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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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9A - Janez, S53V will be active as 9A8CV from Krk Island (EU-136) from 24 July to 3 August. He will operate CW only and will participate in the IOTA Contest. QSL via eQSL only. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

9A - Once again Jan, PA4JJ will be active holiday style as 9A/PA4JJ from Croatia between 1 August and 30 September. Expect him to operate mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; see www.pa4jj.nl/html/qsl-request.html for the direct link to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX PA4JJ]

BY - A large team from the Ji Nan Amateur Radio Association will be active as BY4JN from Lingshan Island (AS-150) between 29 July and 1 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via operator's instructions.

CY9 - CY9C, the 19-29 August DXpedition to St. Paul Island (NA-094) [425DXN 1297], will set up two operating sites. Five operators (AA4NC, N2IEN, W2RE, WA4DAN and WW2DX) will be on the Northeast Point, a separate island where the lighthouse is located; the other six operators (K4ZLE, K5DHY, K8LEE, N0TG, N8AA and VA3QR) will at Atlantic Cove, the more traditional site for DXpeditions. They will be QRV on 160-6 metres SSB, CW, RTTY (with a dedicated station) plus 2m EME and Satellite. Logsearch and OQRS for direct and bureau cards on Club Log; traditional QSL cards via WA4DAN (direct only). All pre-DXpedition donors who work CY9C will receive a QSL automatically. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW "no later than 3 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition". The website for the DXpedition is at www.cy9dxpedition.com.

GM - Dave, GM0LVI will be active as GM0LVI/p from the Summer Isles (EU-092) on 23-29 July. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

GM - Members of the Aberdeen Amateur Radio Society plan to be active as GS3BSQ from the Shetland Islands (EU-012) from 29 July to 1 August, IOTA Contest included. QSL via GM3WIJ, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

HS - The HSDXA Team has been granted permission to operate on 6 metres on 16-18 July. They will be QRV as E2X and will participate in the CQ WW VHF Contest (from 18 UTC on 16 July until 21 UTC on the 17th). QSL via E20GMY. Details of other HS/E2 stations operating on 50 MHz can be found at www.e21eic.net/cqvhf/cqvhf_announce2016.php. The special permission granted to Thai amateurs covers the period from 17.01 UTC on 15 July until 16.59 UTC on 18 July. [TNX The Daily DX]

I - In remembrance of the devastating earthquake that hit Friuli forty years ago, special callsign II3TF (Terremoto del Friuli) will be active again on 4-22 September. QSL via IV3IUM. Complete information, including details on the award, can be found at

www.ari-crfvg.it/orcolat.asp. [TNX IV3IUM]

I - Maria Rosaria, IZ8XOU and Gianni, IK8MRA will be active from Cirella Island (EU-144) during the IOTA Contest weekend. They will operate QRP.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ expects to be back to the weather station on Minami Torishima (OC-073) for a couple of months starting on 19 July. He operates CW and RTTY as JG8NQJ/JD1 in his spare time. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

JW - Paul, G4PVM will be active as JW/G4PVM from the JW5E club station in Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 23-24 July. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

OY - A Belgian team (ON4ACP, ON4ANN, ON4CCV, ON4CKM, ON4DTO, ON5PDV and ON6MI) will be active as OY/ON6NB from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on 15-21 September. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via M0URX (OQRS for direct and bureau cards on http://m0urx.com/oqrs/) and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. See http://users.telenet.be/on4ann/OY/ for more information.

OZ - Frank, PC2D will be active as OZ/PC2D/p from Mon Island (EU-029) on 17-30 July. He will operate CW and some SSB on the HF bands with 10 watts. Paper QSL cards will not be available, see qrz.com for QSLing options.

OZ - Look for OZ7BQ/p to be active from Fano Island (EU-125) from 28 July to 2 August, IOTA Contest included. He expects to operate QRP CW on 40 and 20 metres only, "unless conditions on higher bands improve". QSL via home call and LoTW; he will upload his log to Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

OZ - Immo, DL8MF will be active as OZ/DL8MF from Samso Island (EU-172) from 29 July to 2 August. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

S9 - Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will be active as S9BT and S9WL from Ilheu das Rolas (AF-023), Sao Tome & Principe from 26 September to 1 October. They will operate SSB, RTTY and some CW on 40-6 metres. QSL both callsigns via EA3BT.

