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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4K - Owned, organised and regulated by the European Olympic Committees, the European Games is a multi-sport event whose first edition will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan on 12-28 June. Several special callsigns (4J15EUG, 4J1EUG, 4J2015BAKU, 4JG1EU, 4K15EUG, 4K2015BAKU, 4K2015EUG) are expeted to be active throughout June to mark this event. QSL routes and information on the "Odlar Yurdu" award can be found on qrz.com.

9A - Oliver, DG7XO will be active as 9A7XO from the island of Ugljan (EU-170) on 9-19 June. He will operate SSB and PSK31 on the HF bands, with possible side trips to other islands in the same IOTA group. QSL via DG7XO, bureau preferred. [TNX DX Newsletter]

C6 - AA7A (C6ANS), K2KW (C6ATA) W4KXY (C6AKX) and WO7R (C6AWO) will be active from Eleuthera Island (NA-001, FL15wc), Bahamas on 7-16 June. They will be QRV on 6m, 2m EME, 70 cm and some HF, with activity during the ARRL June VHF Contest. [TNX The Daily DX]

CT7 - CT7ACG, G0MMI, M0GAV and M3VCQ will be active as CR5CW from the island of Culatra (EU-145) on 24-27 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via CT7ACG. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

DU - Dindo, DV1UD is active as DV1UD/p from Batan Island (OC-093) until 6 June. He is on a work assignment, but this time "he says the balance will be in favour of radio rather than work". QSL via M0OXO (please use the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com). [TNX M0OXO]

EP - EP3MIR, EP2LMA and EP2LSH will be active as EP2C on 7 June. It will be "our first attemp in field day style to learn operation skills and pile-up management", they say. "Please be patient and help us discover our wonderful hobby". They will be QRV on 20 metres. QSL via ON4AMX.

F - Commemorating the D-Day landings, once again the South Flanders DX Activity Group will be active as F/ON6JUN/p on 5-7 June from Ranville (Normandy). QSL via ON5SD, bureau preferred. [TNX VA3RJ]

F - Emil, DL8JJ (www.dl8jj.darc.de) will be active as F/DL8JJ/p from the Saint Marcouf Islands (EU-081) on 5-10 July. He will operate CW and SSB on the HF bands. QSL via LZ1JZ. [TNX NG3K]

FY - Christian, F5UII (www.f5uii.net) will be active in his spare time as FY/F5UII from Kourou, French Guiana on 8-12 June. He will operate SSB and RTTY from the FY5KE radio club's premises, typically before 11 UTC, around 15-17 UTC and after 22 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX F5UII]

I - Four special stations will be active from the Astronomical Observatories of Rome (II0IYL), Turin (II1IYL), Padova (II3IYL) and Naples (II8IYL) until 31 December to promote the International Year of Light. Information on the IYL2015 Award programme will be available on qrz.com. IYL2015 (www.light2015.org) is a global

initiative adopted by the United Nations to raise awareness of how optical technologies promote sustainable development and provide solutions to worldwide challenges in energy, education, agriculture, communications and health. [TNX IW1FGZ]

I - ARI Vinci will be active again as II5LDV from the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci in Anchiano on 6-7 June. They will be QRV on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via bureau (preferred); direct cards should be sent to IK5ZUB.

JA - Taka, JA8COE will be active as JA8COE/8 from Rebun Island (AS-147) on 20-22 June. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log, see qrz.com for the direct link). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ (http://geronne.dk) will operate again as OX3LX from Simiutaq Island (NA-220) for a few days between 13 and 22 June. He will be active during his spare time, typically "around lunchtime and after dinner" (local time is UTC -2h). QSL via OZ1PIF and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log.

