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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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9N - Bogdan SP2FUD, Janusz SP9FIH and Rafal SQ9CNN will be active from Nepal (callsign unknown) on 18-30 March. They are likely to be QRV on 40-10 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. They have a website at www.9n.dxpeditions.org. [TNX NG3K]

A2 - Once again Gert, ZS6AYU will be active holiday style as A25GF from Botswana on 20-22 March. He will operate CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via ZS6AYU. [TNX NG3K]

A6 - Andy, DK5ON will be active as A6/DK5ON from the United Arab Emirates on 18-27 March. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - John, C6ATS (http://kk4oyj.wordpress.com) has been active from the Berry Islands (NA-054) since 13 March, and should remain there for a few more days. He operates SSB and RTTY on 10, 15 and 17 metres depending on band conditions. QSL via NI5DX (direct) and LoTW, OQRS on Club Log (bureau cards should be requested through the OQRS).

CT9 - Igor, UA9CDC will be active on 160-10 metres as CT9/UA9CDC from Madeira (AF-014) on 20-31 March. Main activity will take place during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via G3SWH, direct only (OQRS preferred: see www.g3swh.org.uk) and LoTW. Logsearch on G3SWH's website and Club Log. [TNX G3SWH]

CX - Radiogrupo Sur will be active on all bands and modes as CV5A from Isla de Flores (SA-030) on 20-22 March. QSL via CX2ABC.

DU - Hannes, OE3SGU will be active holiday style as DU1/OE3SGU from Luzon Island (OC-042) from 25 March to 20 April. He will operate mainly CW on 40-6 metres. Short side trips to other IOTA groups are possible. QSL via home call (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

EA - Special callsign EH3DWN will be in use on 13-22 March for the World Down Syndrome Day (21 March). Look for activity on 80-10 metres SSB, PSK and ROS. QSL via EA3HKY, direct or bureau, LoTW and eQSL. Further information on qrz.com.

EA - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, special callsigns EG90IARU (from club stations located on the Iberian Peninsula) and EH90IARU (for club stations operating from the Canary Islands, the Balearic Islands and Ceuta y Melilla) will be in use on 1-30 April. During the same time frame, individual operators are authorized to use special prefixes followed by their usual call area number + 90: EA stations can use AM (e.g. EA4AAA = AM490AAA), EB stations can use AN (e.g. EB8AAA = AN890AAA) and EC stations can use AO (e.g. EC9AAA = AO990AAA). [TNX URE]

F - Four special commemorative callsigns will be used in France

between mid-April and late May: TM90WARD on 17-19 April for the World Amateur Radio Day (celebrated on the 18th); TM150UIT and TM150ITU on 3-17 May for the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunications Union; TM90REF on 17-31 May for the 90th anniversary of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais (REF), France's national IARU Society. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

FG - Special callsign TO90IARU will be activated from Martinique on 4-18 April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

GJ - Kazu, M0CFW will be active from Jersey (EU-013) on 20-23 March. He will participate in the Russian DX Contest as MJ5Z, and will be QRV as MJ0CFW outside the contest. QSL for both callsigns via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

H44 - Christian, EA3NT has had to cancel his trip to the Russel Islands (OC-168) because of bad weather and rough seas. He still hopes to be able to go and be active from Bellona Island (OC-127) on 15-16 March. To avoid confusion, he uses H44NT from Honiara (OC-047), and will use H42NT from OC-127. QSL via M0OXO. [TNX M0OXO]

OE - The Amateur Radio Section of ORF (the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) and the Documentary Archive Radio Communications/QSL Collection will operate special event station OE15M on 24-26 April. This is an official "International Marconi Day" station and contacts made on 25 April will count for the IMD Award (see www.gb4imd.org.uk). QSL via OE1WHC. [TNX OE1WHC]

PY - Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union, members of the Guara DX Group will use special event callsigns PQ150ITU, PV150ITU, PW150ITU, PX150ITU, ZV150ITU, ZW150ITU, ZX150ITU, ZY150ITU and ZZ150ITU from 28 March to 26 April. QSL all via PR7AYE, direct or bureau.

SM - Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, the Swedish Amateur Radio Society's eight Districts will operate special callsigns until 31 August: 7S90IARU (District 6), SB90IARU (District 0), SC90IARU (District 2), SD90IARU (District 4), SE90IARU (District 5), SF90IARU (District 7), SI90IARU (District 1) and SJ90IARU (District 3).

LA - Waldi, SP7IDX will be active holiday style as LA/SP7IDX from Vannoya (EU-046) on 17-26 June. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, bureau preferred, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX SP7IDX]

TK - Special callsign TK90IARU will be activated from Corsica on 4-18 April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

VK9N - Look for Allen, VK7AN/VK9 and David, VK7YUM/VK9 to be active from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on 20-27 March. They will operate SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

W - Jeff, N3JS reports he will be active as N3JS/4 from Assateague Island (NA-139) on 15 March. This will be a "short, battery/solar powered operation" from 15 UTC to 18 UTC. Look for him around 28460, 21260 and 18128, depending on conditions.

