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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6Y - Armin, DK9PY will be active as 6Y6N from Jamaica (NA-097) from 27 May to 2 June. He will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Outside the contest he will be QRV around 10-14 UTC and after 22 UTC. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

8Q - Nobby, G0VJG will be active as 8Q7CQ from the Maldives (AS-013) on 5-18 June. He will operate SSB and some PSK on the HF bands and a special effort on 6 metres. QSL via G4DFI. [TNX NG3K]

C6 - Eric, K9GY will be active as C6AYM from Grand Bahama Island (NA-080) from 27 May to 1 June. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via K9GY and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

CE - Marco, CE1TBN and others will be active as XR1T from Isla Santa Maria (SA-069) on 23-26 July, IOTA Contest included. They plan to operate CW and SSB with three stations. QSL via CE3OP. [TNX CE1TBN]

EI - Jeremy. EI5GM and Dave, EI9FBB will be active as EJ5GM and EJ9FBB from Little Saltee Island (EU-103) on 23-25 May. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

F - A Belgian team from Club Radio Durnal will be active as TM08CRD from Fort de La Ferte, a World Ward II memorial in the Ardennes, on 24 May. QSL via bureau to ON4CRD. [TNX ON4BEN]

F - Keith, G3TTC will be touring France between 30 May and 4 July, and hopes to be able to operate as F/G3TTC/p from a few islands: Saint-Nicolas (EU-094, 31 May), Sainte Marguerite (EU-058, 9-10 June), Porquerolles (EU-070, 12-13 June), Ratonneau (EU-095, 16-17 June), Banc d'Arguin (EU-159, 27-28 June) and maybe others. All dates are indicative. Look for him on or around 14260 and 18140 kHz. QSL via G3TTC, direct or bureau. Requests for bureau cards can be sent to keithorchard2[@]talktalk.net. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

FS - Once again John, K9EL will be active as FS/K9EL from St. Martin (NA-105) from 28 May to 18 June. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), LoTW and eQSL. Follow his daily activities on Twitter (@FSK9EL).

HL - Han, DS2GOO will be active as DS2GOO/4 from Sangch'uja Do (AS-084) on 27-29 May. He plans to run low power on 80-10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GJ - Special event station GJ15IG will be active from 27 June to 3 July to support the XVI Island Games that will be held in Jersey. QSL via LoTW; paper QSL cards should be requested by using the OQRS privided by Club Log.

GM - Seven operators from the Cray Valley Radio Society (G0FDZ, G0VJG,

G2NF, G4BUO, G4TSH, M0TBS and M0TGV) will operate SSB and CW on the HF and VHF bands as from Hirta, St Kilda (EU-059) on 22-28 July (dates might change owing to weather conditions). They will participate in the IOTA Contest as MM8C (QSL via G4DFI); outside the contest they will use GM3RVC/p, and will also try and operate from Conachair, the highest point in the archipelago. [TNX NG3K]

GM - A large team will be active from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) on 23-26 July. They will participate in the IOTA Contest as GM5TO, outside the contest they will use GM2AS. QSL via G3PHO for both callsigns. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GW - The Strumble Head DX and Contest Group (www.mc0shl.com) will be active once again as MC0SHL from Ramsey Island (EU-124) on 19-22 June. Plans are to have three stations on air 24/7. QSL via M0URX (OQRS on www.m0urx.com/oqrs/).

I - Members of the Calabria DX Team and ARI Vibo Valentia have plans to be active as ID8/IQ8HP from Scoglio Mantineo (EU-144) on 23 May. QSL via IW8PQ, direct or bureau. [TNX DX IZ8IYX]

I - Launched in 1904, the 'Elettra' was a two-masted steam yacht that Guglielmo Marconi used as a floating laboratory for many experiments. Part of her keel stands in the grounds of Villa Griffone, at Pontecchio near Bologna, from where special event station II4MB will be activated by ARI Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) during the Museum Ships Weekend on 6-7 June. The special callsign is in memory of the late Maurizio Bigazzi, for many years technical and scientific advisor at the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation's Museum. QSL via IQ4FE, direct or bureau. [TNX IK4CIE]

JT - Special event station JV150ITU is active until 31 December from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the International Telecommunication Union. QSL via LoTW or direct to JT1CD. [TNX JT1CD]

JW - Erik, LA2US will be working on Hopen Island (EU-063), Svalbard from the first week of June for six months. "When work and other tasks permit" he will operate CW as JW2US, around the IOTA frequencies or at the lower band edges. QSL via LA2US (OQRS for bureau and direct cards on Club Log), LoTW and eQSL.

KL - Jeff, KL2HD will be active as KL7NWR from Amchitka Island (NA-070) on 9-11 June and as KL2HD/p from Adak Island (NA-039) on 18-21 June. He plans to operate SSB on 20 or 17 metres with 100 watts ("500w if amp fits in luggage") and a homebrew adjustable quarterwave vertical on the beach. These activations are "concurrent with a full work load", and Jeff will be QRV "in the evenings after work as weather and scheduling allow". QSL for both callsigns via KL2HD. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

LX - Mark, ON7SS will be active as LX/OO9O from Luxembourg from 28 May to 2 June, including participation in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Before and after the contest he will operate RTTY and other digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via ON7SS (direct or bureau, OQRS on Club Log), LoTW and eQSL.

