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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3W - Led by Antonio IZ8CCW and Gabriele I2VGW, a multi-national team of twenty operators from the Mediterraneo DX Club will be active as 3W3MD from Da Nang, Vietnam from 31 October to 10 November. They plan to be QRV on all bands and modes with five stations 24/7. A website is under construction, and further information is expected in due course. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

3X - Michael, PA5M has been back in Conakry, Guinea since 16 April and expects to remain there until 31 May. He is active as 3XY5M on the HF bands and 6 metres in his free time, typically during his evening hours. During this final trip he plans to operate some SSB. QSL via PA7FM; logsearch on Club Log.

9M2 - Look for Victor, R6AF to be active as 9M2/R6AF/p from Redang Island (AS-073) until 29 April. CW is his preferred mode. QSl via home call, preferably through the OQRS provided by Club Log (see qrz.com for the direct link).

C6 - Dan, N8YSZ will be active holiday style as C6ASZ from Long Island (NA-001), Bahamas on 9-16 May. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metres with a focus on digital modes and SSB. QSL via N8YSZ, bureau and LoTW preferred. [TNX NG3K]

CT8 - CU3FT and other operators from the Amateur Radio Association of Praia da Vitoria will be active as Q1AR from the fortress of Santa Catarina on Terceira Island (EU-175) on 25 April. They will be QRV on 80, 40 and 20 metres SSB and possibly on 6m and CW. QSL direct only. [TNX CU3FT]

DL - A group of six operators (namely DB2LS, DF6LPC, DJ7AO, DJ9IE, DL3HBZ and DL8HAL) will be active as DL0DFF (QSL via bureau, or direct to DL3HBZ) and DK0RZ (QSL via bureau, or direct to DL5HAQ) from Hallig Hooge (EU-042) from 30 April to 3 May. [TNX rgsbiota.org]

EA - To celebrate ITU's 150th anniversary, eleven special callsigns will be in use on 1-30 May: AO150A, AO150E, AO150G, AO150H, AO150I, AO150N, AO150O, AO150R, AO150T, AO150U (Canary Islands) and AO150V. The callsigns' suffixes are the letters forming the anniversary motto (ITU: Innovating Together). The event is sponsored by the Union Radioaficionados Espanoles (URE); further information, includind logsearch and details on the award programme will be available on http://itu150.ure.es. [TNX EA1CS]

EI - Special station EI100MFA will be active bewteen 3 and 10 May to to commemorate the tragic sinking of the RMS Lusitania, which was torpedoed off the Irish coasts on 7 May 1915. Some 1,200 people lost their lives in the disaster. MFA was the callsign allocated to the ocean liner.the activity will take place from a site near the Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse. QSL via EI4GZB, direct or

bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW.

F - Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Oleron Island (EU-032) during World War II, Jean-Paul, F5BZK (www.f5bzk.fr) and others will be active as TM70IO from 30 April to 3 May, and again on 8-10 May. QSL via F5BZK, direct or bureau.

F - A Belgian team from UBA Section Diest (ON4AZP, ON6KL, ON6VP, ON7FH and ON7KS) will be active as TM0D from Belle-Ile-en-Mer (EU-048) on 1-8 May. They will be QRV on the HF bands, especially around 14260 kHz. QSL via ON3HO.

F - Special event station TM45PAX will be active on 5-19 May to mark the anniversary of the Act of Military Surrender that was signed in Reims on 7 May 1945, thus endind World War II in Europe. QSL via F5JYD, direct or bureau.

F - Gil F4FET, Diego F4HAU and Jerome F4HJO will be active as TM2BIG from Stagadon Island (EU-105) on 14-18 May. They will operate SSB and RTTY on 40-6 metres with three stations. QSL via F4FET, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log).

F - Jim G3RTE, Phil G3SWH and Matt MJ0ASP will be QRV as F/G6AY/p from Cezembre Island (EU-157, one of the rarest European IOTA groups) on 26-28 August. They will operate CW only on 30-10 metres with two 100-watt stations and vertical antennas. Activity will be during their daylight hours only, as it is not permitted to stay on the island overnight. QSL via G3SWH, direct or bureau (log search and OQRS at www.g3swh.org.uk/f-g6ay.html), and LoTW. [TNX G3SWH]

FS - Lionel, FS5PL expects to be QRV from Tintamarre Island (NA-199) on 24-26 April. QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX F6AJA]

G - Also commemorating the sinking of the RMS Lusitania, the Radio Officers Association (ROARS) will be active as GB100MFA on 1-31 May. The activity will take place from the lightship Planet, berthed in Canning Dock, Liverpool (Lusitania's registered port, and her final destination). QSL direct via G0UVX, LoTW and eQSL. See www.lusitania-gb100mfa.uk for further information.