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 27-30 March. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres as time permits. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org

YB - Look for Din, YB8RW/3 (see qrz.com for the link to Club Log's OQRS) and Adhi, YB3MM/p (see www.yb3mm.com or qrz.com for QSLling options) to operate SSB and CW from Masalembu Besar (OC-250) on 25-27 March. This IOTA group was activated only once, by 8A3M back in 2002. If transportation is available, they might also operate from Masalembu Kecil and Karamian (same IOTA group, but separate counters for the Nusantara/Indonesian Islands Award). [TNX W2FB]

YJ - Haru, JA1XGI will be active as YJ0XG from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu on 13-19 April. He will operate mainly CW with some SSB and digital modes on 40-10 metres. QSL via JA1XGI, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). Further information can be found at http://island.geocities.jp/vanuatuholiday/

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DXPEDITION VIDEOS ---> A collection of videos produced by James Brooks (9V1YC) is now available for viewing at https://vimeo.com/user36455730. It includes the WRTC 2014 documentary and nine DXpeditions: A52A (Bhutan 2000), BS7H (Scarborough Reef 2007), FT5XO (Kerguelen 2005), K4M (Midway 2009), VK0IR (Heard Island 1997), VP8GEO (South Georgia 2002), VP8ORK (South Orkney Islands 2011), VP8THU (South Sandwich 2002) and ZL8R (Kermadec 2006).

P5-2016 PROJECT ---> Dom, 3Z9DX has written permission to operate amateur radio from North Korea (P5), DX-World.net reports. He has also received "a further letter from authorities in Pyongyang inviting him to a final meeting to discuss (and for him to accept) rules by the North Korean military and the relevant telecommunications department. This meeting will take place in December with activity planned for January or February 2016". Dom will be permitted to be QRV on 10, 15 and 20 metres only, "from a secured place in Pyongyang with two government supervisors over-looking 24/7" for five days. This is expected to be a phone only activity; "currently, there is no negotiations or ongoing dialogue about CW". Further information is expected in due course. [TNX MM0NDX]

RSGB COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 78th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (www.beru.org.uk) will be held on 14-15 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.

THE CDXC DX ARCHIVE ---> The Chiltern DX Club, the UK DX Foundation, has made access to the large collection of the club's bi-monthly magazine (the CDXC Digest) freely available to all. The collection of Geoff Watts' (later RSGB's) 'DX News Sheet' and 'RSGB DX News Magazine' has been likewise

available since 2012. The Digests (#1 dates back to October 1983) have been uploaded as searchable PDFs for researchers worldwide to browse or download. There is a delay of around three months before the latest issues are added. Go to www.cdxc.org.uk and click on 'The CDXC DX Archive'. [TNX DX World]

US ISLANDS ---> "One-Day Getaway" is a US Islands (USI) Awards Program's new operating activity that will take place on 9 May (from 00.00 UTC through 23.59 UTC). Complete information on the event and the US Islands Program can be found on www.usislands.org. Founded in 1994, US Islands promotes portable amateur radio operations from islands found in all bodies of water (lakes, rivers, streams, ponds) and coastal islands in US territorial waters. [TNX NS4J]

YB4IR/7 ---> Imam, YB4IR reports that "because of technical problems", his 14-18 March activity from Temajo Island (OC-252) [425DXN 1243] has been postponed "for a while".

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 4J20RO, 5R8M, 6V1A, 7O2A, 7Q7GIA, 7X4RJ, 8Q7DV, 9G5AG, 9K9GHL, 9L1A, 9V1YC, A25TQ, A35TR, A41MX, A63DI (AS-021), A71AM, AH0CO/KH8, B9/BY9GA, C21GC, C5X, C6ARU, C6ATS (NA-113), C91B, CD6713 (SA-018), CO2WL, D2QR, D44EE, E20AS (AS-125), E51JD, EA9/DL2RNS, EF6, EP3HF, ES5QD, EX2F, FK8CP, FO/K8PGJ, FO/KH0PR (OC-238), FO5QB, FO5RH (OC-066), FT4TA, HB0/HB9LCW, HC2AC, HH5/KC0W, HI6JHV, J48TSL (EU-060), J64SLI, JU50VOM, JU80R, JW/UA3IPL, JW4PM, KG4HF, KG4HI, KH6/K1YR, KH8/K8GU, KP2/AG2J, LX7I, ON70NUTS, PJ7/N0TG, PZ5RA, RI1FJA, S59AA, SV2ASP/A, SY2A, T8CW, TC0MI (AS-201), TJ3AY, TX5W, UK8ZC, UK9AA, UP6KEDR, VK16AC, VK4SWE (OC-227), VK9DLX, VK9LM, VP2ERJVR2XMT, VU4KV (AS-001), XE1/W5FG, XR2T (SA-086), XW4ZW, YB3MM/8 (OC-247), YB8RXA/p (OC-145), YB8XM/p (OC-070), YB9/DL7UVO (OC-151), YC8ROP/p (OC-210), ZL7/JA0JHQ.

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