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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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3B8 - Willi, DJ7RJ will be active as 3B8/DJ7RJ from Mauritius Island (AF-049) on 5-30 October. He will operate CW and SSB on 160-10 metres, with a focus on 160m. QSL via home call (direct). [TNX AA1M]

6Y - Masa, JA0RQV will be active as 6Y5/JA0RQV from Jamaica (NA-097) between 24 October and 9 December. This will be a business trip, and he will be QRV on 40-6 metres CW and SSB in his spare time and during the weekends. He has plans to operate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest from the QTH of 6Y5WJ. QSL via JA0RQV, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), and LoTW. Updates will be posted to http://blog.goo.ne.jp/rqv [TNX JA0RQV]

CO - Celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Grupo de DX de Cuba (GDXC), thirteen special stations are active until 30 September on all bands and modes from various Cuban provinces: T41GDXC (Pinar del Rio), T42GDXC (La Habana), T43GDXC (Mayabeque), T44GDXC (Isla de la Juventud, NA-056), T45GDXC (Matanzas), T46D (Cienfuegos), T46G (Villa Clara), T46X (Sancti Spiritus), T47GDXC (Camaguey), T48C (Guantanamo), T48D (Santiago de Cuba), T48G (Las Tunas) and T48X (Holguin). QSL via operator's instructions. An electronic certificate is available to those who work at least seven stations; requests with QSO data should be sent to gdxc[@]frcuba.co.cu. [TNX CO8ZZ]

DU - A team of seven operators (DU1AV, DU1DG, DU1FIL, DU1JC, DU1SDT, DV1SVZ and DW1SVY) will be active as DX1HAM from the Taal Volcano on Luzon Island (OC-042) on 26-27 September. The operation is in memory of those who lost their lives fifty years ago, during the major eruption of 28 September 1965. See qrz.com for further information.

EA8 - The Grupo DX Teide will be active as EH8FPC from the lighthouse at Puerto de la Cruz on Tenerife, Canary Islands (AF-004) on 25-27 September. Six operators will be active on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 6 and 2 metres SSB and digital modes. All of the QSOs will be confirmed automatically via eQSL and LoTW; paper cards should be sent direct to EA8NQ. See http://eh8fpc.blogspot.com.

FK0 - The TX3X team is gathering in Noumea (New Caledonia), where the Evohe arrived around 6 UTC on 24 September. Six members are already there, the other six will arrive on 26 September. They plan to depart for the Chesterfield Islands (OC-176) on 28 September, after customs and immigration formalities are processed. Follow the ship's course on www.tx3x.com. The announced operating frequencies for the 2-10 October DXpedition are:
CW 1826.5, 3523, 7010, 10110, 14023, 18069, 21023, 24891, 28023
SSB 7090, 14185, 18130, 21285, 24955, 28485

RTTY 7045, 10142, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24910, 28080
The frequency for 6m is 50101 (CW). Please direct your questions, concerns or comments to the pilot for your area listed on the expedition's website. An OQRS will be available on the DXpedition's website for direct and bureau cards. Traditional direct cards should be sent to Chesterfield Expedition, P.O. Box 1100, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2YT, England. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW "a minimum of 6 months after OQRS and direct QSLs are mailed", but there will be also an "Express LoTW" option upon payment. The QSLling policy is described in details on the website.

FT4X - Nicolas, F4EGX (http://f4egx.blogspot.com) will be working at Cap Ratmanoff on La Grande Terre, Kerguelen Islands (AF-048) from early December until around mid-January 2016. He has plans to be QRV as FT4XU in his limited spare time, primarily "to give some news for ham radio friends around the world" and not for "contest-style" QSOs. He will be battery powered and will run 50 watts into a dipole. QSL via F1ULQ, direct only. [TNX DX World]

I - Fred, F1REI will be active as ID9/F1REI/p from the island of Stromboli (EU-017) from 23 September to 4 October. He will be QRV during his evening hours. QSL via F1REI (bureau preferred) and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

I - Commemorating the 120th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's first wireless experiments, ARI Lecce (www.arilecce.it) will be active as IY7LE and IY7LE/p between 1 October and 31 December. QSL via bureau, direct and LoTW. [TNX IK7JWX]

JA - Look for JA4GXS/6 to be active from Shimoji (AS-079) on 29-30 October (20 and 17 metres CW and SSB) and Kita Daito (AS-047) on 31 October-1 November (40-15 metres CW and SSB). QSL via JA4GXS, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

JW - JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL), JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) and JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK) will be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 7-12 October. They will participate in the SSB leg of the Scandinavian Activity Contest as JW5X (QSL via LA5X); outside the contest they will focus on 160 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

KH8 - Stan, WS5K is active as WS5K/KH8 from Pago Pago (OC-045), American Samoa until 4 October. QSL via M0URX (please use the OQRS on www.m0urx.com for direct and bureau cards) and LoTW. [TNX M0URX]

