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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4S - Special event station 4S0GS will be active on 27-31 December during "Galle Season", a large fair and exibition that will be held in the historic city of Galle in southern Sri Lanka. QSL via 4S7DF.

4S - 4S7JTG and 4S7NTG are the new callsigns that Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will be using during their 3-8 January activity from Beruwala, Sri Lanka (AS-003) [425DXN 1283]. They expect to operate from nearby Berberyn Island (AS-171) "as much time as possible". They will be QRV on 40-10 metres mainly SSB, with some CW and RTTY. QSL via EA3BT, direct or bureau (OQRS to be enabled).

EA - Celebrating the 6th anniversary of the CW Operators' Club (www.cwops.org), special callsigns EG1CWO, EG2CWO, EG4CWO, EG5CWO, EG6CWO (Balearic Islands) and EG8CWO (Canary Islands) will be in use on 1-10 January. Further information to be found in due course on http://eacwops.es.

EX - Andrea HB9DUR (http://hb9dur.ch/) will be active again as EX/HB9DUR from Kyrgyzstan between 22 December and 8 January 2016. He will operate SSB with a focus on the higher bands. QSL via home call and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX DX World]

G - The Denby Dale Amateur Radio Society will celebrate the New Year 2016 with a series of special event stations (GB0HNY, GB1HNY, GB2HNY, GB4HNY, GB5HNY, GB6HNY and GB8HNY) that will be active from 28 December to 24 January. "Whilst we are not issuing any QSL cards", they say, "you can claim a special commemorative certificate for working five stations". Details on qrz.com under GB1HNY. [TNX DX Newsletter]

HL - Special event station HL16RI will be active from 1 January to 27 June in celebration of the 107th annual Convention of Rotary International, which will be held in Seoul on 28 May-1 June. QSL via HL4CCM.

JD1_oga- Once again Harry, JG7PSJ will be active as JD1BMH from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 30 December to 9 January. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via JD1BMH (bureau) or JG7PSJ (direct). Logsearch and other information can be found at http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/.

PJ2 - Steve, PJ4DX will be active as PJ2/KH0UN from Curacao (SA-099) on 28-29 December. QSL via LoTW, as he does not plan to have any cards printed for this short operation.

PY - Manu, ZP9MCE will be active as PP5/ZP9MCE from Santa Catarina Island (SA-026) on 2-9 January. He will operate CW and digital modes (JT65) with a focus on 30, 17 and 12 metres. He says to "QSL via PayPal" for this activity.

UA - Yuri R2DG, Pavel R2DX, Yuri RV3DFI, Eugene RW3FB, Mike RX3DVZ and

Dmitry RZ3DJ will be active as RU55IA from the town of Kologriv (RDA KS-14), Kostroma Oblast on 3-6 January. They will operate two stations on 80-10 metres. They will also be QRV as RU55IA/m on their way to/from Kologriv. QSL via R2DX (bureau, eQSL and OQRS). [TNX qrz.ru]

V6 - Kou, JR2GAG will be active again as V63GG from Micronesia on 1-8 January. This time he will operate from Kosrae (OC-059). QSL via JR2GAG, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

VK - Special event station VI2AJ2016 will be activated during the 24th Australian Jamboree, to be held on 3-13 January at the Cataract Scout Park in New South Wales. QSL via VK2KDP and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

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FT4JA ---> Christian, EA3NT has joined the FT4JA team who will be on Juan de Nova from 29 March to 11 April (these dates include the unloading and loading phases). In early January, four crates of equipment will be shipped to Mayotte, which will be the DXpedition's starting point.
To minimize problems on the bands with the concurrent DXpedition to Heard Island, "we suggested to the VK0EK team to adopt a common band plan to share the segments on the different bands": www.juandenovadx.com/en/band-plan/.
FT4JA will have a dedicated station for 6 metres, as the DXpedition will take place "during a period of trans-equatorial propagation (TEP), which suggests many QSO on the magic band". The station "will operate mostly in a CW beacon mode (CQ FT4JA), whose frequency will be published in our plan. We will switch to a transmitting position (CW or SSB only) as soon as we hear someone respond". They also plan to try EME (JT65). At all events, their 6m QSOs "will be in addition to the rest of the contacts and not to the detriment of our presence on the HF bands". Read the complete latest news release, dated 18 December, on the DXpedition's website.

OC-243 ---> Andy, VK5MAV and Craig, VK5CE will be active from Breaksea Island (OC-243) in early March [425DXN 1285]. The exact dates will be announced in January. They will have first to drive from their QTH in South Australia to Albany (Western Australia), "a monster journey of 2743 km (1704 miles)". Then, "due to safety and permit restrictions from the Western Australian Department of Parks and Wildlife", the only way they "can get to and from the island is to charter a helicopter". They will be running two stations at the same time, using vertical dipoles for 10, 15 and 20 metres and a quarter wave for 40m. VK5MAV/6 will operate CW with 100W, while VK5CE/6 will operate SSB with 400W. "So as you can imagine this trip has many transportation costs", and "any financial support would be greatly appreciated". See http://oc243.blogspot.com.au/ for further information and updates.