SP - Special event station HF0F will be active on 25-31 July to mark the visit of Pope Francis to Poland. QSL via SP9BRP. Special callsigns celebrating the concurrent World Youth Day that will take place in Krakow include HF2SDM (QSL via SP9PKZ), HF31WYD (QSL via SQ9T) and HF7SDM (QSL via SQ7PGW). [TNX Southgate ARC]

SP - Eddy, DM5JBN will be active as SP1/DM5JBN from Wolin Island (EU-132) on 26-31 July, IOTA Contest included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW and eQSL. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

SV - Berkin, TA3J will be active as SV8/TA3J from Lesvos Island (EU-049) on 21-24 July. He will be QRV on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL viahome call. [TNX TA3J]

SV - Theodoros, SV1EJD will be active as SV8/SV1EJD from Syros Island (EU-067) from 23 July to 11 August. He will operate SSB and RTTY on 80-6 metres, including activity during the IOTA Contest. QSL via home call and LoTW.

SV - Laci, HA0NAR will be active as SV8/HG0R from Thassos Island (EU-174) from 26 July to 2 August, IOTA Contest included. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HA0NAR, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

SV5 - Igor, OH2FUW will be active as SV5/OH2FUW from Rhodes, Dodecanese

(EU-001) from 19 July to 1 August. Main activity will be during the IOTA Contest (CQ QRP). QSL via bureau to OH5AB, or direct to OH2FUW's Russian address (see qrz.com). [TNX NG3K]

T8 - Ted, JA7XBG will be active as T88GA from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 20-23 July. He plans to operate SSB, CW and digital modes on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA7XBG. [TNX NG3K]

UA - The RZ0ZWA/p DXpedition to Ptichiy Island (AS-091) [425DXN 1314] has been postponed; the team now expects to start the 3-day voyage to the island on 18 July, weather permitting. [TNX EU7A]

UA - Vlado, UA0LCZ will be active as R66IOTA from Popov Island (AS-066) on 26-31 July. Look for him around 3507, 7007, 10107, 14017, 18077, 21017, 24897 and 28017 kHz; during the IOTA Contest he will operate also SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX qrz.ru]

V3 - Jim, W2JHP will be active again as V31TA from the Turneffe Islands (NA-123), Belize from 23 July to 12 August. He will operate SSB and "maybe some digital". QSL via EA5GL (direct only).

VE - Mike, VE2XB (www.vy0brr.jimdo.com) is heading back to Cape Dorset on Dorset Island (NA-156) and expects to be active as VY0BRR on 16-21 July. QSL via VE2XB, Club Log or LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]

VE - Pierre, VE3KTB will be active as VY0ERC from the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station at the weather station on Ellesmere Island (NA-008) from 22 July to 6 August. He will be QRV in his spare time, but activity is planned to include the IOTA Contest. QSL route TBA. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Scott, NE1RD will be active as NE1RD/1 from Lovell Island (NA-148) [425DXN 1314] on 28-31 July. This will be a QRP operation, as there is no power available on the islands and visitors who ride the ferry are limited to what they can carry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, eQSL and LoTW; logsearch and OQRS on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

W - Once again Joe, K5KUA will be active as K5KUA/5 from Galveston Island (NA-143) from 29 July to 1 August. Usually he operates CW only on 40-10 metres. QSL via bureau to home call, direct to his address on the island (Joe Gibson, 9220 Jamaica Beach, Galveston TX 77554, USA), or LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log. [TNX rsgbiota.org]

YJ - Rod, YJ8RN will be working again on Loh Island (OC-110). "Plans are to be there starting about 25 July and staying until around 20 August", The Daily DX reports. YJ8RN's new QSL route is via NZ4DX.

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**** GOOD TO KNOW ... ****
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FT4JA: QSL STATUS ---> "Many of you are wondering about the QSL, especially when they read that some other stations get them already. What's going on exactly?". See www.juandenovadx.com/en/qsl-card-july-14th/.

IOTA: FRIENDS OF IOTA UPDATE ---> During the first month of the Friends of

IOTA Appeal [425DXN 1311], "41 enthusiasts responded generously by donating GBP 7,000, an amount that takes us a quarter of the way towards our initial target", Roger Balister (G3KMA) reported on the IOTA website on 10 July. "Once we reach our target we will not need to call on a promised commercial loan to fund IOTA's new IT system and anything above that figure will go towards promotion of IOTA in ways that we have not previously been able to fund". Donations are gratefully received through PayPal to the email address islandsontheair[@]outlook.com (in the comments field add "Friends of IOTA" and your callsign to identify you). See www.rsgbiota.org for the complete report.