G - For the eigth year in a row, the Cray Valley Radio Society will be active as GB6MW from Meopham Windmill on 9-10 May for the Mills On The Air weekend. Details on qrz.com. QSL via G4DFI. [TNX M0MCV]

GD - Three members from the DX Interceptors ARC (MS0IXD) will be active as MT0IXD from the Isle of Man (EU-116) on 8-11 May. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via M0OXO and LoTW; logserach on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

GM - Dave, GM0LVI will be active as GM0LVI/p from the Isle of Barra (EU-010) from 30 April to 9 May, and from Tanera Mor (EU-092) on 25-31 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

I - Italian stations participating in this year's International Marconi Day include IY0IMD, IY0ORP, IY1MR, IY1SP, IY4FGM, IY5PIS, IY6GM and IY7M, as well as IY0GA from Cape Figari, Golfo Aranci (Sardinia, EU-024). QSL via operators' instructions. [TNX IS0JMA]

I - Giovanni, IK5BCM and Andrea, IU5BLZ will be active as IE9B from Ustica Island (EU-051) on 9-16 May. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via IU5BLZ, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JA - Tak, JR1LZK and Mitsuru, JE1HXZ will be active as JR1LZK/6 and JE1HXZ/6 from the Yaeyama Islands (AS-024) between late April and

early May. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres from Iriomote on 24-28 April and from Ishigaki from 29 April to 3 May. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau.

JA - Look for Take, JI3DST to be active as JS6RRR and JI3DST/6 from Miyako Island (AS-079) from 29 April to 6 May. He will operate SSB, CW, FM and maybe digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [TNX Mediterraneo DX Club]

JA - Once again special event station 8J1ITU will be active from 30 April to 31 May to celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May) and the anniversary of the creation of the International Telecommunications Union. Activity will take place from the city of Kasumigaura on Honshu Island (AS-007). QSL via the bureau and eQSL. [TNX WB6Z/JE1PTZ]

JD1_oga- Aki JA4FHE, Masaru JA5AQC, Yoshi JE2EHP and Toshi JP1IOF (JD1BLC) will be active as JD1YBT from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 2-11 May. They plan to be QRV on all bands and modes with up to three stations. QSL via JP1IOF, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

OJ0 - Pasi, OH3WS will be active as OJ0W from Market Reef (EU-053) on 23-31 May. In his spare time he will operate mainly CW and some SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via OH3WS, direct or bureau. [TNX NG3K]

OX - Look for Tom OX/DJ6TF, Manfred OX/DK1BT, Sigi OX/DL7DF and Frank OX/DL7UFR to be active from Tasiilaq (NA-151), Greenland on 3-12 June. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 160-6 metres. QSL via DL7DF, direct or bureau. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW "within six months after the DXpedition". OQRS and further information on www.dl7df.com.

PA - Eight special individual callsigns (PA45FREE, PB45FREE, PC45FREE, PD45FREE, PE45FREE, PF45FREE, PG45FREE and PH45FREE) will be active in May to celebrate 70 years of freedom in the Netherlands since the end of World War II. In addition, special group callsign PA45FREEDOM will be in use on 16-17 May, and possibly a few other times during the month. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. Direct cards should be sent to PD7YY.