P5/3Z9DX ---> As announced [425DXN 1283], Dom was in Pyongyang, North Korea "for high level talks with officials and inspectors" in anticipation of a

future operation. Dom had to take all radio equipment with him, but there were no plans for him to be QRV during this visit. Unexpectedly, however, he was able to give a demonstration and be active for a few hours between 00.09 UTC on 20 December and 08.47 UTC on the 21st. He made 790 QSOs with 749 unique calls on 15, 20 and 10 metres SSB. "His antenna is on a metal fence post 2m above the ground among government high rise buildings", DX-World.net reported. "The lowest noise level on 15m is 59+10 and on 20m it's 59+30. He's surrounded by a lot of people as he operates (officials coming in and out)". Hopefully "a different QTH will be found for the real activity planned for early next year". As agreed before operations commenced, he has left the equipment in North Korea. The P5/3Z9DX log has been uploaded to Club Log, and the OQRS has been enabled. [TNX DX World]

VP8STI & VP8SGI ---> "In just two short weeks", N6PSE reported on 21 December, "members of the VP8STI/VP8SGI team will be meeting the 'Braveheart' in Stanley, the Falkland Islands. All of our plans are going very well. We have raised 73% of the funds needed to complete our DXpedition".
The QSL page on the DXpedition's website (www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8) has been updated, and the OQRS will be live as soon as each activation is completed. The team will make "every effort" to upload their logs to Club Log on a daily basis, but there might be problems as Southern Thule Island is outside of the Inmarsat BGAN coverage footprint.
"The team is very focused and committed to satisfying the need for contacts with South Sandwich and South Georgia. We ask that everyone follow the DX Code of Conduct. We will not work stations that are calling out of turn. We will be in communications with our Chief Pilot each day, and we ask you to work with our team of Regional Pilot stations to help us meet the demand for contacts".

YASME FOUNDATION'S SUPPORTING GRANTS ---> The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) announced on 21 December a number of supporting grants in furtherance of its goal of supporting the development of amateur radio. The grants fall into several areas as follows:
SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS
- A grant to the ARRL Foundation to fund the Yasme Foundation scholarship
- A grant to the Foundation for Amateur Radio in support of its 2016 scholarship program
- A grant to the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) program to support programs aimed at promoting amateur radio among those under age 26 throughout IARU Region 1
- A grant to the ARRL Teacher's Institute to fund one teacher's attendance at the 2016 Teacher's Institute on Wireless Technology

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS
- A grant to the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program in support of its effort to place higher power amateur radio equipment on the Columbia Module and standardize the equipment configuration
- A grant to the Northern California DX Foundation Beacon Project to update the beacon station in Sri Lanka
- A grant to the Reverse Beacon Network to build and install a node that will provide coverage in an area identified as both underserved and of particular interest to propagation studies

HF OPERATING AROUND THE WORLD

- A grant to a representative of the Haiti Amateur Radio Club for the purchase of amateur radio training materials to be used for training sessions of future licensees in Haiti and the donation of a Kenwood TS-440S transceiver for use by the new licensees
- A grant to the International Amateur Radio Club at ITU-Geneva (4U1ITU) for station maintenance and the acquisition of needed equipment
- A grant to WRTC-2018 in support of ongoing expenses and to encourage organizations and individuals to support this important event
- A grant to the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society club station ET3AA to acquire a new computer, interfaces and programs to be used for logging and operating digital modes and to purchase new headsets

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING AMATEUR RADIO

- A grant to the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) in support of their ongoing activities
- A grant to Dokufunk, the Research and Documentation Center for the History of Radio Communications and the Electronic Media in Vienna, Austria, in support of its activities to preserve the history of radio communications

Also, the Board of Directors recognizes Director Charles "Mac" McHenry, Jr., W6BSY as he retires from the organization after many years of service, and bestowes upon him the title of Director Emeritus, a first for Yasme. Mac's association with Yasme spans decades, and dates back to the time when Lloyd and Iris Colvin were on their around-the-world DXpedition, visiting 221 DXCC countries and operating in about two-thirds of them. Yasme volunteers answered over 750,000 QSL requests. If you are lucky enough to have a handwritten Yasme QSL card, chances are very good that Mac was the one who filled out the card, stuffed it in an envelope and sent it off to you. [TNX W6SZN]

ZL9A ---> The latest update on the DXpedition to Antipodes Islands (OC-286, new one for IOTA) [425DXN 1284] is avalaible on http://iotahunter.org/. Cezar, VE3LYC is already in New Zealand, and confirms that two full sets of equipment (rigs and antennae) are with the Department of Conservation office in Invercargill, where all team members will gather on 2 January and the quarantine is scheduled for the 3rd. "If everything goes according to plan and weather cooperates, the team will board 'Evohe' by noon local time on 4 January, and attempt landing by mid-afternoon on 7 January. It will likely take a few hours before they will be QRV, since landing will require some serious hiking back and forth between the shore and camp. One of their stations will be located inside the Castaway Depot, while the other a few tens of meters away, in a small tent".