IOTA: PAPERLESS QSLING ---> The following was posted by Roger Balister, G3KMA on the IOTA website on 10 July: "One of the first actions of Islands on the Air (IOTA) Ltd., the new managers of the programme, has been to expand the application routes on IOTA's existing software system to include Club Log QSO Matches. This is intended as the first step to the introduction of a much broader system of Paperless QSLing that is scheduled to be launched in the late Spring of 2017. Only a relatively small number of IOTA operations have been added at this time, mainly ones from islands which satisfy the criterion of one DXCC entity equals just one IOTA. This action was intended to provide a test run on how Club Log QSO matching would work in due course on the new IT system. Even so, modest as this approach is, more than 10,000 QSO matches were obtained in the first week, and the first IOTA 100 Island applications have been received using this option exclusively. As with all new IT enhancements there were a number of bugs and queries raised which have now been resolved. Finally, to make use of this additional feature, sign in to the IOTA website and go to https://www.rsgbiota.org/mycredits/ and click on Club Log QSO Matches. Bear in mind, this is not the full-blown system envisaged for introduction next year. We will expand the list of accepted operations over the coming weeks and months but, much as we would like to do more, it will be mainly in the area of recent operations from the rarer IOTA groups and, of course, ones that have uploaded logs to Club Log and indicated that they do not wish to delay or block IOTA QSO matching".

IOTAMAPS ---> "otamaps (www.iotamaps.org) is a website run by, and for, radio amateurs with an interest in the Islands On The Air (IOTA) Programme". The site is independent from the Programme itself, "but is intended to enhance the IOTA 'experience' by providing graphical and mapping tools to enable users to quickly find IOTA activations sites on the world map. In this way, users will hopefully develop a better understanding of the conditions under which IOTA activations take place".

K6VVA/KL7: CANCELLED ---> K6VVA's "Mystery IOTA Project" [425DXN 1303] has been cancelled and "put in to QRX status until possibly 2017". One group had "to be done between 13 July and 17 July", and the operation was cancelled "due to poor solar propagation, but also a re-assessment of the costs of extra safety precautions vs. the likely poor donations to actual IOTA Chaser QSO ratio analysis". The remaining two activations have also been cancelled because the NOAA 27-Day Forecast shows that "propagation will not now be suitable for working the multitudes of Little Pistol signal IOTA Chaser stations". See www.k6vva.com/iota/k6vvamysteryiotaproject.html for the PDF document.

LKK-90 AWARD ---> Established to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club (LKK), it is issued in both electronic (free of charge) and paper formats for contacts made with special stations with 90 in their prefix and LKK members between 1 January and 31 December 2016. See www.qrz.com/db/EN90W/ for further information. [TNX UY5XE]

TX3X QSL & LOTW STATUS ---> The final press release for last year's TX3X DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands is dated 12 July. "OQRS direct confirmation requests are processed weekly. Requests received by mail are processed immediately and queued for mailing in the next weekly cycle. At this time there are no pending direct card requests. All busted call and Not in Log requests have been researched and answered. The complete log was uploaded to LoTW on April 16, 2016. OQRS bureau requests and cards received via the bureau system were processed and bulk mailed from the United Kingdom to the worldwide QSL bureaus on July 11, 2016.
We will continue to process OQRS, direct, bureau requests and research busted call / Not in Log requests as they are received. If you requested a direct card via OQRS or mailed a direct request and have not received your card(s) please email k5gs[@]arrl.net with the details of your QSO(s)". [TNX K5GS]

+ SILENT KEY + Walter Skudlarek, DJ6QT passed away on 5 July at 77 years of age. A founding member and past President of the Rhein-Ruhr-DX-Association, he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 2000. He was a competitor at the World Radiosport Team Championships in Seattle (1990), San Francisco (1996) and Helsinki (2002), and served as a referee at the WRTCs in Slovenia (2000) and Brazil (2006). His DXpedition operations started some fifty years ago, and included activity from several African countries and from his contest station on Madeira (CR3L, CQ3L, CS9L, CT9L).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3DA0IJ, 9G5GH, 9M4SI (AS-074), 9N7NH, A31MM, BD2RJ/2 (AS-151 and AS-158), C91IJ, CN2CO, E44QX, E44YL, E77DX, EP2A, ER5AL, ET7L, EX9T, FM/DL7VOG, FT4JA, J68GU, OH0BT, PS1AI (SA-029), PU0R/PU0FDN (SA-038), RI1PV (EU-085), RP71NF, SQ65HSC, TA0/DJ4EL (AS-201), UK9AA, VK9OL, VP8SGI, VP8STI, XR0YS, YB4IR/3 (OC-197), YB9Y (OC-276), YV4KW/1 (SA-089), YV4KW/p (SA-058), ZB2JK, ZD7FT.

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