. Information on the award offered free of charge for working these stations can be found at http://www.qrz.com/db/PAF45FREEDOM. [TNX PH0NO]

PA - Special station PA05MILL will be active on 9-10 May from the Old Mill at Oudemolen for the Mills On The Air event (www.pd6mill.com). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to PA2CVD. See qrz.com for award information. [TNX PA1BR]

PA - Special callsign PA125VVG will be activated between 11 May to 7 June to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the passing of Vincent van Gogh, the great painter. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to PA1CPA (Chris Baeten, Meidoornlaan 35, 4871 TA Etten-Leur, Netherlands). See qrz.com for more information and award rules. [TNX PA1BR]

PY - Murilo, PY2DS and Joao Paulo, PU2POP will be active as ZW2WCA from Ilha de Cananeia (SA-024, WWL GG64ax) from 30 April to 3 May. Plans are to be QRV on 80, 40, 15, 12, 10, 6 and 2 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via PY2DS, direct or bureau. [TNX PS7AB]

PY - A team of four (PU2TYA, PY2AE, PY2LCD and PY2VM) will participate in the IOTA Contest (25-26 July) as PW2G from Ilha dos Gatos (SA-071). QSL via PY2LCD, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

S7 - Peter, DL2RPS will be active as S79RPS Praslin Island (AF-024), Seychelles on 2-8 May. Be aware that he will allow only one QSO per band. QSL via home call (OQRS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log) and eQSL.

SM - Hans, DK3PZ will be active as SM7/DK3PZ from Oland Island (EU-037) on 16-23 May. QSL via home call (bureau preferred) and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV9 - A group of seven (SV1GE, SV1QXU, SV2BRT, SV2FPU, SV2FWV, SV2RJV and SV2RMK) will be active as J49TSL from Crete (EU-015) on 1-10 May. They will be QRV on 80-6 metres SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via SV2DGH, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch and further information on www.qsl.net/sv2dgh/j49tsl. [TNX SV2DGH]

UA - Special callsign RM30SM will be active from 1 May to 12 June to celebrate the 30th anniversary since the honorary title of Hero City for outstanding heroism during World War II was bestowed upon the city of Smolensk. QSL via R3LO, direct or bureau, plus LoTW and eQSL. Detailed information on the award programme can be found on http://rm30sm.ru/ [TNX R3LO]

UA - A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix RP70 (where the letter P stands for 'pobeda', i.e. 'victory') will be active on 3-10 May to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. Further information (including the list of participating stations, their QSL routes and details on the award programme) will be available on http://pobeda.srr.ru/.

VP8 - Special callsign VP8VPC will be active from the Falkland Islands (SA-002) on 25 April for the International Marconi Day. VPC was originally allocated to the Marconi spark transmitters in Stanley. Read the details on qrz.com. QSL direct to VP8LP.

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) on 1-3 May. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres as time permits. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Bruce, K5TEN will be active from Dog island (NA-085) on 9-16 May. He will operate SSB and CW on 40-10 metres, as well as on 6 and 2 metres. QSL via home call, see qrz.com for instructions. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - Imam, YB4IR was active as YB4IR/8 from Wamar Island (OC-249) [425DXN 1250] on 20-24 April. After that, he will go back to Ambon and meet Din, YB8RW; the two will then be active as YB4IR/8 and YB8RW/p from Lucipara Island (OC-274, new one for IOTA) from 27 April to 1 May (www.lucipara2015.wordpress.com). QSL via home calls. See their qrz.com entries for direct links to Club Log's OQRS.

ZL7 - Alain, F8FUA will be active again as ZL7/F8FUA from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 7-13 May. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

CARIBBEAN TRIP ---> Jim, W8ERI will be active as 6Y5/W8ERI from Jamaica (NA-097) on 2-8 May, and as ZF2ZL from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 9-15

May. He will operate SSB on 20, 17 and and 15 metres. QSLs via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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CHESTERFIELD 2015 ---> "The TX3X project is progressing well", the organizers reported on 23 April (Press Release #4 can be found on the DXpedition's website). The on-island team now includes AD6E, HA5AO, K5GS, K6GFJ, K6TD, N6HC, N6HD, N6XG, ND2T, W1SRD, W2LK and WA6O. More Corporate Sponsors - whose donations, equipment loans and technical support are crucial to the success of a major DXpedition - have stepped forward. The fundraising campaign is still underway, please visit www.tx3x.com for information on how to donate.

JUAN DE NOVA 2016 ---> The organizers of FT4TA (Tromelin 2014) have "initiated a new project that has received the approval of the TAAF". Their destination is the island of Juan de Nova (AF-012) in March 2016. "The exact conditions and dates still need to be tweaked, but the main lines are already defined and validated", they say. "After taking into account all the constraints and imperatives, a team of 10 people has been allowed for a period of 15 days". The estimated budget is 130,000 USD, and donations will be gratefully accepted. Please visit www.juandenovadx.com for information on the project and how to donate.

