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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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8Q - James, 9V1YC will be in the Maldives on 19-21 June. This is a working trip and he may be QRV as 8Q7YC in his spare time. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via W5UE and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

CE - The Chilean DXpedition Team will be active as XR1T from Santa Maria Island (SA-069) from 28 July to 1 August, IOTA Contest included. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands. QSL via CE3OP, direct or bureau (OQRS). [TNX rsgbiota.org]

D4 - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as D44TWO from Sao Tiago (AF-005), Cape Verde from 17 June to 13 July. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 40-6 metres. QSL via M0OXO (OQRS on www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/). [TNX The Daily DX]

DL - DB1WA, DL1MRD, DM4DL and DM5HF will be active as DR0F from the island of Neuwerk (EU-127) from 28 July to 1 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via bureau to DM4DL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

F - A Belgiam team (ON4AR, ON4LRG, ON5PO, ON6DP, ON6MM, ON6QR, ON6YH and ON7ZM) will be active from Groix Island (EU-048) from 27 July to 4 August. During the first days (IOTA Contest included) they will operate from Fort Mene, then the team will split in the three groups for activities from other places of interest on the island. Plans are detailed on qrz.com. QSL via ON6DP, direct or bureau. [TNX ON6DP]

G - Special callsign GB90QBD will be used from Lundy Island (EU-120) on 18-20 June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II’s 90th birthday. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW and SSB, as well as on 6m SSB (50160 kHz), 2m and 70cm. Expected operating times are 5-7 UTC, 10-13 UTC and 17-23 UTC. QSL via M0KRI.

G - Jim, DL1DAW will be active holiday style as M/DL1DAW from the Isles of Scilly (EU-011) from 27 July to 3 August. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and LoTW; direct cards via DL1DAW. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GM - Ed, G3SQX will be active as GM3SQX and GM7O (during the IOTA Contest) from the Isle of Arran (EU-123) on 28-31 July. QSLs via G3SQX, direct only. [TNX NG3K]

HR - Dan, HR2DMR will be on Swan Island (NA-035) for a couple of weeks starting on 16 June. He will operate SSB and some CW as HQ8S in his spare time. QSL via KD4POJ. [TNX DX World]

J6 - Steve, NY3B will be active holiday style as J6/NY3B from St. Lucia (NA-108) from 22 June to 4 July. He will operate CW and SSB mostly on 40, 20 and 15 metres. QSL via LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

JA - Taka, JA8COE will be active as JA8COE/8 from Rebun Island (AS-147) on 24-26 June. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OE - OE2YOTA is the special callsign to be used during the 6th edition of Youngsters On The Air (www.ham-yota.com), that will take place at Wagrain, south of Salzburg (Austria) on 16-23 July. QSL via bureau.

OX - Al, F6ACH will be active holiday style as OX/F6ACH/p from Uummannaq (NA-134), Greenland on 21-27 June. He will operate SSB on 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OY - Roger, SM7RYR will be active as OY/SM7RYR from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 19-27 June. He will operate QRP on 20-10 metres CW only. QSL via LoTW or direct to home call. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

P5 - On 12 June Dom, 3Z9DX "received confirmation from the North Korean government to make a return visit to P5 and operate amateur radio equipment for up to five days. The dates of activity are not yet known, but it will be at very short notice. Dom will be informed of dates just a few days beforehand - he will get his luggage and go. If you hear and work P5/3Z9DX in the next few days ahead without any further details, this will be real. It will be a single band operation, SSB only". [TNX DX World]

PA - Special event station PA100FDM (www.pa2p.nl/pa100fdm/) will be active from 28 June to 26 July to celebrate the 100th edition of the International Four Days Marches Nijmegen, one of the largest marching events in the world. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards should be sent to PB0AEZ.

PY - Junior PQ8VA, Roberto PT2GTI, Daniel PT7BI and Nicholas PT7MM will be active as ZY8M from Maraca Island (SA-045) on 12-17 July. They will operate SSB and CW on the HF bands. QSL via PT7BI, direct or bureau. [TNX PT7BI]

T8 - Naoki, JS3LSQ will be active again as T88WJ from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 25-29 June. He will operate mainly RTTY. QSL via JS3LSQ, direct or bureau.

UA - Look for RC1M/p, RV1CC/p and UA1QV/p to be active from Kashin Island (EU-102) on 23-27 June. They will be QRV on 40-15 metres with focus to North America, Oceania and the Far East. QSL via home calls. [TNX DX World]

UA - Vasily, R7AA and Yuri, R2DG will be active as R70ASIA from Glavsevmorput (GUSMP) Island (AS-070) from 29 July to 2 August, IOTA Contest included. They will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres with two stations. QSL via R7AA, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log. See http://dxpedition.wix.com/r70asia for more information. [TNX DX News]

V4 - Gary, G0FWX will be active holiday style as V4/G0FWX from Calypso Bay, St Kitts (NA-104) from 29 June to 6 July. QSL via M0URX. [TNX DX World]

VE - A team of nine members of the VE2UMS Amateur Radio Club will be active as VC2Q from Zone 2 from 25 July to 1 August. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on all bands (60 metres included, if conditions are favourable) with four stations. QSL via LoTW and the bureau. Further information will be published on qrz.com. [TNX VE2BR]

VE - The NA128 Contest Group will be active as XL2I from Ile-aux-Coudres (NA-128) on 28-31 July for the IOTA Contest. QSL via VE2CQ

and LoTW. [TNX NG3K]

