 8Q7SN, 9H9NC, 9K2HN, 9M2SM, 9M2TO (AS-015), 9M4DX, 9N7AA, 9Z4A, A63DI (AS-021), A63RI (AS-124), A71BX, A71EM, AT5RP (AS-173), B1Z, BV7GC, C21GC, C6AWU, C91JR, CN8QN, E77DX, EA9KB, EF0JC, EF6, EF6A, ER3ZZ, ES0/OH7KA, EX8M, FJ/N9SW, FK8CE, FP/OE3GEA, FR/DJ7RJ, FW5JJ, GM0B, GM7R, HI2DX (NA-122), HI3TEJ, HS3ANP, HV0A, J28NC, J3/AI5P, J42SOE, J6/DL7VOG, J6/K9AW, JD1BMH (AS-031), JF3ELH/6, JT1CO, JT5DX, JW8G, JY9FC, KP4EIT, KS4S/p (NA-112), MS0WRC

(EU-092), N9BX/p, NP4DX, OD5NJ/p (AS-108), OK2AN, OZ/PD7YY (EU-172), PJ2/K2PLF, PJ4VHF, PJ75M, PJ7PK (NA-247), PZ5RA, PZ5VB, S01WS, S0S, T30D, T32TV, T6T, T77BB, TA7I, TY1AA, UP0L, UP80DEDR, V4/WJ2O, V55V, V6T (OC-132), V85TL, VK9DLX, VK9LM, VP2EAQ, VP2ERJ, VP2MDX, VP2WT, VP8RAF/100, VR2/IV3TAN (AS-006), VR2XAN, VU2CVS, VU4CB (AS-033), VU4KV, VX9MOSKVA (NA-068), WB8YJF (NA-067), WP4JCF, WP4WW, XR2T (SA-086), XW4ZW, YB4IR/5 (OC-106, OC-107, OC-109 and OC-122), YB4IR/8 (OC-076, OC-145, OC-157, OC-222 and OC-224), YB4IR/p (OC-204), YB8RW/p (OC-070, OC-076, OC-145, OC-157, OC-208, OC-209, OC-210, OC-213, OC-222 and OC-224)YB9NBR (OC-148), YF4KHZ (OC-144), YL2014W, YS1/NP3J, Z320E, Z81D, ZF2AH, ZP5AJR, ZP9MCE, ZS8C.

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