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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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4W - A team of five (7K4QOK, JE1CKA, JI1AVY, JJ2VLY and JQ2GYU) will be active from Timor Leste on 5-11 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 metres. Callsign(s) and QSL information will be announced later. [TNX DX World]

5W - Haru, JA1XGI will be active as 5W0XG from Apia, Samoa (OC-097) on 19-25 April. He will operate mainly CW with some RTTY and PSK on 40-10 metres. QSL via JA1XGI (direct or bureau) and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

C5 - Leaving Belgium on 28 March, Pedro, ON7WP will be active again as C5WP from the village of Buntung (The Gambia) from 29 March to 2 April. At night he will focus on 40 metres with some 80m, at daytime he will operate mainly on 15, 12 and 10 metres. He will also try and be active on 60m (Channel 3 5357,0 kHz USB). On 3-8 April he will operate from the coastal area. Pedro is actively involved in a private charity organization (www.SmileGambia.org), and his operations will be limited to his spare time. QSL via ON7WP, direct only. [TNX The Daily DX]

9M0 - Pekka, OH1TV and Pekka, OH2YY will be active from Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) on 5-9 April. They will operate SSB and some CW on 80-6 metres with two stations. The callsign will be known on 4 April. QSL via OH2YY, direct or bureau; logsearch on Club Log. [TNX OH2YY]

9M2 - On 1-2 April, 9M4PB will be a field style operation from Parit Penyengat Laut Beach, West Malaysia. QSL via 9M2ESM; OQRS on Club Log. [TNX NG3K]

EP - A team including YL2GM, YL3CW, YL2KA, UT7UJ, US7UX, UT7UV, UX0LL, EP3MIR and EP2LMA will be active as EP2A from Iran on 16-25 April. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with four stations. QSL via YL2GN and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. See www.lral.lv/exped/ep2a/index.html for further information.

FO - John, K3JZ and Marjorie, N7SOF are visiting "several of the Society Islands" (French Polynesia) until 20 April. IOTA wise, they can be OC-046, OC-067 or OC-057. FO/K3JZ and FO/N7SOF will operate CW, RTTY, and JT on 40-10 metres. QSL via home calls.

FT4J - The team will depart from Mayotte on 26 March. You can follow their voyage at www.juandenovadx.com/en/track-us-in-real-time/. Hopefully they will be QRV as FT4JA from Juan de Nova on 29 March in the local evening hours. They will use the band plan shared with VK0EK: "some windows are very narrow and we will have to live together in all understanding, without departing from the intended plan, at the risk of generating confusion and disruption between the two activities", they say - www.juandenovadx.com/en/band-plan/. QSL via F5CWU, direct or bureau; logsearch (updated on a daily

basis) and OQRS on Club Log. Plase note that the QSL manager will not be able to help with log issues until 17 April. A stamp set to be used for all direct cards will be issued by TAAF. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW "about 6 months after the end of the expedition". [TNX F5NQL]

GJ - The Charente DX Groupe (www.charentedxgroupe.fr) will be active as MJ0KUC from Jersey (EU-013) on 23-30 April. The operators will be F5LOW, F5MNK, F5NBQ, F6HKA, MJ0ASP and ON4ZD. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards to ON4ZD; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX ON4ZD]

GU - GW0ANA and a team from Germany (DJ6OI, DJ8NK, DL9RBL and DL9RCF) will be active as GP4BRS from Guernsey (EU-114) on 9-16 April. QSL via DJ6OI and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

JX - Svein, LA9JKA will return and be active in his spare time as JX9JKA from Jan Mayen (EU-022) starting in mid-April for six months. He plans to focus on 160, 80, 40 and 30 metres. QSL via LA9JKA (direct only) and LoTW ("the previous logs are not computerized", LA7DFA says). [TNX DX World]

LU - Look for Horacio LU5BE/R, Henry LU8EFF/R and Arnaldo LU3AAL/R to be active from San Jose (locator FG63xe) in the Argentine province of Catamarca, on 14-17 April. Amateur radio activity from this region is uncommon. They will operate CW, SSB, PSK31 and JT65 on 80-10 metres with two stations. QSL via home calls. [TNX LU5BE]

PY - PY2LCD will be active as ZW2F from Ilha Comprida (SA-024) on 26-28 March. He will participate in the WPX SSB Contest on all bands; outside the contest he might be QRV on other bands and operate also slow CW. QSL via PY2LCD, direct or bureau; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

PY - A group of four operators will be active as ZX5B from Ilha do Batuta (SA-088) on 21-24 April. QSL via PP5BZ, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - SX210RCK is the special callsign for Radio Club Kastoria (SZ2RCK) to celebrate its 10th anniversary. Activity on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and RTTY will start on 1 April and run until the end of the year. QSL via SV2BXZ, LoTW and eQSL.