+ SILENT KEY + Dr.-Ing. Petr Obermajer, OK2FEI passed away on 16 December at 80 years of age. A professor at the Brno University of Technology, he was an "expert in transmitters and power amplifiers" and was fond of CW and DXing. [TNX OK2ZO]

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B9FR	M0OXO	CQ890IARU	CT1REP	RI1ANZ	RN1ON
3D2AG/p	3D2AG	CQ90IARU	CT3KN	S0WP/m	ON7WP
3D2KM	W6ZL	CV7S	CX7SS	SC90SSA	SM7HZK
3Z35RTTY	SP1DOZ	E44QX	DF8DX	SN3WOSP	SP3CGK
4K9W	DL6KVA	E51JLL	DL7JLL	ST90IARU	S57DX
4L1AN	N4GNR	E51TLA	OZ6TL	SU9IG	OM3CGN
4O7DX	YU1FW	E51WET	SM6WET	T88RY	I2DMI
4U1WB	KK4HD	EA8AH	OH1RY	T8CW	JA0FOX [b]
4X4WFF	IK2DUW	EM1000UKW	US5UCC	T8CW	JH0IXE [d]
4X6TT	N4GNR	EN150ITU	UT5UIA	TC7YOTA	OM2FY
5T0JL	ON8RA	ES90IARU	ES1QD	TF3WK	OZ1OM
5T0WP/m	ON7WP	FS4WBS	IZ1MHY	TM57XMAS	F-11734
5T2AI	NI5DX	FT4XU	F1ULQ	TO2EE	K2HVN
5W1SA	JA1DXA	GB5OMU	MN0VFW	TO90R	FR4QT
6W/C5WP/m	ON7WP	HB0IARU	EA5IDQ	TS4NP	3V8HQ
7X2YOTA	OM2FY	HC90IARU	HC2GRC	TT8FC	EA3GWK
7X3WPL	7X3DL	HF2016HNY	SQ2JK	TY2BP	IK2IQD
8P2K	KU9C	HF35PBW	SP1PBW	TZ4AM	W4VAB
8P9JB	J69Z	HF35RTTY	HF1D	UE24SU	RK3BJ
9G1YK	PA3ERA	HF360JG	SP9KAJ	UE25R	RN3RQ
9G5GH	EA5ZD	HH2JR	W3HNK	UE56MN	RZ3QWW
9H3DD	M1DDD	HI3/KL7JR	K7ICE	V26GT	N6GT
9H9YOTA	OM2FY	HI3CC	W2CCW	VK2IAY/9	G0UIH
9J2BO	G3TEV	HL5ZEB/2	DF8DX	VP2ETE	W3HNK
9M2SI	9M2OOO	HZ1SK	IZ8CLM	VP2MGT	N6GT
9Q6AL	DF9TA	J62YOTA	OM2FY	VP9HE	W2AF
9V1YC	W5UE	J68HZ	K9HZ	VY0JCW	VE2JCW
A25GR	M0XXU	KC4AAA	K1IED	XM7100AS	VA7DP
A25LC	N4GNR	KL7SB	NI5DX	YO0YOTA	OM2FY
A62A	IZ8CLM	KP2Q	K3TEJ	YO11IPA	YO3AS
A91ND/45	A92AA	KP4AW	NP3IR	YV7DX	EA5GL
A91WARD	A92AA	LU8EEM	LU7DR	Z21LS	7Z1HB [d]
A91YOTA	OM2FY	LZ112RAEM	LZ1CF	Z21LS	DE1ZHB [b]
C5WP	ON7WP	OA4/EB1AIR	EA1HNQ	Z60IARU	OH2BH
C6AWU	AF6WU	OD5TX	W4JS	ZD8KFC	N4GNR
CN2JJ	F5LYF	OL15YOTA	OM2FY	ZF1A	K6AM
CN2LW	EA7FTR	OM2015TITANIC	OM2FY	ZF2LA	K9LA
CO90IARU	W3HNK	ON90IARU	ON7TK	ZF2YL	AE9YL
CP6CL	W3HNK	P5/3Z9DX	3Z9DX	ZS6CCY	K3IRV
CQ790IARU	CT1REP	R170GS	RL5G	ZT1T	ZS1AFS

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