OX - Bo, OX3LX will be active from Tasiilaq on Ammassalik Island (NA-151) from 26 September to 9 October. This will be a business trip, and he will be QRV "around lunchtime and after dinner" (local time is UTC +2). QSL via OZ1PIF. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OZ - Tom, DL4VM will be active as OZ/DL4VM from Romo Island (EU-125) from 26 September to 17 October. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Mike, DG5LAC will be active from the same island from 26 September to 2 October; look for OZ/DG5LAC on 80-10 metres SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau (OQRS on Club Log), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PA - Roland, DL1EAL will be active holiday style as PA/DL1EAL from Texel Island (EU-038) from 26 September to 8 October. He will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via DL1EAL, direct or bureau (email requests for bureau cards can be sent to dl1eal[@]darc.de), eQSL and LoTW. [TNX DX Newsletter]

PY - Look for PY70FEB to be active on SSB, CW and digital modes on 1-30

October. This is the tenth of a series of twelve special callsigns; the suffix stands for Forca Expedicionaria Brasileira, the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought alongside the Allied powers in Italy during World War II. QSL via PS7AB (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.

PY - The operation from Ilha do Araujo (SA-029) [425DXN 1265] has been postponed to 31 October-2 November. PY2SEI and PY2ZA will be active as PS1AI (www.ps1ai.blogspot.com.br) on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres SSB and digital modes.

SV - SX8HOMER will be active on SSB and digital modes from the island of Chios (EU-049) between 1 and 31 October. Chios is associated with ancient Greek poet Homer, author of the Iliad and the Odyssey. QSL via SZ8XIO (bureau) or SV8GXQ (direct), and LoTW.

SV9 - Seppo, OH1VR will be active as SV9/OH1VR from Crete on 4-10 October. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands while testing a new lightweight DXpedition "handbag setup". QSL via home call, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

VE - Reg, VE7IG will be active as VE1DXA from Cape Breton Island (NA-010) on between 1 and 18 October. He will be QRV "after repairing antennas", so "start-up date depends on antenna work". QSL via VE7IG, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VK - Chris, VK6BP was active as VK6BP/p on 20 metres SSB from Koolan Island (OC-071) for a few hours on 21 September. He will return to the island on a regular basis for the next several months, and will have a multi-band antenna. Chris says he works on the island for two days a week including overnight. Typically the first day he can be QRV from around 11 local time (3 UTC) "until late", and the second day from around 5 UTC "for a couple of hours".

VK - Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/8 from Croker Island (OC-229) on 1-6 November. He will operate mainly CW on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logsearch on Club Log, hopefully updated on a regular basis.

VP2M - AC8W (VP2MAC), KB8TXZ (VP2MXT) and N8LJ (VP2MLJ) will be active from Montserrat (NA-103) on 1-8 October. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres. [TNX DX world]

W - Larry, K4KGG will be active from Assateague Island (NA-139) from 28 September to 1 October. He will operate SSB, RTTY and "limited CW" on 40-10 metres on a daily basis between 19 and 1 UTC. QSL via K4KGG, direct or burea (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Jason, N3YUG and Todd, W3EME will be active from Smith Island (NA-140) on 8-11 October. Operations will be "more than casual, but not full time", with activity on 80-10 metres SSB and possibly digital modes. QSL via N3YUG. [TNX N3YUG]

W - A group of operators from the Red Stick DX Association will be active as W5GIX from Grand Isle (NA-168) on 23-25 October. They will operate CW, SSB and possibly some digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL to W5GIX. [TNX AA5O]

YB - Budi, YF1AR (www.yf1ar.com) will be active again as YF1AR/0 from the Seribu Islands (OC-177) on 24-27 September. He will be on Panggang Island until the 26th, and will then move to Pramuka Island. Plans are to operate mainly SSB on 80-10 metres. QSL via the OQRS on Club Log (preferred, direct link on qrz.com) or N2OO.

[TNX YF1AR]

YJ - Rob, DL7VOA will be active holiday style as YJ4AO from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu from 27 December to 13 January. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres mainly during his evenings and nights. CW is his preferred mode. QSL via DL7VOA, direct or bureau. This is a special trip to celebrate Rob's 40th birthday, 10th wedding anniversary and 25th year on the air (he started as Y24AO, hence his Vanuatu callsign). [TNX DL7VOA]

Z3 - Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the accession of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Council of Europe (9 November 1995), special callsign Z38CE will be in use on 7-13 November. QSL via F5LGF. [TNX F6FQK]

CQ WW RTTY DX CONTEST ---> This year's event will run from 00.00 UTC on 26 September through 24.00 UTC on the 27th (rules at www.cqwwrtty.com). Please Visit www.ng3k.com/Misc/cqr2015.html for the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill NG3K. The following stations are expected to participate:

ZONE	CALL	CATEGORY	COUNTRY	QSL VIA
05	VP9I	M/S	Bermuda	WW3S/LoTW
08	CO8CML	SOSB 20m LP	Cuba	EA6SK
08	KP2/WE5DX	M/2	Virgin Islands	LotW
08	PJ6A	M/S	Saba	Club Log
08	V4/W6HGF		St.Kitts & Nevis	W6HGF
09	P40BC	M/?	Aruba	DL2MLU/LoTW
12	3G1H	M/?	Chile	CE1DY
14	EA6/EA5IDQ		Balearic Islands	EA5IDQ
14	HB0/DL5YM	SO	Liechtenstein	DL5YM
14	MJ5Z	SOAB LP	Jersey	M0CFW/LoTW
15	IS0/S50P	M/S	Sardinia	bureau
15	OJ0DX	M/?	Market Reef	DL3DXX
15	Z36N	SOSB 15m	Macedonia	Z36N
20	SV5/HA3JB	SO	Dodecanese	HA3JB
21	4K6FO	SO LP	Azerbaijan	DC9RI/LoTW
26	E21YDP	SOAB LP	Thailand	E21YDP
27	DX3R	M/?	Philippines	LoTW
28	YB0NDT	SO	Indonesia	YB0NDT/LoTW
28	YB8ROP	SOAB	Indonesia	LotW
31	KH6/NW7D		Hawaii	NW7D
32	E51AAR	SOAB	South Cook Islands	K7AR/LoTW
33	3V8SS	SOAB LP	Tunisia	LX1NO/LotW
33	CR3L	M/M	Madeira	DJ6QT
38	Z21MG	M/?	Zimbabwe	OK6DJ/LoTW

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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AS-203 ---> The team on Dobrzhanskogo Island (AS-203) went QRT on 8 September As promised, on their way back to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky they

tried and operate from IOTA group AS-142, but strong winds and rough seas prevented them from landing on 17 September; the forecast was not promising for the next couple of days and so they decided to cancel the operation. The logs for either RT9K/0 (6969 QSOs) and UA0ZC/p (2254 QSOs) have been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRSs have been activated.

POSTAL RATES (ITALY) ---> Italian postal rates for standard letter items (up to 20g) mailed abroad will change on 1 October:
EUR 1.00 Europe and countries in the Mediterranean basin (3V, 4X, 5A, 5B, 7X, CN, JY, OD, SU, YK)
EUR 2.20 rest of Africa and Asia, Americas
EUR 2.90 Oceania
International Priority Mail rates (for letter items up to 50g) will be EUR 3.50, EUR 4.50 and EUR 5.50 respectively.

RUSSIAN ARCTIC COAST EXPEDITION ---> Vlad, UA4WHX is continuing his voyage on the MSV Mikhail Somov along the Arctic Northern Sea Route [425DXN 1272]. So far callsigns that were, are being and could be used include:
- R00BVB (from coastal areas in the Dolgano-Nenetsky District)
- R00KVB (from coastal areas in the Chukotka region)
- R00QVB (from coastal areas in the Republic of Sakha, Yakutia)
- R11PVB (from coastal areas in the the Nenets Autonomous Okrug)
- RI0BV (on 7 September from AS-005)
- RI0BV/0 (on 9 September from AS-121)
- RI0BV/p (on 10 September from AS-042)
- RI0KV (since 23 September from AS-027)
- RI0POL (while operating from the ship)
- RI0QV (on 16-17 September from AS-028)
- RI0QV/p (on 18 September from AS-029)
- RI1OV (from "various islands in the White and Barents Sea")
- RI1PV (on 31 August from EU-085)
The ship is due to return to Arkhangelsk in early November. Go to http://194.190.129.43/ships/index.html and follow her course. QSL for all callsigns via UA4WHX, see qrz.com for instructions. Updates will appear under each callsign on qrz.com and on DX-World.net.

YB8RW/5 ---> Din has had to cut his IOTA tour [425DXN 1272] short and return home for medical treatment. He unfortunately suffered an accident on 19 September, falling and spraining his right foot, when disembarking at Bintan Island (OC-075) on his way back from Siantan Island (OC-108). During his IOTA tour of the YB5 area starting 3 September he has activated OC-075, OC-106, OC-109 and OC-108, and was due to go on and operate from OC-122, OC-107 and OC-144. He will now put these on hold. [TNX G3KMA]

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3G0ZC (SA-005), 5B/UA3RF, 5R8SV, 5Z0L, 6V7S, 7Z1JA, 8P2K, 9J2T, A42A, A93JA, BD7PUZ, BD8SZ, C35CT, C35US, C37NL, EK6RL, ER3MM, ET3AA, EX2F, EX2V, F/G6AY (EU-157), FO/JI1JKW, FO/KH0PR, FO8AA/p, HC2AO, J52HF, J5NAR, JR3IXB/VP9, JY4CI, KH2KY, MM0MWW/p (EU-009), MU/PA2A, OH0CC, OP147MN, S01WS, SV5DKL, SV9/G4DJX, T6MH, T6T, T88XX (OC-296), TG9ANF, TI9/RA9USU, TN2MS, VA3DYD/HR3,VU2DCC, XE2CQ, YB0NDT, YB4IR/5 (OC-075), YB8RW/p (OC-145, OC-209 and OC-224), YB8TK,

YF1AR/0 (OC-177), ZA20QA, ZD9A.

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