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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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6W - Marcelo, EA1HFI will be active as 6W/EA1HFI from Ziguinchor, Senegal through March. In his spare time and during the weekends he will operate QRP on SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

9A - Special callsign 9A1700SBD will be used by Radio Club 9A4J throughout 2016 to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of Saint Blaise, patron saint of the city of Dubrovnik. QSL via 9A4J. [TNX 9A2AA]

A9 - Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Group will be active as A91HI from Hawar Island (AS-202, new one for IOTA) from 28 April to 1 May. Details are expected in due course.

DL - Special callsign DP65HSC will be in use throughout 2016 to celebrate th 65th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy High Speed Club (www.highspeedclub.org). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards should be sent to DK5JI.

DL - Special callsign DF90KWTJ is active until 31 December to commemorate the 90th anniversary of a milestone in the history of Amateur Radio in Germany: the first nation-wide Kurzwellentagung (Short Waves Conference), which took place in Jena. QSL via bureau, or direct to QSL via DL2APJ. [TNX DX Newsletter]

E5 - Celebrating the Straight Key Century Club's 10th anniversary, and Taking part in the QSO party (www.skccgroup.com/k3y/index.php), Andy, E51AND will operate QRS CW as E5SKCC from his QTH on Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands on 2-31 January. QSL via E51AND (direct) and LoTW.

E5_sc - JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JF3HPN, JH3LSS and JH3PBL will be active as E51J from Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands between 12 and 21 January. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres, and might also give 160 metres a try. QSL via JA3AVO, direct or bureau, and LoTW.

EI - Special callsign EI1916E will be used until 31 December to commemorate the centenary anniversary of the Easter Rising and fight for Irish indipendence. Activity will be on the HF bands SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via EI3GC (direct only) and LoTW. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

FG - Jean-Pierre, F6ITD will be active again as FG/F6ITD and TO6D from Guadeloupe (NA-102) from 19 January to 9 March. Usually he is QRV on SSB and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or home call; logsearch on Club Log.

H4 - Bernhard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS from Honiara, Guadalcanal (OC-047) in the Solomon Islands from 18 January to 14 April. He will operate SSB only on 80-10 metres, and might be

active also on 160m during the CQ WW 160 Meter DX SSB Contest in February. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

HP - Dave, WJ2O (www.wj2o.com) will be active as HP3/WJ2O from the QTH of HP3AK in Volcan, Panama on 7-12 January. He will operate "almost 100% CW" with a focus on the low bands. QSL via N2ZN.

JA - Special callsign 8J2SMT is active until 27 May to commemorate the 42nd G7 Summit that will be held on 26-27 May in the city of Shima, Mie Prefecture. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX NG3K]

LZ - Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special callsigns throughout 2016 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints: LZ1012SGM (January), LZ389SGB (February), LZ300MSP (March), LZ1700SIP (April), LZ1867SEI (May), LZ425STA (June), LZ1886PGS (July), LZ1043PMU (August), LZ304MED (September), LZ935MWC (October), LZ960SPA (November) and LZ463PP (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P. O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Information on the "All Bulgarian Saints 2016" award can be found at www.lz1kcp.com.

PJ4 - Peter, PA8A will be active again as PJ4B from Bonaire (SA-006) on 7-23 January. He will operate holidaty style on 40-10 metres. QSL via PA8A, direct only.

TA - Simon, IZ7ATN will be active as TA0/IZ7ATN/p from Buyukada (AS-201) on 1-2 January. QSL via home call. [TNX DX World]

TY - Pierre, ON4CIP is active holiday style as TY1AI from Benin until 5 January. He operates SSB on 15 and 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and hopefully LoTW. [TNX DX World]

V2 - Brian, GW4DVB will be active as V25GB from Antigua (NA-100) on 6-14 January. He will operate SSB on 40-6 metres. QSL via home call.

V3 - Gerd, DJ4KW will be active again as V31YN from Consejo Shores, Belize from 9 January to 21 February. Usually he operates CW and RTTY on 160-10 metres, with participation in the CQ WW 160-Meter, CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests. QSL via DJ4KW, direct or bureau, and LoTW (preferred). [TNX The Daily DX]

V3 - Art, NN7A will be active as V31JZ/p from South Water Caye (NA-180), Belize on 4-11 February. He will run 100 watts into wire antennas and will operate mainly CW on 160-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

VE - Mike, VE7ACN will be active holiday style as VE7ACN/7 from Bowen Island (NA-091) on 21-24 January. He will be QRV on 40-10 metres with wire antennas "and possibly some power". QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