OZ - Lars, OZ1IVA will be active holiday style as OZ1IVA/p from Laeso Island (EU-088) on 21-27 June. He will operate CW only with 5 watts on or around 7039 and 14039 kHz. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OZ - Rick, DL2VFR will be active from Mon Island (EU-029) on 11-31 July, including a CW entry in the IOTA Contest as OZ0FR (QSL via DL2VFR). Before and after the contest he will be QRV as OZ0FR/p (QSL via DL2VFR) and OU0POLIO (QSL via OZ1ACB). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PJ5 - Terry K4RX, Chris W3CMP and Dick K5AND will be active as PJ5A from Sint Eustatius (NA-145) from 26 June to 5 July. They will operate on the HF bands, but the main focus will be on 6 metres with two stations. QSL via M0URX (please use the OQRS on www.m0urx.com for either direct or bureau cards). [TNX M0URX]

PY - PT2GTI, PT7AA and PT7BI will be active as ZY8P from Ilha Grande do Paulinho (SA-072, DIB MA-09) on 12-14 June. They will operate CW and SSB. QSL via PT2GTI. [TNX PT7WA]

PY - PY8WW and other members of the Para DX Group (www.paradxgroup.com) will be active as PX8K from Ilha Caviana de Fora (SA-042, DIB PA-16) on 22-29 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via PY8WW (OQRS on Club Log). [TNX PT7WA]

S7 - Stan, EI6DX (www.ei6dx.com) will be active holiday style as S79OWZ from Mahe (AF-024), Seychelles on 7-18 July. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via RX3RC, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

SM - SM6CUK will be active as SA6G/7 from Ven Island (EU-037) on 8-14 June. QSL via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

UA - A group of six operators (R3BY, RA3NAN, RU5D, RZ3EC, UA3EDQ and HA1AG) will be active as R3RRC/0 from Brusneva Island (AS-082) on 24-29 July. QSL via RZ3EC, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log). The website for the DXpedition is at www.as082.org. [TNX DX World]

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 13 June to 22 July. He will be QRV on 160-6 metres SSB, with planned activity during the IARU HF World Championship (11-12 July). QSL via W5JON (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

V7 - A large German team (DJ9KH, DJ9RR, DK3CG, DK5WL, DL2AWG, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL6JGN, DL7VEE, DL9GFB, DM2AUJ and DM2AYO) will be active as V73D (requested callsign, licence to be collected upon arrival)

from Majuro (OC-029), Marshall Islands on 13-28 October. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations around the clock. QSL via DL4SVA, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW after six months. The website for the DXpedition is at http://v73d.mydx.de/.

VE - Mike, KI1U will be active as KI1U/VE9 from Grand Manan Island (NA-014) on 25-29 June. He will operate mainly CW and digital on 80-10 metres, with most operating activity during the the ARRL Field Day. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

W - AD5WB, K0JCC, K5WRN, KE5BZE, N5TCB and W5AOO will participate in the Museum Ships Weekend (6-7 June) as N5E from the tall ship 'Elissa' at the Texas Seaport Museum on Galveston Island (NA-143). It will be a local daytime operation (approximately 14-22 UTC). QSL via AD5WB, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Once again the Ships Amateur Radio Club will participate in the Museum Ships Weekend (6-67 June) with five stations operating from as many ships on all the five Great Lakes: K8E (Lake Erie), K8H (Lake Huron), K8M (Lake Michigan), K8O (Lake Ontario) and K8S (Lake Superior). Activity will be on 80-10 metres SSB and CW. QSL for all callsigns via W8CDB (direct). More information at http://ships-wagl.com/. [TNX DX Newsletter]

W - Look for W2IY to be active holiday style from Mount Desert Island (NA-055) between 10 July and 5 August, including an entry in the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YO - Special callsign YP0Y will be in use from Cluj-Napoca, the European Youth Capital for 2015, until 31 July. QSL via LoTW, eQSL and YO5EI (direct only). The European Youth Capital is a title awarded to a European city for the period of one year, during which it will be given the chance to showcase its youth-related cultural, social, political and economic life and development.

