4U1ITU - Celebrating ITU's 150th anniversary, members of the International Amateur Radio Club (www.itu.int/radioclub) will be active as 4U150ITU on 17 May, from 8 to 16 UTC. All QSL cards will be signed by ITU Secretary General Mr. Houlin Zhao. QSL direct (IARC, P.O. Box 6, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland); bureau cards should be requested through the QQRS provided by Club Log. [TNX SV3SJ]

9N - Jacky, ZL3CW (F2CW) works for the UN World Food Programme and will stay in Nepal for three months starting on 18 May, with activity on the amateur bands during his spare time (callsign TBA). He will upload his log to LoTW when he returns home. [TNX The Daily DX]

EA8 - Look for EA8/SQ9UM and EA8/SQ9C to be active from Fuerteventura, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 18-25 May. They will operate CW, RTTY, SSB and PSK on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX SQ9UM]

GM - Graham, MM0GHM will be active holiday style as MM0GHM/p and MM0GHM/m from the Isle of Barra (EU-010) on 16-23 May. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

HA - Special callsign HA45KHW is being used until the end of the year to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Regionalis Radiosportklub Puspokladany (HA0KHW). QSL via HA0KHW, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX HA0HW]

I - Promoting the Antonio Canova Award (details on qrz.com), special station II3AC will be active until 31 May. The award is issued by ARI Treviso 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]

IS0 - Look for IM0/IQ0NU/p to be active from La Maddalena di Alghero (EU-165) on 17 May. QSL direct to IK3GES (OQRS on Club Log) and eQSL. [TNX IS0QQA]

J3 - Rich, KE1B (J38MM) and Anna, W6NN (J38NN) will be active from Grenada (NA-024) on 23-31 May. They will be QRV on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and RTTY, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as J38MM. QSL for both calls via KE1B (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

J7 - Look for J79JA (QSL direct only to JN1THL) and J79RZ (QSL direct only to JA8RUZ) will be active from Dominica (NA-101) between 18 and 24 May. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on the HF bands and 6 metres.

JA - Masato, JF3ELH will be active as JF3ELH/4 from IOTA group AS-041 during the weekend. He plans to operate CW on 40-10 metres from Nishino-shima (from 6 UTC on 15 May to 1 UTC on the 16th) and Chiburi-shima (from 6 UTC on the 16th to 1 UTC on the 17th). QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX JI3DST]

LX - Members of the West-vlaamse Radio Club section of UBA will be
active as LX/ON4WRC from Luxembourg on 18-21 May. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres. QSL via ON4ON, direct or bureau (QQRS on Club Log). [TNX DX Newsletter]

OX - Michael, OZ1KZX now plans to be active as OX/5P1KZX from Nuuk, Greenland (NA-018) [425DXN 1253] on 19 May for ten days. In his spare time he will operate digital modes on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. See www.qrz.com/db/OX/5P1KZX for updates.

OZ - Once again the OZ1RDP Scout team (www.oz1rdp.de) will be active from Romo Island (EU-125) on 23-26 May. QSL via DL9BCP, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV/A - YL2GD, YL2GM, YL2KA and YL3CW expect to be active from Mount Athos as SV2/YL7A on 19-28 May. QSL via YL2GM and logsearch on Club Log. A website will be available on 18 May. [TNX NG3K]

VE - VY0M is the callsign that Cezar, VE3LYC will use during his 3-10 August operation from Melville Island (NA-248, new one for IOTA) [425DXN 1249]. He has planned "to stay on the island for 7 days, in order to mitigate possible negative propagation effects associated with solar phenomena". Expect him to be QRV on 40-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or bureau (QQRS on Club Log). The websiste for the operation is now up and running at http://vy0m.weebly.com.

VK9W - An international team will be active as VK9WA from the Willis Islands (OC-007) on 12-21 November. Initial team members include Rob N7QT, Jared N7SMI, Sandro VE7NY and Adam K7EDX; additional team members (up to eight total) are being considered. They will operate high power CW, SSB and RTTY on 10-80 metres (possibly 160m as well). QSL via N7SMI, direct or bureau (QQRS on Club Log); the logs will uploaded to LoTW and eQSL "shortly after the operation". Further information, including QSLling policy and donation & sponsorship details, can be found at http://VK9WA.com/. [TNX N7QT]

W - Look for KG4JSZ to be active from Santa Rosa Island (NA-142) for a few hours (1-17 UTC) on 18 May. QSL via home call. [TNX rgsbiota.org]

XT - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as XT2AW from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 30 May to 30 June. He will operate QRS CW and PSK31 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via M0OXO. [TNX The Daily DX]

YB - Budi, YF1AR (www.yf1ar.com) will be active as YF1AR/2 from the islands of Nyamuk (OC-186, 14-15 May) and Karimun Jawa (OC-186, 16-17 May). He will operate mainly SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via the OQRS on Club Log (preferred) or N200. [TNX YF1AR]

YB - Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/p from Tabuhan Island (confirmed to count for IOTA group OC-237) on 16-17 May. See qrz.com for QSLling options. [TNX YB3MM]