VK - Bernard, F9IE is visiting Australia until late January. He is currently active as VK2/F9IE; he will then be QRV as VK4/F9IE from Lady Eliott Island (OC-142) on 13-16 January and from Whitsunday Island (OC-160) on 17-19 January, followed by activity as VK1/F9IE from Camberra. His next stop will be New Caledonia (FK) from 30 January to 11 February. QSL via home call. [TNX F6AJA and Les Nouvelles DX]

VK9C - Bjorn LB1GB, Lars LB2TB, Morten LB8DC (ex LA9DFA) and John LA7GNA will be active as VK9CK from the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (OC-003) on 15-26 March. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred) and LoTW; traditional

cards via LA6OP, direct or bureau. Further information can be found on http://dipperdx.com/cocos2016/.

ZF - Pete, K8PGJ will be active again as ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 9-17 January. He will be QRV on 160-10 metres SSB, with holiday style activity except during the North American QSO Party (from 18 UTC on 16 January to 6 UTC on the 17th). QSL via LoTW or direct to home call.

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P5/3Z9DX ---> "Dom informs that the previously announced plans for a January or February operation from P5 have been modified", DX-World.net reported on 31 December. "A new location and project will likely now happen at the end of summer 2016. This new location is noise free (something he did not have during his recent demonstration)".

POSTAL RATES (DENMARK) ---> Effective 1 January 2016 Post Danmark (www.postdanmark.dk) has implemented another postage rate increase. The rate for letters up to 100 grams to European destinations is DKK 25 (Priority) or 16 (Economy), and to the rest of the world is DKK 30 (Priority) or 19 (Economy). Three US dollars cover only the Economy rates. [TNX OZ1ACB]

QSL BY5YAA (AS-138) ---> Anyone needing a QSL card for Pingtan Island (AS-138), activated by BY5YAA on on 26-27 July 2014 (IOTA Contest), can now do so via M0OXO. Cards can be requested direct or (preferably) through the OQRS at www.m0oxo.com. Full colour cards will be available in the next few weeks. Please note the specific date of the operation, as QSOs made with BY5YAA outside the IOTA Contest will not be valid for AS-138; email Charles (charles.wilmott[@]m0oxo.com) for log checks or any question. [TNX M0OXO]

VP8STI & VP8SGI ---> The R/V "Braveheart" has arrived in Stanley (Falkland Islands) and is making preparations for her 36-day voyage with the VP8STI/VP8SGI team. After camping in tents on Southern Thule, South Sandwich Islands (VP8STI) for ten days, the team will go South Georgia Island (VP8SGI) and set up camp for an additional ten days. Upon their return to Stanley, the team will operate as VP8IDX for five days with an emphasis on 160 metres. Plans are to upload the logs to Club Log on a daily basis, but the team expects to have challenges in doing so from Southern Thule, which is outside of the Inmarsat BGAN coverage footprint. QSL VP8STI, VP8SGI, VP8IDX and VP8IDX/mm via the OQRS provided by Club Log for direct and bureau cards (direct links can be found on www.intrepid-dx.com/vp8/qsl.php). Traditional cards should be sent to N2OO (for VP8STI, VP8IDX and VP8IDX/mm) and KU9C (for VP8SGI). Logs will be posted to LoTW about six months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. [TNX N6PSE]

+ SILENT KEY + Vittorio Buzio, I1BUP passed away on 30 November at 74 years

of age. A serious DXer with 339/359 (current/total) in the DXCC Honor Roll standings, he was also one of the doyens of island chasing in Italy and got his initial IOTA certificate in 1971.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/DJ7RJ, 3W4VE (AS-128), 3XY5M, 4U70UN, 6Y1V, 7O1A, A35JP/p (OC-064), CM2QN, D8A, DS2GOO/2 (AS-090), DU7ET, E51DWC, E51MQT, FM/DL7VOG, FS/VE2BWL, HH2AA, IW7EGQ/p (EU-091), J3/DH5FS, J52HF, JW2US (EU-063), N5M (NA-120), OJ0B, OJ0DX, P40BC, PJ7ELY, PJ7K, R7AL/0 (AS-172), S79OWZ, T2GC, TI2CCC, TO1E, TT8AMO, TX3X, TY2CO, TZ4AM, V73D, VO1/DJ8QP (NA-198), VP2ELY, VP5/W5CW, YB4IR/3, YN2CC, YP0H (EU-191), Z21MG, ZF2YL, ZS6CW, ZV2VS (SA-028).

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