IOTA TOUR ---> Gabriele, IK3GES will be active from several islands in Germany, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and Poland between 20 June and 26 July. His tentative itinerary includes the islands of Fehmarn (EU-128), Mon (EU-029), Langoya (EU-033), Moskenesoy (EU-076), Hailuoto (EU-184), Reposaari (EU-173), Raippaluoto (EU-101), Bjorkon (EU-101), Kustavi (EU-096), Kaurissalo (EU-096), Orslandet (EU-097), Emasalo (EU-097), Kuutsalo (EU-140), Oland (EU-037), Alnon (EU-087), Tjurko (EU-138), Hasslo (EU-138), Seskaro (EU-139), Graso (EU-084), Fehmarn (EU-128), Rugen (EU-057) and - for the IOTA Contest - Uznam/Usedom (EU-129). He will operate SSB (14260, 18160, 21260 kHz), RTTY (10140, 14085, 18100, 21085 kHz) and CW (10120, 14050, 18085, 21050 kHz). QSL via IK3GES, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log will be available when he returns home). [TNX IK3GES]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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3B9FR ON LOTW ---> "I am almost ready to confirm contacts with 3B9FR on LoTW for the first time", Charles, M0OXO announced on 2 June. "This is not as simple as you may think", as 3B9FR still uses paper logs and QSO data have to be typed into the PC log. Around 70,000 QSOs have been entered so far, and will be uploaded to LoTW. "The problem lies with historic QSOs" - read the details at http://www.m0oxo.com/963-3b9fr-lotw.html.

CHESTERFIELD 2015 ---> TX3X, the 2-10 October DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands [425DXN 1251], will use MarineTraffic.com's vessel tracking service. While the "Evohe" is in coastal waters, her position will be reported every few minutes. When she leaves the coastal area, the position will be reported about every 4 hours. As for the Project Planning, "we're almost on auto-pilot", the team reported on 1 June. "Under development are: tent and antenna locations, power grid physical layout, operator scheduling and task plans for a beach landing". The website has been updated with the final antenna/power plans. Fund raising is continuing, and donations to help offset the costs are gratefully accepted: see www.tx3x.com for the details. [TNX K5GS]

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS WEEKENDS ---> The International Museums Weekends (IMW) will take place on the two weekends of the 20-21 and 27-28 June. Details about the event can be found at www.radio-amateur-events.org/IMW/.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND ---> Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 6 June until 23.59 UTC on the 7th. Information on the event, including the relevant certificate and the listing of participating ships, can be found at www.nj2bb.org.

SOUTH OSSETIA ---> Vladimir, UA4WHX has been active as O19VB since 29 May from the Republic of Khussar Iryston (South Ossetia), a disputed region and partially recognised state located in the territory of the South Ossetian Autonomous Oblast within the former Georgian SSR of the Soviet Union (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Ossetia). DXCC wise, it is not a separate Entity as it does not meet the current DXCC Criteria. QSL via UA4WHX.

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QSLs received direct or through managers: 1A0C, 3B9FR, 3D2KM, 3XY5M, 4W/NB3MM (OC-148), 5C5W, 5V7BD, 6Y5JH, 7X2JV, 9N7FD, 9V1SV, BA4DW, BH7PFH, BY1WJ, C21EU, C5X, CE2AWW, CN8KD, CN8NK, CO0SS, CV5A (SA-030), CX4CR, CY0P, E22UUW, E51UFF, EA9/DL2RNS, EY7AD, FO8AA, FW5JJ, FY/OK1FFU, GS6PYE/P (EU-112), H42NT (OC-127), H44NT, HR1/K2LCT, J6/SM7EQL, JA6TBE/5 (AS-200), JA6TBE/6 (AS-037), JD1BOI, JG8NQJ/JD1, K1N, OE15M, PJ4/NK80, PJ7AA, PY0F/PP1CZ, RI1ANR, SV5BYR, T88TI (OC-296), TI9/3Z9DX, TK/IW5ELA, UE44POL/1 (AS-005), V31MA, VK5CE/p (OC-220), VK7FG (OC-195), VP2MQT, VP8LP, VU2CVS, YB3MM/9 (OC-150), YB3MM/9 (OC-241), YB4IR/8 (OC-249), YB4IR/8 (OC-274), YB8RW/p (OC-274), YB9GCC, YB9KA, YB9Y (OC-276), YC1BJX, YJ0XG, ZA/IZ4JMA, ZL7/F8FUA, ZL7E.

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