W - W4KAZ and N4YDU will be active as K4C from Core Banks (NA-067) on 29-31 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via N4YDU (direct only). [TNX NG3K]

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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BEST COMMUNICATION AWARD ---> Sponsored by DX Coffee (www.dxcoffee.com) and DX University, it takes into account the Public Relations side of a DXpedition, i.e. the information (daily reports, pictures, videos, forums, propagation hints, online logs, operating advice, etc) provided to the amateur radio community through the DXpedition website and other channels. The 2015 Best Communication Award has been assigned to K1N (Navassa Island). [TNX IZ8IYX]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Spring 2016 Special Issue of the International DX Association's (INDEXA) Newsletter is now available for download: www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue contains the story of VK9WA (Willis Island, November 2015) and a report by Roger Western (G3SXW) on some recent efforts in Europe to track down a source of deliberate QRM (DQRM). [TNX K8YC]

IOTA NEWS: AN APPEAL TO JOIN FRIENDS OF IOTA ---> We referred earlier [425DXN #1303] "to the commitment of the new company, Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd, to the paperless QSLing project that will allow electronic confirmation of contacts. Much progress has been made and some elements of this work are scheduled to be launched very soon on the existing system on the IOTA website. The new system itself will come on stream in early 2017. While paperless QSLing offers the IOTA Community huge savings in costs, the software development involved requires substantial investment, the more so as it has to be grafted on to a system that will continue to accept paper cards. To help meet these costs, the new company has launched Friends of IOTA as a supporters' group within Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd. Its aim is to give IOTA enthusiasts the opportunity not only to participate in one of the most active DX programmes in the world but also to support it with donations to ensure its long-term future". See www.rsgbiota.org [TNX G3KMA]

IOTA NEWS: DELETION OF KINGMAN REEF ---> "As forecast as a strong likelihood in the 2016 IOTA Directory (page 50), IOTA Management has decided to delete Kingman Reef (OC-096) from the IOTA list, effective 29 March 2016. Kingman Reef lost its current DXCC status on that date as it no longer satisfied the criteria under which it was added. IOTA Rule E.5.5 states that an island that qualifies for separate listing only because it is a DXCC entity will have a start and / or deletion date for credit in line with DXCC decisions and that in the event of an island DXCC entity being deleted, the IOTA group number will normally be archived and score credits moved on request to the IOTA group to which the island or islands are transferred. Kingman Reef is just such an island, and the transfer in

this case is to Palmyra Atoll (OC-085). Before the end of June, credits for OC-096 will be deleted from all records. In accordance with the rule participants may claim credit with Kingman Reef QSOs for OC-085 if they need credit there - there are no date restrictions. To save questions, IOTA does not maintain a database of credits with deleted / archived IOTAs". [TNX G3KMA]

QSL 4U1ITU & 4U1UN ---> Bring your QSO data with you and get your QSLs for 4U0ITU (2015), 4U150ITU (2015), 4U1UN, 4U70UN and 4UITU at the Swiss DX Foundation's booth (A1-461-2) at Hamradio 2016 (Friedrichshafen) on 24-25 June. Additionally you can also get QSL cards for HB14SAF, HB9SOLAR and HB9SPACE. [TNX HB9BOU]

YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS ---> On 15 June the Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation (www.yasme.org) announced three grants in furtherance of Yasme's goal of encouraging youth participation in amateur radio and operating activities. The sixth edition of the Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) conference will take place in July 2016 in Austria, and YASME is pleased to assist in helping young amateurs attend this meeting that otherwise would be unable to attend.

1. AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO (SHRAK)
   The Yasme grant will enable two youth amateur radio operators from Kosovo to attend the YOTA conference. This will be the first time these amateurs will have travelled outside their home country. SHRAK was recently admitted to the IARU as a member society, an additional step toward enabling Kosovo to be added to the ARRL DXCC entity list.
2. ETHIOPIAN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (EARS)
   Two youth operators from EARS will also be attending the YOTA conference. This extends Yasme's support of the ET3AA station and the previous grant enabling travel by EARS members to participate in the 2016 ARI International DX Contest from Estonia. EARS member participation furthers amateur radio activity from eastern Africa and encourages interest in amateur radio by other African youth.
3. NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS
   Three young amateurs from the United States will also attend the YOTA meeting with the assistance of the Yasme grant and a similar grant from the Northern California DX Foundation. As invited members of IARU in ITU Region 2, it is the hope of both Boards that they will return with ideas for extending the successes of YOTA to young North American amateurs. [TNX W6SZN]

+ SILENT KEY + Nicola Cristiano, I8KNT passed away on 13 June. A serious DXer with 339/356 (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 1979.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3W2BR (AS-130), 4S7GWG, 5A1AL, 6Y4K, 8R1/K9KX, 9M0S, A91HI (AS-202), AT5P (AS-173), DA0HEL (EU-127), E44YL, E6AC, EI9FBB (EU-103), EP2A, FH/F2DX, FR/DG5AA, H44MS, HI3TEJ, HS3NBR/p (AS-145), LY26A, O19VB, P40MB, PQ150ITU, PU0R/PU0FDN (SA-038), PW0FN, PX150ITU, PZ50X, R00KVB, S01WS, S9BK, SV2RSG, TI0RC, TX7EU, VE7ACN/7

(NA-051 and NA-061), VK0EK, VK4AAC/5 (OC-139), VP8SGI, VP8STI, XU7AKC, YW4D, ZW150ITU.

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