KERGUELEN 2015 (KYFC) ---> The VK0EK DXpedition team has been granted permission to visit the Kerguelen Islands after the conclusion of the operations at Heard Island. "It is not yet determined whether a radio operation will be authorized", the team says, but "we are pursuing this possibility". Back in January [425DXN 1236] the team had expressed hopes for a 3-4 days activity.

PALMYRA 2016 ---> Back in November 2014 [425DXN 1229] it was reported that The Nature Conservancy and the US Fish and Wildlife Service had developed a plan to accomodate amateur radio DXpeditions to Palmyra Atoll (OC-085), with 11-26 January 2016 as the first of two available spots next year. Last week K9CT and N2TU announced that "the Palmyra Island DXpedition Group has been awarded permission to activate Cooper Island in the Palmyra Atoll during January 2016". A team of twelve highly experienced operators and veterans of many DXpeditions (K0IR, K4UEE, K6MM, K9CT, K9NW, N2TU, N9TK, ND2T, W0GJ, W3OA, W8HC and WB9Z) plan to operate five stations over a 14 day period, 160 to 6 metres on all modes, using a callsign to be announced at a later date. The DXpedition's website (http://palmyra2016.org/) will provide updates as they become available; the donation page is already active (click on "Sponsors").

QSL VIA EA5GL ---> Pedro, EA5GL offers financial support and services as QSL manager for DXpeditions, especially IOTA oriented operations. If interested, please contact ea5gl[@]gmail.com.

RESPONSIBLE QSLLING ---> "The latest incoming box from the RSGB Bureau arrived 3 weeks ago", Tim, M0URX says, and "out of 3,600 bureau cards received 75% of them should NOT have been sent. Yes, 2,700 cards that you have sent me should NOT have been sent. It is quite clear that many people are confused by OQRS, Bureau and Direct QSLing, which leads to a huge problem of Bureau Usage Abuse. Let me see if I can make it clear for you so that we can reduce this abuse and reduce costs within the bureau system, and also reduce the wasted time that is spent on sorting bureau cards and processing them". Read Tim's complete post on his website: http://www.m0urx.com/3-M0URX/596-bureau-abuse-responsible-qsl-ing.html.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9DX, 3B9FR, 3D2AG/p (OC-060), 3D2KM, 3W2MAE, 4A2I, 4L5P, 4U1WB, 4X266POPE, 5W0UU, 5Z4/DJ4EL (AF-040), 8P0P, 8Q7DV, 9A0HRS, 9H5DX, 9M2AX, 9M4SI (AS-074), 9Q0HQ, 9X0PY, A61R, C37NL, C5/M1KTA (AF-060), C5DX, C5X, C6ADX, C6ATS, C98RF (AF-061), CA7CAQ (SA-018), CE0Y/PG5M, CE0Z/UA4WHX, CO6LP, CP8MW, DU1IST, EA9/DL2RVL, EP6T (AS-166), ES5Q, ES9YOTA, ET3AA, FO/JI1WTF, FO4BM/p, FP/KV1J, FR4PV, FT4TA (AF-031), HC1WDT, HC2OGT/8, HH5/KC0W, HL5FUA, HO100CANAL, HS0ZCW, IH9/UT6UA (AF-018), IS0IGV, J3/SP3CFM, J38GA, JT1AA/3, JT1BV, JY4NE, KH0/OZ0J, OD5ZZ, OE3YOTA, P43L, PG5M, PJ2/VE7ACN, PJ5/OL8R, PS06J, PS0F, PY0F/PP1CZ, PZ1DV, RI1ANT, RK3DZJ/1, S01WS, S79KB, SU9VB, SW8SW (EU-158), SX70D, T30D, T32RL, T6SM, T6T, T88XG, TC0MI, TI5/N3KS, TI8II, TM55BM, TX7G, UK8AR, UK8OK, UK9AA, UP2L, V31MW, V63CO (OC-012), V85TL, VK4EI/p (OC-187), VK9DLX, VO2NS, VP8DOZ (AN-007), VP8LP, VP8RAF, VP9GE, WH7M, YB3MM/p (OC-237), YJ0X, ZB3R, ZD8D, ZD9ZS, ZK3E, ZK3Q, ZL7/F8FUA.

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