ZF - Bill, NZ5N and Pete, N8PR will be active as ZF2EM from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 20-25 May. They will operate mainly EME on 2 metres, with some JT65 and SSB activity on the HF bands when the moon is not up. QSL via N8PR and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]
425 DX NEWS MAGAZINE ---> The April 2015 issue is now available for download at www.425dxn.org/monthly/index.html. [TNX IZ3EBA]

CQ 2015 HALL OF FAMERS ---> CQ Magazine announced on 15 May the 2015 Hall of Fame inductees. The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize individuals - radio amateurs or not - who significantly affected the course of Amateur Radio, as well as radio amateurs who have made significant contributions either to amateur radio, to their professional careers or to some other aspect of life on our planet. This year's inductees are: Tim Allen (KK6OTD), Charles Apgar (ex-2MN, SK), Dr Dan Benishek (KB8TOW), Olof Lundberg (G0CKV), Bre Pettis (W2BRE), Alvino Rey (W6UK, SK), Bob Twiggs (KE6QMD), Greg Walden (W7EQI) and Joko "Jokowi" Widodo (YD2JKW).

The CQ Contest Hall of Fame (established in 1986) and the CQ DX Hall of Fame (established in 1967) honour those amateurs who not only excel in personal performance in these major areas of amateur radio, but who also "give back" to the hobby in outstanding ways. This year's inductees in the CQ Contest HoF are Doug Grant (K1DG) and Ward Silver (N0AX). The 2015 inductees to the CQ DX HoF are Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa (JH1AJT) and Michael Wells (G7VJR).

BOUVET 2016: FINAL PRESS RELEASE ---> "After press release #3 (www.on4ww.be/bouvet2016_pr3.html), I was optimistic in terms of securing the required funding for the 'one-man three-month concept' DXpedition", Mark, ON4WW says. "Thanks to so many of you, the necessary up-front expenses were getting close to being covered by the pledges received at that time. I was also hopeful that the larger DX associations and foundations would step forward to contribute as we were getting close to realization. At this point in time, I have no other choice than to report that the funding is not sufficient to move forward. As I am sure you know, there are a number of large DXpeditions being arranged for late 2015 and early 2016, and they are more or less competing for the same resources. I didn't manage to create sufficient interest among potential external (non-ham) donors, and my one-man concept is of course somewhat controversial by nature. Though, I am still convinced that - even if my particular approach is not necessarily the solution - future DXpeditioning has to find other forms in order to remain sustainable. After having received permission for Bouvet from NPI (Norwegian Polar Institute), my wife (!), my employer (5 months leave without pay) and getting close to the sufficient up-front funding, this is a bitter pill to swallow. But I am extremely grateful to all of you for having lived this dream with me. And not the least to my angel sponsor who kept things going. As I stated from the beginning, don't be sad, someone else will activate Bouvet!"

HEARD ISLAND 2016 ---> The VK0EK expedition to Heard Island has been postponed to March-April 2016. On 13 May Cordell Expeditions signed a new contract with Nigel Jolly, owner and operator of the "Braveheart". The ship will depart from Cape Town (South Africa) on 6 March and return to
Fremantle (Australia) on 20 April, with a nominal 21-day stay at Heard Island (16 March-8 April). While the radio operation is the primary goal, the team will also carry out a limited scientific programme. "Obviously, the conversion to the new vessel and schedule will require adapting the team and the project activities, but the major goals of the expedition remain unchanged. We are grateful to the Northern California DX Foundation and numerous other organizations, and many, many individuals for their generous support of this project. We will update the various documents and websites in the near future". The official website for the DXpedition is at www.vk0ek.org, while www.heardisland.org is the website for the scientific project. [TNX KY6R]

QSL RU9CZD ---> With immediate effect G3SWH is the QSL manager for RU9CZD. As Igor is not a member of the RSGB, paper cards are only available direct with adequate return postage. "Those logs that I have available have been uploaded to LoTW and Club Log, and there is also a log search at www.g3swh.org.uk/ru9czd.html". [TNX G3SWH]

VP8SGI & VP8STI ---> While plans for the January 2016 VP8SGI & VP8STI DXpedition to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands [425DXN 1250] are "moving forward in all aspects", the Intrepid DX Group's team has announced the "operating strategy which will allow us to work as many unique callers as possible during each of these activations". During their voyage to South Sandwich they will access solar data and check in with the Pilots to determine which bands are currently propagating well. Then they will "select a band, possibly 20, 17 or 15 meters, and we will be QRV with one station on this band for the duration of the DXpedition. In addition, during our final 24 hours of QRV from each island, we will announce and only accept contacts from new-first time stations on this selected band". So far they have raised $105,000 towards their goal of raising $215,000, and "would welcome additional support from the many DX Clubs around the globe". See http://www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8 for detailed information. [TNX N6PSE]

YB8RW/P ---> Din, YB8RW is continuing his IOTA DXpedition Tour until around 25 May. On 9-11 May YB8RW/p operated from Moa Island (OC-246), then on 12 May he moved to Kisar Island (OC-272), where he was expected to be QRV until around 18 UTC on the 15th. QSL via YB8RW; the direct links to Club Log's OQRS will be published on qrz.com in due course.

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