TA - Look for TA0/DL7UCX to be active from Marmara Island (AS-201) on 1-11 April. The operators will be Ben, DL7UCX and Bernd, DL7VBJ. QSL via DL7UCX, direct or bureau, and LoTW. [TNX rgsbiota.org]

UA - Special event callsigns RA55YG, RC55YG, RG55YG, RJ55YG, RQ55YG, RT55YG, RW55YG, RX55YG and RZ55YG will be active on 1-30 April to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space. QSL via RQ7L. [TNX R7NB]

UN - Also commemorating Yuri Gagarin's flight of 55 years ago, special callsign UP55GC will be active from Kazakhstan on 4-14 April. QSL via RW6HS, direct only. [TNX RW6HS]

YB - Robby, YD4IRS will be active as YD4IRS/9 from Mansuar, one of the Raja Ampat Islands (OC-239) on 24-27 March. He can operate DX on 80, 40, 15 and 10 metres CW. [TNX DX World]

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST ---> The following stations have announced their participation in this year's event (26-27 March):

Call	Category	Country	QSL

3V8SS	SOAB LP	Tunisia	LoTW/LX1NO
3Z6O	SOAB LP	Poland	LotW
4L8A	SOSB 20m	Georgia	LoTW/K1BV
5E5E	M/2	Morocco	W7EJ
5T4C	SOSB 40m	Mauritania	NI5DX
5Z4/TA1HZ	SO	Kenya	LoTW/LZ3HI
7U9C	SOAB	Algeria	SM4VPZ
8P1W	SOAB LP	Barbados	KU9C
8P5A	SOAB HP	Barbados	LoTW/NN1N
9K2K	SOAB	Kuwait	LoTW
9K9K	SOAB LP	Kuwait	
9M6SDX		East Malaysia	9M6SDX
9N3DX	SOSB 20m	Nepal	9N3DX
A31MM	SOAB LP	Tonga	LoTW/EA5GL
AT5R	M/2	India	LoTW
BG3ITB	SO	China	BG9GXM
BP0P	M/2	Taiwan	qrz.com
BW/JL3RDC	SOAB	Taiwan	JL3RDC
C4A	M/2	Cyprus	5B4KH
CB1H	M/?	Chile	CE1DY
CN2AA	M/2	Morocco	LoTW/UA2FM
CQ9T	M/S LP	Madeira	LoTW/CT3KN
D41CV	M/M	Cape Verde	IZ4DPV
E44YL	M/S	Palestine	IK3GES
EB8AH	SOAB LP	Canary Isls	LoTW
EI1A	SO2R	Ireland	LoTW/PA3249
FP/KV1J	SO	Miquelon	LoTW/KV1J
FY5FY	SOAB HP	French Guiana	FY5FY
HB20AA	M/S LP	Switzerland	HB9ARF
HC0E	M/M	Ecuador	HC1QRC
HS0AC	M/2	Thailand	HS5NMF
IH9A	SOSB 40m HP	African Italy	LoTW/IT9SPB
KH2KY	M/?	Guam	LoTW/JA1MFR
KL7RA	M/?	Alaska	N6TR
KP3Z	SOAB LP	Puerto Rico	N4AO
LY26A	M/2	Lithuania	LY5A
LY7A	M/M	Lithuania	LotW
NP2P	SOAB	US Virgin Islands	LoTW
OH0X	SOAB HP	Aland Isls	OH2TA
OP4K	M/S	Belgium	OP4K
PD9X	M/2	Netherlands	LotW
PJ2/DD5ZZ	SO	Curacao	DD5ZZ
PJ6E	M/?	Sint Eustatius	LoTW
PJ7/F5RAV	SO	Sint Maarten	F5RAV
PS2T	M/2	Brazil	K3IRV
PV7M	SOSB 20M	Brazil	PT7ZT
PY41WPX		Brazil	LoTW/PS7AB
RT73AS	SOSB 20M	Russia (EU)	RG3B
SX9C	M/M	Crete	LoTW/SV9COL
T32AZ	SO	Christmas Island	KH6QJ
T40A	SO	Cuba	CO8ZZ
TO972M	SOAB HP	Martinique	FM5BH
V47JA	SOAB	St Kitts & Nevis	LoTW/W5JON