LY - Special callsign LY10LHFA will be used from 1 June to 30 July to celebrate 10th anniversary of the Lithuanian Hill Forts Award programme. Further information, including QSL routes and details on the award programme, can be found on qrz.com. [TNX LY2KM]

OZ - Henning, OZ1BII (www.oz1bii.dk) will be active as ZA/OU2I from

Albania from 27 May to 1 June, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

P4 - N4QS and NU4N will be active as P4/N4QS and P4/NU4N from Aruba (SA-036) from 26 May to 2 June, CQ WW WPX CW Contest included. Activity will be on 160 to 6 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home calls and LoTW.

PY - In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union, Mario, PY2DV will be active as ZZ90IARU from 30 May to 30 June. QSL via home call.

SM - Dominic, M1KTA will be active as SM7/M1KTA from Flakskar Island (EU-138, JO76ub) on 23-26 July. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-6 metres, and will participate in the IOTA Contest as SD7B. QSL via home call (OQRS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

UA - Special callsign UE40SA will be active on 1-20 July to mark the 40th anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, the first joint U.S.-Soviet space flight. QSL via RV3YR (Russian stations) and GM0WRR (others). [TNX RV3YR]

VE - The NA128 Contest Group will be active again as XM2I from Isle-aux-Grues (NA-128) on 23-26 July. Main activity will take place during the IOTA Contest. QSL via VE2CQ and LoTW.

VK - Rob, VK4AAC will be on Kangaroo Island (OC-139) from 1 June until around 25 August. He plans to be QRV as VK4AAC/5 mainly around 7100 and 14244 kHz, from about 4 UTC. QSL via VK4AAC, direct or bureau (see instructions on qrz.com). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VP2M - Pete, K2PS and George, K2DM will be active as VP2MDG and VP2MPS from Montserrat (NA-103) from 27 May to 1 June. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP2MDG. QSL via home calls.

VP2M - N0KV, W0ETT, W0ZA and WD0E will be active from Montserrat (NA-103) on 10-19 June. They will operate SSB, CW and RTTY on 80-6 metres with two stations; activity will include participation in the ARRL VHF Contest on 6 and 2m and some satellite operation (details on qrz.com). A 6m beacon will be active on 50102 kHz. The primary callsign will be VP2MKV, while VP2MTT will probably be used on 6 metres. QSL via N0KV, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

W - Larry, K4KGG will be active from Santa Rosa Island (NA-142) on 29-31 May. He will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL direct to home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YB - Look for YB4IR/7, YB7NUS/p and YB7KE/p to be active from Marabatua Island (OC-268) until 25 May. QSLs via YB4IR; three direct links to Club Logs's OQRS can be found on www.qrz.com/db/yb4ir. [TNX YB4IR]

ZF - Erik, N5WR will be active holiday style as ZF2WA from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) from 27 May to 7 June. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest with the ZF1A team. QSL ZF2WA via N5WR.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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CQ WW CONTEST PROPOSED RULES CHANGES ---> The CQ WW Contest Committee provides a preview of the rules for the 2015 CQ WW DX Contest SSB & CW. The direct link to the draft can be found at http://cqww.com/blog/. This is a public review period to invite any comments before the final rules are announced on 1 June. Please send any feedback to questions[@]cqww.com before 30 May.

QSL VIA NR6M ---> NR6M is the new QSL manager for ZS6WN and ZR9C. He has all the logs and will handle all direct and bureau requests. Club Log's OQRS has been enabled and the QSL cards are being designed.

SV2/YL7A ---> A group of Latvian operators had announced plans to be QRV from Mount Athos on 19-28 May [425DXN 1254], but on the 21st the operation was cancelled. See http://www.lral.lv/exped/sv2/yl7a/ for a preliminary report.

YB8RW/P ---> Din, YB8RW is continuing his IOTA DXpedition Tour and has been active from Obi Island (OC-222) since 21 May. He is expected to remain there until the 23rd. QSL via YB8RW; the direct link to Club Log's OQRS will be published on qrz.com in due course.

+ SILENT KEY + Former Vice President of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand Ray Gerrard, HS0ZDZ (G3NOM) passed away on 20 May, aged 75. He had only partially recovered from a heart attack that he had suffered in November 2004. Ray became actively involved in the activities of RAST shortly after his arrival in Thailand on a work assignment around 1990. He also operated as 9M2OM and participated in several DXpeditions, including XZ0A in 2000 (Thahtay Kyun, AS-144), E29AL in 2001 (Koh Tarutao, AS-126) and XW1HS in 2002.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3B9FR, 3Z2014DK, 5W0JY, 5Z4/DF3FS, 6V1A (AF-045), 9A8DV (EU-016), 9M2MSL, 9N7CC, 9N7FD, 9Q0HQ, 9Y4/VE3EY, BY1WJ, C21EU, CO6YI, CV5A (SA-030), D44KS, DU9AQQ (OC-235), E51UFF, EA6QY, EA9UG, EN90WF, FJ/W2RE, FM5FJ, FS/W6IZT, FT4TA, FW5JJ, GS6PYE/p (EU-112), H42NT (OC-127), H44MS, H44NT (OC-047), HC1PF, HC2RAT/8, HH2/HB9AMO, HS3NBR, HZ1HX, J28NC, J79MM, JA6TBE/6 (AS-037), K1N, PJ7AA, RI1ANT, RI1ANZ, S01WS, S61KK, SU0ERA, SU9IG, SV2ASP/A, SV5/OK2BVE, TC7S, UA2F, V5/DK1CE, V63MJ (OC-059), VK5CE/p (OC-220), VK7FG (OC-195), VK9DLX, VP2V/N2IEN, VP8YLI, XU7TZG, YB3MM/9 (OC-241), YB4IR/8 (OC-249 and OC-274), YB8RW/3 (OC-237), YB8RW/P (OC-274), YD1DXL, Z81Z, ZL7E.

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