VC2A	SOAB HP	Canada	VA2WA
VK4TS	M/2	Australia	LoTW/N3SL
VQ5E	MO	Caicos Islands	LoTW/W6RI
WP2Z	SOAB	US Virgin Isls	KU9C
YV1KK	M/S	Venezuela	LoTW
Z60A		Kosovo	OH2BH
ZV2WDX		Brazil	LoTW/PU2UJG
ZW2F	SOAB LP	Brazil	PY2LCD

Do not forget to give a look at the Announced Operations listing maintained by Bill, NG3K at http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/wpxs2016.html- good contest to you all!

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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IOTA DINNER ---> The 21st Annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held on 15 April at the Visalia Conference Center in conjunction with the 67th International DX Convention (www.dxconvention.org/news.html#iota). Attendance is not part of the main Convention registration and advance payment is required. Please email Will, WC6DX (wc6dx[@]sbcglobal.net) for information. [TNX N6VR]

KOSOVO ---> Active during the WPX SSB Contest will be Z60A (the HQ station of SHRAK, the new IARU Society of Kosovo) as well as Z61DX, Z62FB, Z63ESC (youth team), Z64EEF (University Club) and Z68BH (OH2BH). "This on-the-air activity will be used as part of a training process for new Kosovar hams while they prepare for the forthcoming IARU YOTA gathering in Austria". [TNX OH2BH]

R3CA/# ---> "The Great Northern Way" expedition [425DXN #1296] stopped for a while at Dikson (mainland Russia), with a brief activity from nearby Dikson Island (AS-005) on 20 March. The expedition has now resumed its course along the Taimyr coast and can be followed on www.ec-arctic.ru. There might be further activity from the Begichevskaya Kosa Islands and/or Kolchak Island (formerly known as Rastorguyev), whose IOTA status is being considered. They might count for IOTA groups AS-068 and AS-104, respectively. QSL via UA9OBA. [TNX qrz.ru]

VK0EK ---> The Braveheart arrived at Heard Island on 22 March around 16 local time (11 UTC), and VK0EK started activity around 16.40 UTC on the 23rd. After being at Atlas Cove with all stations up and running for some days, the team will set up the second camp at Spit. See http://vk0ek.org for updates and www.dxa3.org for logsearch and OQRS ("Order QSLs") for direct and bureau cards. Traditional paper cards go (direct only) to VK0EK Heard Island DXpedition, P.O. Box 17, Kenilworth, CV8 1SF, England. The logs are also uploaded to Club Log (www.clublog.org/charts/?c=VK0EK); the latest update (05.03 UTC on 25 March) shows 3,400 QSOs with 2,415 unique callsigns.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W3MD, 4J6RO, 4O7CW, 4U0ITU, 5J0B, 9G5TT, 9J2T, A61HA, BG2AUE, C6ATS (NA-219), CE2LML, CO8ZZ, DU1/YL3JM (OC-126), EA1GIB/p (EU-080), EI1Y, ER3ZZ, FK8HN, FS/K4ZGB, J6/SP3CFM, JT1CO, JW7QIA, K5P,P5/3Z9DX, S79C (AF-119), SV9RGI, TA2AO/4, TI5/KL9A, TM5CT (EU-039), TO2TT, TR8CA, TT8TT, TY1AA, UA1ATD/1, V31ME (NA-073 and NA-123), VK3IO, VP8LP (SA-002), VU2MV, VY0JCW (NA-047), W1AW/KH2, W1AW/KH6, W1AW/KL7, W1AW/KP4, XT2TT, YF1AR/8 (OC-157), YF1AR/8 (OC-272), YJ0BJ, YP0Y, YW5RYL (SA-035), Z81D, ZD7W, ZD8W, ZL9A (OC-286).

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